

BACK IN KANSAS

Editor Writes of Changes at Former Home in Ten Years

Independence, Kans., Sept. 5, 1921. Here we are at our former home, where we spent thirty years, right out of the middle of our lives and where we should, it seems, feel more at home than in any other place on earth—but after ten years' absence we surely do not, though glad to meet and greet so many old friends grown older.

What impressed us most in the changes that have occurred here since we left, we have just told in an article written for the South Kansas Tribune, a paper with which we fought political battles without number in the years that have gone.

We quote as follows from that communication, omitting most of the local matter about streets and buildings here in 1861, which would mean nothing to Sentinel readers:

The Tribune people have kindly asked me to give them for their columns my impressions of Independence as it appears to me today after an absence of ten years, and I am glad to comply with their request.

In doing so, however, my mind, instinctively goes back for forty years, and in memory the city appears to me as I first saw it in 1851. Then it differed little in aspect from many other county seat towns of two or three thousand population, though it boasted two three-story brick buildings at the corner of First streets and Main street.

The section of Main street opposite the present court house was the negro quarter where the Exodus crowd, Gov. M. John had invited up here from the old slave states were housed in some old two-story frame buildings of ancient vintage formerly occupied for business purposes but subsequently deserted.

The very first one of these old buildings was a two-story frame building of the same age. The residences were for the most part small box houses, a story or a story and a half in height, the Joe Chandler home, on the northeast corner of the block where the Bedford theatre stands, being as we recall it, the most pretentious.

Many trees had been planted but they were all small and the shade they afforded was scanty. Real estate had suffered a slump from the boom prices of the earlier days and a hundred lots between the Santa Fe depot and the business section were offered for \$500. We don't mean \$500 a lot but \$500 for the whole bunch or 25 a lot. I am wondering what those hundred lots would command today.

Since the early eighties there has been built up here a city of surprising beauty—travelers all say the prettiest in Kansas—and the transformation has very largely occurred in the ten years since we took our departure.

The people here have literally obeyed the injunction "build thee more stately mansions" with the result that we have to rub our eyes pretty often to convince ourselves that we are not dreaming. Somebody has certainly rubbed Aladdin's lamp here and the oil in it has been multiplied many million fold, with the result that we see our most glowing visions more than realized—made dim and tawdry with those which a ride over the city discloses in palatial homes set in a park like expanse of stately trees and verdant lawns, with paved streets everywhere.

To the newcomers the pictures the city present seem idyllic and the more rather than the less so that they are in such striking contrast with the scenes of dusty, weedgrown streets and shabby and paintless houses, recorded on memory's myriad films.

People who have lived here through all these changes which have come almost imperceptibly day by day, and month by month, while their lives have been occupied with the business of a workaday world, can scarcely realize how they strike an old resident after a decade's absence. We are glad that our stay will be all too brief for the first impressions to wear off, and that revisited Independence will always seem to us like such a glimpse of fairyland as it can never be to those whose homes have remained here.

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Pendleton Returns Here

Rev. A. B. Pendleton was returned to the Coquille field by the M. E. Church South conference, which met in Portland last week. This is pleasing news to the members of his congregation and to the people of this vicinity at large who respect Mr. Pendleton as an able and sincere minister of the gospel. Rev. W. J. Fenton, who had served as presiding elder for the time limit of four years, was assigned to the Medford church and Rev. J. C. Jones, of Roseburg, was named as presiding elder for the Portland district, which includes western Oregon. Rev. S. H. Garrett was named for the Myrtle Point district and Rev. M. T. Nolan for Bandon.

Heavy Frosts This Week

Prospects for the annual Corn Show this fall were considerably lessened the first of this week by the frosts Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, which left the corn and all tender vegetation with a very sticky appearance. A gentleman who drives up the North Fork on Wednesday said that the only green field he saw was just above the junction of the North and South Forks near Myrtle Point, all other fields being white.

