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VALLEY ROAD

Highway Commission Proposes to Make One Job of It

Coquille to Myrtle Point the highway is going to pieces, so C. R. Wade, judge of Coos county, has asked Portland once more to put up a highway commission the province of hard-surfacing this highway. The commission has heard for this pavement many but has been more anxious to up and grade and surface the highway from Roseburg to Myrtle Point than to do a paving job for a few miles on one of the Oregonians.

C. R. Wade, of Coos county, appeared before the highway commission Wednesday asking state assistance to convert the Myrtle Point-Coquille section of the highway to concrete instead of macadam, but the commission was unable to change the highway which it has adopted to expend available to open highways through to Bandon before any more is done.

Plans will be advertised for opening the next meeting for grading on the whole section from Bridge to Myrtle Point—Portland dispatch in the Bay Times.

In connection with the proposed road from Roseburg to Bandon and south to the state line, which the State Highway Commission has recently informed us is the next big job on their program, a good many people would like to know why it has been done this year on a section from Coquille to Lampasas or ought to be a considerable suspended fund now from the county bond issue to be used in paving the road between here and Bandon in shape for surfacing. The necessary to complete this road on the Douglas county line to Bandon which the state proposes to go with Coos county, including in the work already done, is to take a much longer time to complete because this part of the road has been neglected.

Miner Smith's Roll

John R. Smith leaves today for San Francisco on the Elizabeth. He recently received returns on a shipment of gold and platinum which he said was worth \$2200. Judging from the amount of bills he pulled on the World Bank, John R. is getting results at his mine on Cat creek. He is going to buy a one-ball crusher, a battery of Wilfrey separating tables. These, he says, will be installed in addition to his machinery and when he gets the whole plant underway he will have something to show Bandonians that will open their eyes.—Bandon World.

Who Gave the Order?

One day recently a gentleman, who was driving in Coquille, left his car on the highway near Cedar. For five minutes while he went to speak to a rancher. When he came back he found a note on the steering wheel commanding him to get out before Justice Stanley immediately for parking his car on the highway. He did so and found that a complaint had been filed against him. He had Traffic Officer Williams arrested him to appear, and the officer is now looking for the fellow who was endeavoring to impersonate an officer.

A. Stevens, who was indicted by the grand jury for lewd cohabitation was convicted in Circuit court last week and Monday being sentenced to three months' imprisonment, which Judge Coke imposed.

One of the blind indictments issued by the grand jury last week was for the case of Robinson, who was charged with non-support by his wife. He was arrested by the sheriff and lodged in jail last Tuesday.

Wednesday the tax collection department turned over to County Treasurer Dimmick, \$465,000, the amount of the single month's turnover ever recorded in Coos county.

The appointment of Edgar B. Piper, of Coos county, as one of the trustees of the Oregon State Library, is being heartily commended by the press of the state.

New Road Rules

The County Court met last week and adopted the following wet weather regulations for trucks and motor vehicles:

Large trucks shall be limited to 3000 pounds, while all trucks under one and a half tons' capacity shall be limited to the license rating.

Two wheel trailers are limited to one half of the capacity and in no event to exceed 3,000 pounds. Four wheel trailers are limited to their license rating up to 3,000 pounds.

Trucks over one and a half tons' capacity with solid tires shall not exceed a speed limit of twelve miles per hour. Trucks with one and a half tons capacity and over with pneumatic tires shall not exceed a speed limit of fifteen miles per hour.

Touring cars on gravel, dirt or plank roads shall not exceed 20 miles per hour during wet weather.

No chains shall be used on any car or truck, on plank, rock, gravel or concrete roads.

This order shall apply alike and uniformly to all roads in the County except the North Bend through Marshfield to Coquille concrete road.

NEW STUNTS PREPARING

One of the new stunts to be staged at the Corn Show this year will be a pulling contest for teams of horses. There are a good many owners of teams in the Coquille valley who think their team can outpull any two specimens of horseflesh in the county and it is proposed to settle the controversy at the Corn Show, Nov. 13 and 19. The score of each team will be decided according to their weight and the tonnage pulled so that a large team will have no advantage over a smaller one.

The contestants will be hooked to a sled which must be moved forward for three or four feet and the team hauling the heaviest load in proportion to its weight will win a very sizeable cash prize.

Another stunt will be a tug of war between saddles horses, aariat wrapped around the saddle horns serving to hold the horses together while their rider surge them to pull the others backwards.

Other new stunts are being arranged for, some of which will be kept dark till the day of the show and the Sentinel is safe in saying that there will be more innovations this year than at any of the previous six Corn Shows.

