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1921 THE YEAR

A BEAUTIFUL CITY

Sentinel Editor Finds Wonderful Improvement in Kansas City, Missouri

Neligh, Nebraska, Sept. 20, 1921.
At last we have found cooler weather. It is four weeks today since we left Long Island, with its sea breezes and summer resort temperatures, and since then we have been perspiring freely even without any strenuous exertion. Now, however, Oregon has nothing on us for coolth—except the untimely frosts, which haven't yet visited northeastern Nebraska.

Just a week ago today we started from Independence, Kansas, where we had been so delightfully entertained by our old friends and were hourly recalling the incidents of ten thousand days spent there in life's prime with their joys and sorrows, their sunshine and clouds, their days of splendid fruition and of bitter disappointment.

Since we have lived in Coquille we have often expressed the wish that we might be able to revisit "the glimpse of the moon" half a century hence and see what changes the rolling years had brought; but after visiting our boyhood's home when that length of time has slipped into the eternities; after gazing upon the once familiar scenes where forty years ago we wooed and won a partner; and after breathing again the air and witnessing the changes of the city which was for a generation the center of the world for us, we are not so sure that there would be any satisfaction in returning to earth as a disembodied spirit.

Without the human touch, the warm greeting of friends we had known in the flesh, and a kindred interest in mundane affairs we cannot see how there would be any slightest enjoyment in a retrospect of any portion of this planet. How ghosts might feel in such an excursion, we thought we sensed when we trod again the streets of Coquille, before we saw any one we used to know.

When we seated ourselves in an interurban car for Coffeyville, on leaving Independence, and our eyes wandered over the long familiar scenery of field and forest, of plain and mound we did, however, feel again the old thrill, the lure of the Southern Kansas countryside and were ready again to exclaim "This is the most beautiful country on earth." If there had been the shadow of a wish that we had never left these idyllic scenes, the thought that our new home in the Pacific Northwest was cool had checked that wish. One certainly would have to be a salamander to be satisfied to resume life in a section, where the mercury attains such heights and the chigger inflicts such bites.

At Coffeyville, we spent a few hours with the family of a cousin, whose youngest son came to meet us in his car, and who had to introduce himself with an "I'm Wilbur," before we recognized in the mature man of thirty, who had seen service in the Argonne and who among other interesting relics of the days over there holds a cross de guerre, the youngster we had once known. The hours in the delightful home of Cousin Grace, with the sun filtering through the trees and shrubbery, passed all too quickly; and in a little while we were gliding amid the brown fields ready for the sower and rich with the promise and potency of bread for the eater of the years to come, and on through the coal fields of this corner of the state, into Western Missouri to view its treasures.

The Kansas wheat fields we cannot pass with such scant mention, though. This year's crop of sixty-five millions of bushels is sufficient to supply the staff of life for a twelvemonth to all its two millions of people—and then for a dozen more such states. America is rich not so much in her material possessions as in her possibilities and in a people that knows how to avail itself of them to the utmost. The state of Kansas does not consist entirely or chiefly in a "grassy quadrangle" of eighty thousand square miles. It is the man and women, who inhabit it who, paraphrasing the words of a French king, have the right to exclaim, "we are the state." Before men and women of our blood came to build its foundations with infinite toil and upon them to rear its fair battlements there was no state of Kansas, and if ever their descendants should cease to cherish it, their journey "ad astra per aspera" (to the

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Open County Spaced in State

Coe County Wins First Place in the State Fair at Salem this Year, and Second Place among the Counties of the State.

Coe county, featuring butter and cheese and dairy products, was second with 96.4 points. Douglas county stood third with 87.07 point.

C. C. Farr adds word that Coe beat Tillamook county, which won in the Coe division last year, by 7.14 points this year. Tillamook sent two special trains to Salem for the fair this year, but quantity could not equal the quality of Coe's exhibit.

