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HALL IS IN RACE

Announces That He Will Be a Candidate for Nomination for Governor

The following is the dispatch which Senator Charles Hall, of this county, yesterday sent to the Sentinel and the Oregonian announcing himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of this state.

Marahfield, Feb. 16.
"I am a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon. I shall submit to the voters within ten days a summary of the principles on which my candidacy is based.

The news that Senator Hall has decided to enter the lists for the republican nomination for governor will be welcomed by his many friends in this county and throughout the state. As a man of distinguished abilities and wide experience in public affairs he will commend himself to those who wish to commit the State's business to a man who has made a success of everything he has undertaken; and who will no doubt, if he is elected, be instrumental in keeping the affairs of the state on a sound business basis, and formulating plans for economical administration and reduced taxation, reflecting in public affairs the reduction of income that we are all experiencing in our private business.

Since Senator Hall has been endorsed as a republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination by the Federation of Patriotic Societies at Portland we hear inquiries of what this federation is. The following from the Oregonian gives the answer as that paper understands it:

"The Federation of Patriotic Societies is an organization of between 50 and 60 delegates chosen by certain secret societies which are confined to Protestant membership. The federation itself is in a sense secret, in that the names of neither delegates nor participating bodies have so far been disclosed to the public. Knowledge of identity in either case is largely a matter of deduction, but generally speaking, the federation is composed of those bodies (with perhaps additions) which waged a successful campaign in the last school election in Portland."

Dinner For Senator Hall

Next Thursday, evening Feb. 23, a dinner will be given at the Chandler Hotel in Marshfield complimentary to Senator Chas. Hall. The affair has been arranged by his friends on the Bay, L. J. Simpson, A. K. Peck, J. C. Kendall and Albert Mattson being the committee in charge. It is given in honor of Mr. Hall's services to Coos county, both as a senator from this district and as a private citizen when he worked so indefatigably for good roads and also for the Red Cross and other war drives. It is hoped that a large delegation of Coquille and Coquille valley citizens will be over there for the event. It is probable that Mr. Hall at that time will announce the principles on which he expects to base his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. Tickets for the dinner may be secured from J. E. Norton at the Busy Corner here.

There is a Limit

The Sentinel, for the general good, always intends to be generous in the space it gives to subjects in which people ought to be interested; but not to the extent of crowding into the background the local news in which we know they will be interested, and to obtain which they pay for the paper. Every week we have to consign to the waste basket contributions that would fill many columns from people all over the country who mistakenly think their hobby is the most important matter for our pages, in order to fill our contract with our readers to furnish them with the local news.

River Bank Full Here

The Coquille river this noon is stationary at bank full with all the lowlands across the river under water. Seven feet of snow in the Eden country and three feet at Powers will mean a considerable higher stage if a warm Chinook should melt it in a short time.

The Sentinel and the Oregon Farmer both for \$2.15 a year.

To Try Again Tonight

The high school debate last Friday night between the high schools of the county resulted in a tie all around, the negative team winning in each case. Tonight the teams will meet again, the only change being that the order of their travelling will be reversed. The Coquille negative team, consisting of Erroll Sloan and Lorin Schroeder will go to Bandon, while the affirmative team, Delia Sherwood and Lawrence Moon, will meet the Marshfield debaters here. The same question will be debated as was last week. The judges here tonight will be C. K. Hudson, A. H. Derbyshire and Chas. Anderson, all of North Bend. Should another tie result tonight the number of judges favoring each team will be taken as the basis for determining the winner.

Three Games Tuesday Night

Owing to the fact that the county debate program is to be repeated again this evening the basketball game with Myrtle Point scheduled to be played here this evening has been postponed until next Tuesday, the 21st, at which time a triple header will be played. Besides the high school boys team, there will be a game between the Myrtle Point and Coquille high school girls, and another between the boys in the grades from the two towns. The first game starts at 7:30 and the three games can be witnessed for the price of one regular admission.

MUST TAKE THE LYMPH

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox within the district, the Board of Directors made the following order at their meeting Tuesday evening:

"It is hereby ordered that any unvaccinated child or teacher, who has not had the smallpox, shall be prohibited from entering any school within School District No. 8 of Coos county, Oregon, until March 1, 1922, or until the further order of the Board."

No other business aside from allowing bills was transacted at the meeting, but the board visited the schools next day to see how things were moving.

Community Sale Tomorrow

The Community Public Sale to be held at Rogers' Barn tomorrow, beginning at 10 a. m., has every prospect of being a big affair. A great deal of stock—cattle, horses, pigs and chickens—is already listed, besides farming implements and machinery, and household goods. Mr. Smith yesterday received a consignment of the latter, including a sewing machine, Brunswick phonograph and many other articles.

Most of the merchants are offering special bargains on some article and the sale list is of sufficient size to insure the largest crowd that Coquille has witnessed since the Corn Show.