The football game between Marshfield and Coquille Independents has not been definitely arranged, but it probably will be.

The Coquille and Bandon high school football teams will meet for their regularly scheduled game on Saturday, the 19th.

The Coquille high school eleven goes down to Bandon tomorrow morning to meet the football team there tomorrow afternoon. Next Saturday, a week from tomorrow, the Marshfield team comes over here to meet the locals for their second home game.

Some Institute Figures

Superintendent Mulkey informs us that there were 221 teachers present at the County Teachers Institute here this week, which is a few more than were in attendance at Myrtle Point last year. Some of the teachers were from Reedport and Smith River in Douglas county, having been given permission to come here instead of going to Roseburg, as it is much nearer. There is a considerably larger percentage of male teachers since the effects of the world war have ceased to be felt. A number of teachers who were expecting to attend the institute this week were kept at home by sickness.

School Census 603

School Clerk O. C. Sanford completed the taking of the school census last Tuesday and found twelve more children of school age in the district this year than there were last, the total being 603. Of that number 266 were boys and 337 girls. Last year there were 270 boys and 321 girls, a loss of four boys and a gain of sixteen girls in the year.

Arrangements have been made for assembling all the corn and vegetable exhibits of the Broadbent section at the F. C. True store. Every farmer who has good specimens of corn, potatoes, apples, carrots, beets, etc., is requested to be sure that they are here prior to the Corn Show dates, Nov. 13 and 19.

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

In Session Here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Interesting Program and an Attendance of 221 Teachers.

ALL ARE MEMBERS OF STATE ASSOCIATION

Reception by the Local Teachers—Joan Fitzgerald Remembered—Resolutions Favor the County Unit System and Federal Department of Education.

One of the most successful institutes ever held in Coos county came to a close Wednesday afternoon of this week. Coquille may be justly proud of the comments made by one of the speakers at the institute when he declared that during the entire season of this year, he had not seen such smoothness and harmony in any institution he had taken part as had been in evidence at the Coos County gathering of teachers. Supt. C. E. Mulkey is, for the most part, responsible for this condition. The staff of instructors chosen by him were dependable and from the beginning to the end, the entire program was carried off with a snap. Practically all the teachers congratulated themselves upon having been able to hear so many interesting lectures.

At the beginning of each session, Mr. C. E. Nessler, of Myrtle Point, led the teachers in mass singing, which put everybody in the right spirit.

Monday Morning

After the organization announcements Monday morning, Supt. Churchill addressed the teachers on "Oregon's Objectives in Education." It was good, and brought out the plans for better organization of the schools in our state. He explained in detail the County Unit plan and what it has already done for Crook county.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Catherine Gagnon took her audience on "A Visit to the Haunts of George Washington in New York," as she had experienced it on her visit East last summer. Mrs. Gagnon was full of her subject and her descriptions were very vivid.

Tuesday Morning

Prof. Edwin T. Reed, of the Oregon Agricultural College, held the teachers spell-bound during the entire morning Tuesday. His assembly lecture on "The National Trait," was so enjoyed by all that at the announcement that he would hold his department meeting in the auditorium, all the teachers decided that they would be in the High School department. When the time came the room began to fill up, and the other instructors found nearly empty rooms, so went to the auditorium to see what was the matter and found that Prof. Reed was staging a vaudeville. No wonder they all came! Dr. Stetson reprimanded Prof. Reed publicly for running such opposition. Nevertheless, all who heard Prof. Reed and his volunteers received one of the biggest lessons of the institute. Prof. Reed's topic was, "What They Play and Sing," referring to High School boys and girls, struck "home" in every case, and who could help feeling the earnestness of this appeal? Prof. Reed's wit and humor captivated all his hearers, and even the hard storm Tuesday night could not keep a large crowd from attending his lecture on "The Margin of Life." At this lecture he read a number of poems he himself had written.

Tuesday Afternoon

Tuesday afternoon Dr. F. L. Stetson, of the University of Oregon, gave a splendid lecture on "The Adolescent Boy and Girl." Dr. Stetson had made a special study of adolescents and he read many letters which he had received from these boys and girls on their ideals. This is a vital subject which should interest every teacher and every parent. Our treatment of the adolescent may be a turning point in his whole life.

Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county superintendent of Marion county, also spoke Tuesday afternoon. Her topic, "Our Yesterdays," caused us to look back upon "our own yesterdays" besides giving us a very vivid picture of hers. The topic was simple but the lesson deep and Mrs. Fulkerson presented it in a pleasing way.

Wednesday Morning

Wednesday morning Elizabeth M.