Most of the tomato crop in the valley was also killed, the sun coming out hot after the early morning frosts.

MILLER GOES TO JAIL AGAIN

Last Monday Marshal Hollenbach received a warrant from Portland for the arrest of Harry A. Miller, who is wanted up there on a charge of forgery. That evening the marshal placed Miller under arrest and confined him in the county jail where he is being held for the Portland officers. Although he is now out on bonds following his arrest at the instance of a bonding house for an alleged shortage in his accounts when treasurer of the local Union League, that fact does not prevent his being taken to Portland for trial on the forgery charge.

Yesterday afternoon R. H. Craddock, police inspector of Portland, came in to get Miller and take him up there, but he found that after his man had been reincarcerated the latter's bondsmen had surrounded him to the sheriff and drawn down their bonds. District Attorney Fisher also refused to release him to the Portland officials yesterday, but today arrangements were being made whereby he might be turned over to Mr. Craddock.

Mr. Craddock, who holds the national championship one year for revolver shooting, was down here last year as an expert witness on firearms during the Harold Howell trial for murder. He goes back to Portland this afternoon.

Employ Another Teacher

The school board held a meeting Tuesday evening at which time Supt. Parr was authorized to employ another teacher for fifth grade work, to relieve the congestion in Miss Schneider's room where 58 pupils are now enrolled.

Mr. Parr was also instructed to send all children home who are suffering from skin diseases and notify the health officer. He called Dr. Low who made an examination of the children at the old building and excused those so afflicted from attending school.

The budget committee for the school district will meet this evening to pass on the tentative budget prepared, after which a meeting of the taxpayers of the district will be called for the purpose of adopting it.

Pheasants Cost \$4 Apiece

Besides the 100 Chinese pheasants shipped to Game Warden McDaniel, State Game Warden Burghard sent to Lana Leneve 24 of the birds. They were all taken out the first of this week in trucks and distributed along the North Fork from the Hardy Meat place on out to Fairview valley.

These birds cost the state to hatch and raise to maturity \$4 each, and every true sportsman should do his utmost to protect these pheasants until they have had an opportunity to multiply and the legislature opens the season for hunting them. At present there is no open season for Chinese pheasants during any part of the year.

The Sentinel and the Oregon Farmer can still be obtained for \$2.15 for one year.

TO REPAIR ROAD MORE IN SCHOOL

Highway to Myrtle Point to Be Gravelled for This Winter's Travel

The county court was in session a couple of days this week cleaning up the September business. One of the most important matters attended to was the Myrtle Point road. Under a blanket agreement with the State Highway Commission, the county had decided to go 50-50 with the commission in maintaining all state roads, so when Engineer Chandler was over here this week he was authorized to place 1,000 yards of South Fork gravel on the Coquille-Myrtle Point road. To facilitate this the county is putting in a gravel heading plant at the Schroeder & Aasen spur near Norway. Primarily this plant was located for work on the Norway hill road, but it will also be used for the work on the main highway. It is Mr. Chandler's intention to start this graveling at once and put the road in fair shape for this winter's travel. When this road is paved, as it appears probable it will be next summer, this gravel can be used for shoulders and for base for the concrete so the work done this fall will not be lost.

It is expected that the grading of the Remote-Bridge section will be finished in November and Judge Wade anticipates that a contract will be let at the October session of the commission for the Bridge-Myrtle Point road. So much of this is heavy rock work that can be done well in the winter as during the summer is one reason why that work has been delayed. Another is that the grading of that section before the Guthrie people had finished their contract, Remote to Bridge, would have interfered with their getting supplies up there.

The judge says that by June 1st the grading of the entire road from Myrtle Point east to the Pacific Highway will be completed and the road opened for travel, providing weather conditions are suitable. The macadam surfacing, which is to be done next summer, will not necessitate closing the road.