Mr. Farr also says that John Whobrey, of Broadbent, took first prize in junior champion, senior champion and grand champion male, and first champion and grand champion in milking Shorthorns. Also that in the hardest competition ever held in the state the Coe County Farm took fourth prize in Grouseball.

DAILY NEWS HAS QUIT

The Southwestern Oregon Daily News suspended publication last Monday, and T. T. Bennett, who holds a mortgage on the plant for something like \$7700 has taken possession. Whether this will shut out all the paper's creditors has not been decided, and it will not be surprising if several suits are started, although it is claimed the amount of the mortgage is not much less than the value of the plant.

The liabilities of the plant are over \$16,000, not a little of it being for wages due employees, who are endeavoring to collect the accounts due the News to satisfy their claims.

It has been known for some time that the News was on the rocks and when the stockholders refused to put up more cash to keep it going it was simply a question of a short time until it would have to suspend.

Whether there is room for another paper in Coe County we will not attempt to say, but the reputation given the Record, later the News, by its former publisher, A. E. O'Brien has stuck to it even through the ownership of the clean American business men who tried to put it on its feet by taking stock in it. However, the plan of insuring patronage for a newspaper by getting the business men to subscribe for its stock has never been a success anywhere and it is doubtful if it ever will succeed.

Baby Clinic Next Wednesday

A well baby clinic and conference will be held at the city hall in Coquille from 2 to 5 p. m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, to which all mothers are invited to bring their pre-school children. It is particularly desired that all children who have been previously examined be again brought to the clinic for examination in order that it may be ascertained that they are making a normal gain in weight as well as in other respects.

Dance Tomorrow Night

The Woman's Club is going to give one of their very popular dances in Goulds' Hall here Saturday evening, Oct. 1. It will be a jitsy dance and the music will be furnished by Mrs. Eula Perrott's orchestra. Another very pleasing feature will be the singing by Mr. Duffield of "Ain't No Broken Fun," "Peggy O'Neal," "Broken Moon," and other song hits. Those attending are assured a most enjoyable evening.

First Lyceum Number

The first number of the Coquille American Legion lyceum course will be given on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Liberty Theatre. It will be a musical number, the Shildkret Orchestra, and is one of the highest priced lyceum numbers ever brought to Coquille, costing the Legion \$175. They expect to start the sale of season tickets soon. Four dollar season tickets will sell for \$3.00, and children's tickets for \$1.50. No war tax is required this year.

Judge J. S. Coke has postponed the meeting of the grand jury which was to have been held Oct. 10th, until Oct. 17th.

The big marriage picture that's all thrill—"MIDSUMMER MADNESS" at the Liberty Theatre and Wednesday. See the program on page three.

STILL AT DELMAR THE 1921 BUDGET

Sheriff Captures Robert Young and Three Stills in Raid Yesterday

Sheriff Ellingson and Deputy Sheriff Malahorn made a capture over one of Delmar yesterday which it is said will cut off a large percentage of Marshall's home supply, when they arrested Robert Young and found three stills, two in operation.

The officers have been watching him for some time trying to locate his moonshine outfit and yesterday afternoon they caught him in the act. The plant was located some distance back of the old brick plant across the alley from Delmar and as the front door of the shack commanded a view for some distance up the trail the officers made a wide detour through the woods. When they reached the place Young heard them and started in the run down the trail. They went inside and investigated and then retired to a hidden spot to await his return.

When he found he was not being followed, Young decided it was a black cow which had caused the noise and returned. He saw the prints made by Malahorn's caulked shoes when he reached the house but decided it was too late to run than and went on inside.

The officers found, besides the stills, 50 gallons of mash and several gallons of moonshine. They brought Young and his outfit with them to Coquille arriving here about 5:30 last evening.

This morning Young was taken before Justice J. J. Stanley where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail.