Hopper spoke of "Health Crusade in Public Schools" and Ms. Gagnon on "Egyptian Excavations." Both were splendid and were much enjoyed.

Officers for the O. S. T. A. were nominated also. C. A. Howard, of Marshfield, was nominated for President; Mr. Ager, of Vale, for Vice President and for Executive Committee, Mr. Laughlin, of Corvallis, and Mr. Rice, of Portland, were nominated.

Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon was devoted entirely to the meeting of the Coos County Teachers' Association. G. A. Buring, of North Bend, talked on Teachers' Agencies and Mr. Howard, of Marshfield, explained what part the Teachers' Association was taking in legislation in the state. Mrs. Inez Chase gave a paper on the Teacher's Tenure, which brought out some very interesting facts along that line. The association voted to have her paper published that others might be able to get the benefits of her research.

The delegates elected to the state council was as follows: Mrs. Laura Brandon, of Coquille; Mrs. C. Williams, of Marshfield; Mrs. Inez Chase, of Coquille, and Mr. Wolverton, of Bridge. After the Committee on Resolutions reported the election of the county officers took place. Mr. C. E. Nessler, of Myrtle Point, was unanimously elected president of the association for the coming year, Mrs. Mary Harvey, of Myrtle Point, vice president and B. C. King, of Bandon, secretary-treasurer.

Local Teachers Entertain

Monday evening the local teachers entertained the teachers of the county and many townspeople. A very interesting program was rendered after which a social hour was enjoyed whereby the teachers could become better acquainted. Punch and wafers were served and every one seemed to have enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent.

Members of the three state institutions renewed old acquaintances and learned of their Alma Mater through instructors representing each school. The U. of O. teachers had their luncheon together at the H. S. building Tuesday noon. The Oregon Normal School people spent a social evening at Goulds' Hall and the O. A. C. people met at the club rooms after the lecture Tuesday night to enjoy each others' company and listen to Prof. Reed tell of their Alma Mater.

Much credit is due to the Home Economics department of the Coquille High School, of which Miss Alerte Ahlson is in charge. This department served lunches to the teachers during the three days of institute. The H. S. girls taking Domestic Science assisted Miss Ahlson in the preparation and serving. It was a success in every way.

It was announced at the close of institute that next year would be Marshfield's turn and we're all looking forward to that time.

Resolutions

The committee on resolutions at the Coos County Institute divided the topics to be touched upon into two groups in order that the educational program usually set forth in such resolutions might appear in a group by themselves. The first section is as follows:

"We, the teachers of Coos County, Oregon, commend County Superintendent C. E. Mulkey for the excellent program provided at the institute now closing. We thank the lecturers for the new outlook opened up to us and for the renewed inspiration for service which their presence has provided. We appreciate the privilege of being especially favored by the presence of both the State Superintendent and the president of the O. S. T. A. at our institute. We are deeply

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Death of Mrs. A. B. Garrett

Mrs. A. B. Garrett, mother of Mrs. C. D. Ritter, of this city, died at Mercy Hospital, North Bend, Tuesday, of cancer, after being seriously ill there for two months. The funeral services will be held at the Bay where another daughter, Mrs. H. Smith, resides. The interment will be in Sunset cemetery. The deceased was 42 years of age and the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughters. The funeral services have been delayed to await the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Rosson, who is coming up on Saturday's train. Two of Mrs. Garrett's sons live in Portland and one at The Dalles. Her husband, B. A. Garrett, who lives in the Portland neighborhood, will not be able to be present at the funeral on account of the serious illness of his mother, who is not expected to live.

Elmer Robbins, of Briardent, has agreed to furnish the corn for the husking contests and husking bee the last night of the Corn Show, and A. B. Campbell has promised the use of the Standard Oil truck in bringing it down.

HIS CASE IN COURT

Our old friend, R. S. Knowlton, was up here the first of the week from Fruitvale, California, and when asked if he had yet begun to feel at home away from Coquille he said that he never would. He came up here to give testimony in a case he has against the Riverston Coal Co. in the Circuit court. This company sold him a note for \$2,000, on which he claims a \$1500 payment had been made of which he was not informed. Judge Coke heard the testimony in this case in chambers at Marshfield Tuesday afternoon.

Buy Overland Car

Frank Burkholder returned Monday from a month's visit with friends at San Jose and in the San Joaquin valley which he greatly enjoyed. At Stockton he saw our old fellow citizen, Attorney J. E. Stemmler, whom he found very well fixed with an elegant residence on which there is no incumbrance and a flourishing practice. Speaking of the fine paved roads of that state, he says that occasional cracks do not seem to cause any anxiety there. Mr. Burkholder invested in an Overland touring car at San Francisco, and after half a day's instruction in running it, drove it up to Eugene all by himself.