The court has set Wednesday, Nov. 3, as the day for hearing objections to the proposed roads from Parkersburg to Prosper, on either side of the river.

L. D. McBea was paid \$50 by the county for a right-of-way on the highway near Remote, and Anders Anderson \$250 for a deed for right-of-way near South Slough.

It was ordered that the clerk pay the \$500, previously allowed, over to the fair association for the fair now on at Myrtle Point.

The sheriff was instructed to prepare a list of all property bid in by the county on delinquent tax sales, in order that the court might fix an up-set price and offer it for sale.

The court revised the indigent allowance list, reducing the payments made to some indigents, cutting some off entirely and adding others.

Those Going to College

The students, who will attend the University of Oregon this year from Coquille and vicinity, as far as can be learned, are Austin and Marjorie Hazard, Genevieve and Pauline Chase, Fred and Camilla Lorenz, Marvel Skeels, Helen Sherwood, Earl Leslie, and Gertrude Butler, of Prosper. Most of them will leave the first of the week for Eugene. Another one to go from here is J. C. Chusie, who has been working at the Sentinel office for the past month. His home is in Louisiana. He will assist in the publication of "The Emerald" on the university press this year.

Those going to the Agricultural College at Corvallis are Arthur Hooton, Fred Wimer, Fred Harlocker, and Lester Bogard, of Riverton.

He Arrested the Truck

Deputy Sheriff Malehorn returned last evening from a several days' trip down into Curry county where he was looking for a truck which had been removed from the county without authority—stolen. The man who took it down there sold it for \$150 and then started for Mexico. It was sold again for \$300 and again for \$400, but Malehorn brought it back with him as far as Bandon. It will have to be sold for about \$350 to clear up the middle.

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

MORE IN SCHOOL

Attendance Opening Day Was 500—128 in High School

With practically every city school in the county, and state so far as noted, reporting a material increase in school attendance this year, Coquille lines up with a larger attendance the first day than ever before reported. In fact, the high school shows nearly a fifty per cent increase, with 128 registered last Monday where there were 87 a year ago, and the total is 501. The lower grades are all crowded, only three reporting as low as the number permitted for good work. Following is the attendance reported for the first day at the new building:

High School—128.
Eighth grade—41.
Seventh grade—42.
Sixth grade—35.
At the old building the attendance by rooms was:
Mrs. Chase's, Primary—32.
Mrs. Lorenz, 1A and 2B—25.
Miss Kennedy's, 2A—27.
Mrs. Dungey's, 2B—23.
Miss DeLong's, 2A—20.
Miss Alley's, 4A and 4B—40.
Miss Schneider's, 5A and 6B—52.

The teacher's training class in the high school number 10 this year, nearly double last year's. The Commercial department is so crowded that the board has purchased two additional typewriters for the use of the students.

This afternoon was declared a half holiday that the pupils might attend the fair at Myrtle Point. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the city hall here the principals and athletic instructors of the high schools of the county will meet to prepare the football schedule for this year's inter-high school games.

Mr. Parr requests parents not to let their children come to school before 8:30 as they gather after intervals with the teachers' work.

Brown Shot a Man

Wm. Bates, who was shot at Powers Saturday night by Marshal Jas. Brown, while resisting arrest for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, continues to improve and the chances are that he will recover. His lower jaw is fractured, some teeth are missing and a hole was bored through his tongue. The story of the shooting is thus told by the Times:

Bill Bates, the rigging man at Camp 7 of the Smith-Powers Company, was wounded in the jaw Saturday evening by Constable Jim Brown when Bates resisted arrest on the charge of intoxication and later, it is alleged, grabbed the officer by the vest and threatened to beat him.

Bates was brought to Mercy hospital early Sunday morning. He is about 38 years old, single and a very husky man.