He says that he had been operating there for two months, but it is reported that he has been at it for the past two or three years. He told the sheriff that he was glad they hadn't come a couple of days sooner as his wife, children, business and other affairs of age had been down from Headquarters visiting him. He told the sheriff that he was living in a boat house on Isthmus slough, and is a man of about 35. He is designated in one of the "King-pin moonshiners of Coe county."

Start Action on Bridges

The city council held a short meeting Wednesday evening after the budget committee adjourned and attended to a few street matters. Chairman W. H. Mansell presided in the absence of Mayor Hamilton.

The bond of M. W. Payne was approved for his contract on Holly and Bush streets. Work on that job is progressing rapidly and will soon be completed. Several of the councilmen were objecting because the lumber used in the improvement was brought over from Marshall instead of being purchased in Coquille.

Resolutions were adopted declaring the city's intention to improve Moulton and Spurgeon streets with new bridges, as elsewhere published. That on Spurgeon street is estimated to cost \$2225.25 and will be at the expense of the property benefited. The bridge on Moulton street is estimated will cost to repair \$1203.49. The city proposes to pay for two-thirds of the cost, the other third being assessed against the property benefited.

October 31st was set at the date for considering and hearing objections to the proposed budget for next year, prior to its final adoption.

Rural Route to Conledo

The rural mail route out of Marshall field has been extended a star as field has been extended as far as near the highway who puts up a mail box will be served daily. This is another of the benefits derived from the highway, for Uncle Sam will not attempt to send his employees over muddy, impassable roads. When the highways are built from here to Myrtle Point and to Bandon, rural routes out of Coquille will probably be established.

Killing More Coyotes

Last Sunday Frank George killed a coyote up on Rink creek which looked more like a silver fox than it did like a coyote, having a thick fur, unlike the coyote's coarse hair, but in all other respects was coyote. This makes the fourth coyote killed up there in the past three weeks, John Bullack having killed two and Lons Lane one.

Committee Approves That Proposed by the City Council—Items Listed

The budget committee for the city of Coquille, which consisted of W. H. Mansell, A. O. Walker, A. L. Simpson, Geo. N. Rutley, H. W. Granger, Geo. A. Davis, C. T. Shanks, L. E. Shantz, J. E. Ross, T. J. Thrift, Geo. A. Robinson and H. A. Young, met at the city hall Wednesday evening to consider the tentative budget prepared by the finance committee of the council.

The budget prepared for this year followed them for them, the same amounts as were budgeted last year, except in two or three instances. The budget for this year provides for \$285 interest on warrants issued to pay for the Myrtle Grove, \$215.46 insurance on city property, and \$100 for city parks which were not budgeted last year. Against this increase there is a deduction of \$200 on various items and the interest on 1921 general fund bonds is \$90 less. As adopted by the budget committee the schedule this year totals \$12,215.00 as against \$12,276.00 last year.

The city council has been fighting for some time over spending \$1200 for a well equipped fire trucks, and more recently on putting \$1000, or as much as was needed, into the repair of the Moulton street bridge and Mr. Walker explained to the budget committee that if the proposal to increase the taxes for next year by the 6 per cent permitted by state law there could be raised from all sources for next year \$24,250.00. This would include the \$1270 which it is estimated will be paid to the city treasury from fines, taxes, franchise, license, etc.

Deducting the budget of \$12,215.00 from the \$24,250.00 leaves \$12,035.00, which the council desires to use for the fire truck and bridge. This amount would increase the levy on Coquille property a mill and a half but, if we are currently informed, the levy of a few tenths cent, with some work more than the additional taxes in the way of reduction on insurance premiums.

After the proposed budget had been thoroughly digested and discussed it was adopted, on motion of L. E. Hans and by a 10 to 3 vote, Mr. Thrift and Mr. Robinson voting against its adoption.