Has Pop Corn Stand

When our genial auctioneer told us to send his Sentinel to Marshfield for a time, he didn't tell us what he proposed to do there, but the following item from the Times of that city reveals the secret:

The appetizing, warm mingled fragrance of roasted peanuts and freshly popped corn drifts out to passing pedestrians and pervades the atmosphere in the neighborhood of the new pop-corn stand which opened for business this morning in the window of the Thomas music store. The stand has been installed and will be run by "Nick" Johnson, who came to Marshfield from Coquille.

Uncle Sam the Boss

Uncle Sam is going to have something to say about the railroad strike. He won't let the railroads reduce wages until the question has been passed upon by the labor board; neither will he permit the railroad men to strike without permission by the same board. This is exactly right and fair for both parties to railroad wage disputes, and safeguards the interest of the public as well as of labor and capital. We are trying to take means to put an end to war between nations, and it is well at the same time to render industrial war impossible.

Wm. Russ left for his home in Eureka, Calif., yesterday morning after spending a month here. Before leaving he made arrangements with J. L. Smith to handle all the land in this valley belonging to the Russ Investment Co., which is not already leased. Mr. Smith says he can make some very attractive offers to prospective buyers on choice tracts of land.

Gov. Olcott announces in a proclamation just issued that Armistice day, November 11, will be observed as a legal holiday in Oregon.

SEEING CANADA

What Impressed the Sentinel Folks on Their Trip From Vancouver to Bantl

Vancouver, British Columbia, is an interesting place to visit. It boasts some six story buildings and fine hotels; but when we came to look it over we did not find it the spick and span, brand new town the pictures we had seen represented it. The streets were not as clean as we expected to find them, but were littered with paper and decidedly unkempt. The newspapers were rather unsatisfactory as purveyors of information from the states; but, of course, it was not to be expected that they would be of a metropolitan character and they certainly had a right to be "provincial." All the same we missed the news from the capital of our own country and began to realize that we were out of the United States.

Still, in one respect Canada seemed more like home than sections of our own land where there is a considerable foreign element. Western Canada has been largely settled from the United States and the younger generation there, even those of British parentage, talk United States—that is they use the English language without a foreign accent. It was certainly remarkable how few people we met in the Dominion whose speech had any cockney burr, or who broadened or flattened their a's as much as true Bostonians do. We rather enjoy hearing a John Bull Englishman talk. His dialect is entirely different from the American, but there is no difficulty in "getting" him and his brogue is not unpleasant. The Canadians in general talk just as we do and appear to be Americans to all intents and purposes.

We visited Stanley Park and saw quite a collection of birds, with some other animals, during the morning we were there; and in the afternoon boarded the trans-Canada Limited and left the Pacific coast behind us for the first time since we made our home in Oregon.

For a few hours our ride was through the bottom lands of the Fraser river, which as far as North Bend, resemble those of the rivers of Oregon and Washington. Beyond that point we entered the Fraser canyon and began to be interested in the more mountainous scenery and the engineering problems that had to be solved in building a railroad through the Canadian Rockies. When it came to this part of the road we were astonished to find that there was another line of rails down the gorge which always ran on the opposite side of the Fraser, dodging across every time the C. P. did. The new road is the Canadian National, a line recently constructed and which, along with the other government owned railroads in Canada, seems to be under something of a blight. Government ownership appears to be no more of a panacea for ailing railroads than does single tax for ailing municipalities.

The next morning the scenery was growing more alpine and we found ourselves surrounded by mountains of more than 10,000 feet elevation. At Glacier, they disappeared from sight, however, when we entered the portals of the Connaught tunnel through the Selkirk range. Its length is 26,400 feet or fully five miles, which is three-fourths of a mile longer than any other tunnel on the American continent. It was not built until many years after the railroad had been completed, the western portal bearing the date "1916." This tunnel cost five and a half millions; it reduced the elevation of the road 552 feet and dispensed with four and a half miles of snow sheds over the mountain. At the same time it reduces the length of the line four and three quarters miles and does away with curves enough to make seven complete circles. The method by which it was driven involved the drilling of a pioneer bore paralleling the center line of the main tunnel. This feature was new and aroused the interest of engineers the world over.

The rest of the morning we rode on an open observation car with nothing to interfere with the view of the lofty snow-clad peaks around us. After descending the eastern slope of the Selkirk we entered the Columbia valley, and for miles up here in the heart of the Rockies followed the same stream that after flowing a long distance south finally reaches Washington, crosses that state and runs past

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