Saturday was pay day at the Smith-Powers camps and it is said there was quite a bit of celebrating under way. A special officer named Robinson was put on to assist Constable Brown in maintaining order. Bates and others are reported to have been imbibing heavily and were accosted by the two officers in front of Cochran's pool hall. The two officers took hold of Bates and were going to take him to jail but he wrested himself from them and ran down the street. Brown started after him and shot twice in the air to stop him. Bates rounded the corner near the Powers hospital and dashed into the alley.

There Brown caught up with him and alleges that Bates turned on him and grabbed him by the vest, tearing it and threatening to beat him. Brown had changed his revolver to his left hand and had his billy in his right hand. He said that he attempted to shoot Bates through the arm but his left handed aim failed and the bullet struck Bates in the head. Robinson came up just as Bates fell.

Moving Abstract Office

The Title Guarantee & Abstract company's office was this week moved into the room at the west end of the First National Bank building. The vault in the building just vacated will be moved to Henry Sengstacken's building north of the First National and after the necessary alterations and improvements have been made there the company's office will be moved there for a permanent location.

Fred Linegar Dead

Word was received here last Saturday afternoon of the death of Fred Linegar, for so many years postmaster at the Coquille office. The cause of his death has not been learned, but he was taken sick last Friday, while on a hunting trip with his son, and was rushed to a hospital for an operation, where he died on Saturday. Mrs. Linegar had been up from California on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. August Schroeder, at Norway, and on receiving word of his illness started by train for Roseburg but news of his death came before she had arrived there.

Mrs. A. H. Bender, of this city, is a sister of Mrs. Linegar, but she has not yet received any word as to the cause of Mr. Linegar's death or when the funeral was held.

To Sell \$150,000 Bonds

At the session of the county court Wednesday the district attorney was instructed to take the necessary steps for selling one-half of the \$300,000 worth of road bonds authorized last May on a 50-50 basis agreement with the state for the completion of the highway from Coquille to Roseburg. This amount is needed now for the work done this year and the other \$150,000 worth of bonds will be sold next May.

ASKING TAX REDUCTION

The county Board of Equalization, consisting of the county judge, county clerk and assessor, met last Monday to receive and hear petitions for the reduction of assessments. Twenty-three were received up to last night from various sections of the county. Fifteen days from the 12th is the time allowed for filing these petitions, after which the board will consider and act on them.

The following are those who have asked to have the valuations placed on their property by the assessor reduced:

Herman Nebb, of North Bend; W. A. Collier, C. C. Johnson, Martin Russell; Lewis T. Christensen, of Lakeside; Cal Grant, of Myrtle Point; Oscar Nilson, of Riverton; E. L. Barzoo, of Myrtle Point; Felix Hull, of Riverton; Eastside Land Co.; Henry Sengstacken, of Marshfield; Tollef Olson, E. N. Smith, W. W. Williams, Wm. Ganong, Bushner Lumber Co.; Prosper Canning Co.; O. Sundby, of North Bend; Coos Veneer & Box Co., of Marshfield; O'Connell Estate on Pony Land Co.; Mrs. Maryette Morse, of Bandon.

The Sisters of Mercy also presented a petition that the land recently purchased for a hospital site at North Bend be exempted from taxation. This was signed by J. F. Hall, Peter Loggie, F. W. Stevens, Jno. G. Muller, Kruse & Banks, Gorst & King, Jno. H. Greves, C. P. Kibler, Sisters of Mercy, C. S. Winsor, Simpson Estate Co., Winoor & Falkerstein, L. J. Simpson and Dr. F. M. White.

Oerding Bros. Champions

There were half a dozen courts occupied at the horseshoe tournament in the Myrtle Grove last Monday afternoon when all the professional, semi-professional and amateur pitchers of the city gathered to settle the horseshoe championship of Coquille. Final honors went to two of the Oerding brothers—George and Will. Jay Smith and Bert Folsom pitched all afternoon, losing but one game, until they went up against Ed Lorenz and Harry Oerding, who beat them two out of three. These two promptly lost the honors, though, to the Oerding boys above mentioned, who can now be acclaimed as the champion horseshoe pitchers in doubles of the Coquille valley—until some other aspiring duo upsets the dope.