The following is the estimated expenditures for next year:

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| City Recorder | \$ 600.00 |
| Marshall (8) | 2,000.00 |
| City Attorney | 750.00 |
| City Treasurer | 150.00 |
| Fire Chief | 60.00 |
| Other Services | 250.00 |
| Light & Power | 2,550.00 |
| Stationery & Printing | 200.00 |
| Fuel & Supplies for City Hall | 250.00 |
| Engineering on Streets & Bridges | 200.00 |
| Maintenance of Streets & Bridges | 1,800.00 |
| Repairs to City Hall | 100.00 |
| Funding Bonds—Series of 1915—Sinking Fund | 1,656.00 |
| Interest on Myrtle Grove Warrants | 585.00 |
| Interest on Bonds—Series of 1915 | 1,440.00 |
| Interest on General fund warrants | 100.00 |
| Elections | 100.00 |
| Library Assn. | 450.00 |
| City Parks | 100.00 |
| Removing Garbage | 50.00 |
| Insurance | 212.50 |
| Total | \$12,215.00 |

The following is the estimated income for 1921:

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| Rents | \$ 120.00 |
| Wharfage | 75.00 |
| Licenses | 200.00 |
| Fines | 100.00 |
| Market Roads Tax | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 25.00 |
| Franchise | 550.00 |
| Total | \$1,570.00 |

The following is a recapitulation, showing how much can be raised for city expenses:

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| Amount raised by special tax for 1920 exclusive of tax on bonds and sinking fund for retirement of bonds | \$ 9,440.00 |
| Increase of 6 per cent on same as allowed by statute | 566.40 |
| Sinking fund for bonds and interest on bonds | 3,104.64 |
| Interest on Myrtle Grove warrants | 585.00 |
| Estimated balance on hand from 1920 tax | 1,192.20 |
| Estimated income for 1921 | 1,570.00 |

Was Not on the Highway

A man from Marshall, whose name we can here name to have learned, and his wife and little girl, had a thrilling experience last Sunday night between twelve and one o'clock, when he drove off the paving on Hall street back of the W. C. Chase residence. It was quite foggy at the time and he thought he was on the highway and was hitting up a pretty good speed when he saw his mistake. He shut off his engine and applied the brakes but the car skidded ahead in the mud and slid over the brow of the hill and down into the gulch until stopped by some thick brush. Fortunately it did not turn over, so that no one was hurt, nor was the Ford damaged. A service car was called up but it did not have the power to pull it up the hill, so one of the county trucks was brought into action and the stranded car was brought back on to the pavement. Since then a barricade has been erected across the end of the concrete roadway.

PAY LABOR LIENS SOON

The Coe-Ray Trust of Wednesday contains the following regarding the probable settlement of labor claims against the Coquille Lumber Mills:

In the circuit court Tuesday Judge Coke heard several matters in connection with the receivership of the Coquille Lumber Mills. There is a claim of about \$2000 against the lumber company operating at Kroll and it was stipulated that this be collected and that the money be distributed among the lien creditors which includes the employees of the company who had wages due them. The attorney who acted for the lien creditors agreed that they would not collect their fees now but would make their right and wait along with the unsecured creditors for their fees.

The company will continue as it has under the receivership and whenever it is possible to operate with the tax and state license, etc., will do so.

J. C. Kendall, attorney for Receiver Wernick, stated today that under the stipulation approved by the court, the lien creditors will be settled with first. These are principally labor liens, totaling about \$25,000. Mr. Kendall said that the sheriff now has about \$7000 in cash and about \$25,000 in invoices. In addition to the liens, the expenses of the receivership will come out of these. It is believed that the invoices can be cashed through the banks so that the workmen will get most of their money. The date of declaring the first dividend has not been set.

R. A. Wernick, receiver for the plant, informs the Sentinel that he has no definite information regarding the matters contained above, which was given out by some of the attorneys at the Bay.