The saddling and mounting contest and the team hitching contest are two features which will add the necessary sports events to the program.

McCloskey Highest Bidder

The sale of the Coquille Creamery here did not take place at Portland last Friday when the bids were opened. Instead the settlement of the matter was deferred until yesterday by the directors of the former League. The bid of J. H. McCloskey, the former owner of this plant, who had a mortgage against it, for about \$9500 was the highest, and we can imagine no reason why it was not accepted, unless it was because one of the directors, who had the matter in charge, was anxious to keep this plant closed rather than sell it to a man who would get most of the cream from this section, so that our dairymen would be forced to send their milk to the creamery at Marshfield in which he is interested.

Taken To Salem

Newman Moon, of the firm of Moon & Gidley, which did that splendid paving job on the north and west sides of the court house, has been held at the jail here for some time on account of mental trouble, and was adjudged insane, and was taken out to the Salem Hospital yesterday morning.

The county court has not closed with Attorney Hammond's offer of \$60,000, or half the taxes, interest and costs due on the Kinney properties at the Bay.

NOSLER PROGRAM A RICH DISTRICT

As President of Club He Suggests Things That Need Doing

Several business men who have not taken part in Commercial Club activities lately were present at the regular meeting of the club Wednesday evening, to find out what the new president, S. M. Nosler, had up his sleeve when he distributed bills that day asking if they were interested in the future and development of Coquille.

Mr. Nosler did not spring everything he has in mind for Club attention this year, but he did touch one of the most vital needs of Coquille in bringing up the matter of roads leading from the new bridge near completion here, both up and down the river. The county court, with state aid, is spending \$75,000 or \$80,000 here on this new bridge, which connects with nothing. In the summer, when dirt roads are dry, cars can travel up and down the valley at will, but for six or eight months of the year the bridge is absolutely worthless because there is no traversable road across the river. Mr. Nosler's idea is to have the club's right-of-way committee take the matter of locating a road to Bandon from the bridge here up with the county court and with the highway commission and try to get something started looking to a connection with Riverton and the ranches down the river. The improvement of the road up on the other side is likewise as important and this will also be urged.

Another campaign started last night was a "Buy at home" program. When local people send or take their money to Seattle, Portland, or even Marshfield, to spend, it is gone, but if spent with the local business houses and industries every citizen of Coquille has an opportunity to secure a portion of it back again. The local industries pay taxes here, they keep up a payroll, they improve the town, and if by their lack of patronage Coquille citizens drive these enterprises out of town it cuts down the city's resources just that much. This does not apply to all lines of business, but does apply more especially to bakeries, laundries, ice plants, ice cream factories, tailors, clothing and dry goods stores, machins shops, garages, and such like. Nor are the offenders against the town's best interest confined to any one class. The rich and the poor, men and women, are all more or less guilty of tearing down their home town when they go out of town for what they could just as cheaply and more easily secure at home.

"Buy in Coquille" would be a mighty good slogan for everyone in Coquille to adopt.

A committee of L. H. Hazard, L. L. Turner and A. B. Campbell was appointed to go before the council and ask for a city ordinance licensing all fly-by-night stands which pop up all over town when a celebration, such as the corn show, is held here. Such things cannot be kept out but a license would stop the practice of skimming the cream and leaving only skimmed milk for the business which is here every day in the year.

The club voted to appropriate up to \$50 whatever the Woman's Club found to be necessary in gravelling and levelling the school grounds at the grade building.

Jim Ellis In Jail

Marshal Reddell, of Myrtle Point, last Wednesday brought down to the county jail Jim Ellis, who he had arrested on the bridge up there that morning. Ellis was wanted by the officers here for having liquor in his possession, having slipped out of town as Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Sheriff Malehorn were going up to his room for him.

Ellis, who is only 17 years of age, was taken before Justice Stanley that evening, but the judge transferred the case to the juvenile court and Judge Wade has referred it to the grand jury so he is still in jail.

Mitrou To Leave Here

Arrangements have been made for the removal of Angelos Mitrou, the Greek leper at the County Farm, to the U. S. leper colony in Louisiana, where he can be so much better cared for than as an isolated case here. Before long a special coach is going to start from California to take several lepers to Louisiana, and Mitrou will be sent with them.

Coos River Consolidated Has One Seventeenth of County's Valuation

Mr. Easton, our East Fork correspondent, in his last week's letter, raised the question why the Coos River Consolidated school district sent its principal over here to oppose the submission to the people of the County Unit plan of government for the districts outside the cities in this county.

He hits the nail on the head in suggesting the answer, which may be found very definitely in Assessor Beyers' Summary of the 1921 assessment and tax levy published last week.