Charlie Evland didn't have a chance to pitch singles the other day, much to his disappointment, so another tournament is contemplated in the future for the accommodation of single entries.

New Pavement Cracking

Several cracks running the full width of the highway have shown up the past week in the new stretch between the Sentinel and Burkholder corners. It isn't due to the settling of the fills, either, for most of them have occurred where cuts were made. The most probable explanation of the defects is that expansion joints were not made frequently enough.

HAVE SAVED \$500

21 Coyotes and 22 Wildcats Captured by the Paid Trappers

Elmer Williams, Predatory Animal Inspector, of Portland, was a caller at the Sentinel office Tuesday evening, and gave us some interesting information regarding the results obtained by the abolishing of the bounty system for coyotes and wild cats killed. Two months and a half ago two hunters, John E. Lamb and Frank Robeson, were employed to trap and kill these varmints. In that time they have exterminated 21 coyotes, 22 bobcats and 4 bear, at a cost to the county of \$276.67. One hunter is paid by the county and one by the government. If these animals had been paid for by the former bounty system the county would have expended \$762—nearly \$500 saved.

The bounty on coyotes was \$3 on males, \$4 on females, and \$28 special bounty by the county. On cats it was \$2 regular and \$5 special by the county. The regular bounty in each case was split 50-50 between the county and state, so that the county's share was about \$30 on coyotes and \$6 on cats.

These trappers have made little attempt to kill bear except where it was known the bear were killing stock. Mr. Lamb is located on Deмент creek on the Eckley road and Mr. Robeson at Bridge.

Mr. Williams intends staying three or four days in Coos county and will go down to Curry where the varmints are gradually putting the sheep and goat men out of business.

It is not, however, sheep only which suffer from these marauders, as they kill fawns and calves, Chinasa pheasants and other birds. To preserve southwestern Oregon's reputation as a hunter's paradise these varmints must be exterminated.

Held for Embellishment

R. A. Annin, formerly president of the Bank of Myrtle Point, was brought down here last Friday evening by Marshal Redell and taken before Justice J. J. Stanley on the charge of larceny by embellishment preferred by E. T. Johnson, of that bank. He gave bond for his appearance and waived examination, his case going direct to the grand jury which meets next month.

The offense for which Mr. Annin was arrested is that of taking two Canadian bonds belonging to M. T. Thomas, of California, and using them as surety in securing a loan. They had been left with him when president of the bank.

Mr. Annin says the bonds are still in the safe keeping of the bank and that his arrest is the result of factional strife in the bank.

Released to Earn His Fine

H. W. Duncan, who was arrested last month and fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in jail for storing liquor in the S. P. depot at Marshfield during the Elks' convention, was released from jail Wednesday. He had borrowed \$200 to pay his fine and \$100 more to put up as cash bail for his return later to serve out the rest of his sentence, and he is released now that he might get out and earn this amount. He had served about twenty days of his sentence. He left yesterday for Newberg where he has a job waiting for him.

Shooting With an Expert

A bunch of local revolver marksmen were, out with R. H. Craddock, Portland police inspector, this morning doing a little target practicing, but none of them could approach the excellence of the Portland man's shooting. Nine of his first ten shots were put in the bull's-eye at twenty yards, and he stated that he was off on account of recent sickness.

He Has Not Returned

Rev. J. T. Anderson, who agreed to return to Coos Bay from Clarkburg, W. Va., didn't show up at Marshfield either Wednesday or yesterday, and odds of five to one are offered at the Bay that he never will. Mrs. Anderson is leaving today for Talent, Ore., where her parents live.

L. J. Radley has been named by the county court as justice of the peace for the Bandon district, to take the place of F. J. Chaburn, resigned.