New Law Firm in Coquille

J. Arthur Berg and G. Russell Morgan have formed a partnership and next week will open a law office in the Farmers & Merchants Bank building. These two young men were graduates of the University of Oregon law school last year, and are both members of the Oregon bar. Mr. Berg is quite well known to many Coquille people, he having been the star pitcher of the Coe county baseball league the past season. His home has been in Portland. Mr. Morgan came from Hillsboro. He was down here a couple of weeks ago with Mr. Berg looking the field over, and they were agreed that there was an opening here for two hustling young attorneys, such as they appear to be. They expect to have their furniture and library installed in the new office early next week.

Justice J. J. Stanley performed the wedding ceremony in his office here yesterday for John Garver and Esther Reeder, both of Bandon.

"MIDSUMMER MADNESS," the big Paramount Special will be at the Liberty Tuesday and Wednesday. See the program on page three.

Total amount that be raised for expenditure during 1921 \$16,200.00
Amt. tentatively budgeted \$12,215.00
Amt. available for purposes other than those itemized in tentative budget for 1921 \$ 3,985.00

DROWNS IN RIVER

Henry Standiford, 11-year Old Son of Geo. Standiford's Lenses Life Last Saturday

Henry, the 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Standiford, was drowned last Saturday evening about five o'clock, when he attempted to jump from one log to another at the bottom near the O. K. Crossway above town. He and Jack Pointer and Benny and Virgil Harrison were fishing up there and playing around when Henry fell in and although they tried to pull him out they were not strong enough. He came up three times, the first time the upper part of his body coming clear out, and he called "Grab me." Benny got hold of him but couldn't hold him and he went down again. The second time his head rose above the surface but the third time only his hands showed.

The boys started for help, one of the Harrison boys meeting his father, Frank Harrison. The latter called to George Collier, who was near and they rushed to the river. It took a few minutes to locate the spot where Henry went down but fifteen or twenty minutes had elapsed after his arrival before Harrison pulled him out with a fishing line and hook, and by that time life was extinct.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Ellingson's Chapel, the interment being in the Masonic cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their assistance during our sad bereavement and loss of our beloved little son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Standiford and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk.

San Francisco to Coquille

Burl Slagle, formerly a resident of Coquille, but now president and general manager of the Coe Bay Coal Transportation Co., with headquarters at Coquille, Ore., came in from San Francisco yesterday afternoon. His company is putting on the steamer Bergen for regular runs between San Francisco and Coquille. Of course, the main object in establishing this service is to carry Stevedores coal to San Francisco, but as an accommodation they will carry other freight south, and Mr. Slagle is now endeavoring to line up enough business for the trip north in the way of regular freight shipments to make the venture pay both ways.

The Bergen will leave Pier No. 23 at San Francisco and the municipal dock at Oakland. She is expected in on her first trip next Thursday.

Inasmuch as the coal which the company intends to carry is mined in the Coquille valley, it appears that its name is somewhat of a misnomer.

Mrs. Dimmick Has Resigned

Mrs. T. M. Dimmick, who has served so loyally and efficiently as librarian of the city library here since its opening over seven years ago, yesterday tendered her resignation to O. C. Sanford, secretary of the Association. This action was due to ill health and while her giving up the office is a serious matter to the library, in view of the circumstances the directors can do nothing but accept her resignation. There are only two of the original directors remaining in Coquille now, Mrs. L. H. Hazard and O. C. Sanford. The other three were Mrs. W. J. Longston, E. E. Cook and H. O. Anderson.

To provide for the selection of a new board, which will be required to choose a librarian, Mr. Sanford is elsewhere calling a meeting of the Library Association for next Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 8 p. m. in the library rooms.

The services of Mrs. Dimmick have been of incalculable assistance in bringing the library from its humble beginnings up to the point where it is a real benefit to the hundreds who patronize it monthly.

Odd Fellows Visit Here

About forty Odd Fellows from North Bend, including their degree team, came over to Coquille last Friday evening to get on the third degree for the local lodge. Besides these there was a delegation from Marshall, another from Myrtle Point, and visitors from Bandon, Gardiner, Reedport and one from Idaho. The visit was highly appreciated by Coquille No. 53. As usual a feed closed the evening's work.