Here is the list of the school districts in this county maintaining high schools, with their total valuations and percentages of school levy as found in mills in that summary:

No.	Name	Valuation	Per cent.
36	Coos River	\$1,423,910	8.7
41	Myrtle Point	693,010	12.0
9	Marshfield	4,168,973	16.7
21	Powers	865,010	20.9
54	Bandon	1,325,357	20.9
3	Arago	472,900	23.4
8	Coquille	1,250,677	24.2
13	North Bend	1,870,997	25.2
77	Bridge	183,266	32.4
66	Lakeside	352,450	38.6

It will be seen that the Coos River Consolidated district levies a tax of only 8.7 mills, which is more than 25 per cent less than Myrtle Point, the next highest, and less than half of that of any other district except Marshfield—and but a fraction more than half of the levy in that district. The average tax levy of the ten districts in the county which maintain high schools is 22.3 mills, or nearly three times that of the Coos River Consolidated.

When Prof. Coad came over here last month to fight the proposed change in the method of levying school taxes, and argued so strenuously with us against a change, we told him we would give the subject further study. We have done so, and so far as we are concerned he stands in the light of an unveiled Mokanna. The nigger in the woodpile is plainly revealed in all his blackness. And the "woodpile" becomes mighty conspicuous, too.

Mr. Easton explained how it came to pass that the Coos River Consolidated district has so enormous a valuation. Timber is what does it; and having gobbled timber enough to make the Coos River district one of the three highest in the county in assessed valuation, it is no wonder the timber barons of that district sent a "Coad" message to the county court to put the soft pedal on the County Unit system. We say "Coad" message because they hid their real reasons under a lot of camouflage and never once hinted at them. It was not on account of the defective administrative features of the law that they protested against giving the people of the county an opportunity to express their wishes on the question, but because they were fearful of what might happen if all the property of the districts outside the cities were taxed to raise a common fund for those districts. They fear that they wouldn't get off with an 8 mill tax then, and they were naturally unwilling to come in on a common footing with the other country districts and do justice to all.

They imagined they were profiting to the extent of thousands of dollars by the unfair system now in vogue, and they wanted to keep on profiting by it. There is always a reason. All the arguments Coad made here were but a drop in the bucket to the real reason which he kept under his hat.

We must thank him, however, for disclosing the African, and probably insuring the adoption of the County Unit system as soon as the real status of the case is made clear to the people.

"O wad some gift the giftie gie us To see ourselves as ithers see us." Heretofore comparatively few people in this county knew how rich a district the Coos River Consolidated is. It has more taxable property on its assessment rolls than the Myrtle Point district, with all its city property; more than the Powers district with all its wealth of timber; more than the Bandon district with its great harbor and shipping interests; and more than the Coquille district with all its city and suburban property.

Only North Bend and Marshfield districts, of all in the county, have a

larger valuation than the Coos River Consolidated and even North Bend has only about 30 per cent more. We should like to publish a map of the county showing how tremendous an area of the most valuable timber in the county the Coos River district has found it possible to annex.

And yet, with all that, it really would not make a tenth of the increase in their school taxes the Coos River people fear to adopt the county unit plan and do to others as they would want to have others do to them. Of course they have imagined, after annexing so much taxable timber for their own district solely, that if they should put it all in a common pool with the rest of the country districts, they would lose all the advantage they have schemed for, and their school tax would be doubled.

As a matter of fact one dollar in every seventeen of the total valuation of Coos county, including the railroad or public utility valuation is found in the Coos River Consolidated district. For the \$1,423,910 of assessed values in that district is one-seventeenth of \$24,496,860, which is the total valuation in the county.

But a careful computation shows that if all the school taxes of all the districts in the county outside the four largest cities were collected together, and the same millage applied to all those districts, the rate for all would be about 9.10 mills, where it is now 8.7 in the Coos River district. The increase in that district, with its vast wealth of timber would be less than \$600, and the four tenths of a mill wouldn't hit any rancher in that district so hard that he would feel it.

JURY EVENLY DIVIDED

The following is the list of jurors drawn for the February term of the Circuit Court here, which will convene on Monday, the 27th. It is the first jury on which women have been drawn in Coos county. This jury will consist of sixteen men of varying vocations, thirteen housewives, one music teacher and one hotelkeeper. Of the thirteen housewives, four are from Coquille and two are former residents of this city.

Myren, Clara, music teacher, Marshfield.

Mercer, A. R., merchant, Cooson.

Clarke, Marion, housewife, North Bend.

Bunch, Levi L., farmer, Coquille.

Belloni, Delle M., housewife, Coquille.

Sidwell, J. Pa., merchant, Bandon.

Dement, Eugenia, housewife, Myrtle Point.

Hodson, E. R., farmer, Marshfield.

Wilson, Rebecca L., housewife, Marshfield.

Miller, Ray, merchant, Coquille.

Lyons, Marvin, housewife, Marshfield.

Gates, E. W., telephone man, Marshfield.

Ross, Ora A., housewife, Coquille.

Low, Frank L., machinist, Marshfield.

Harnden, Carrie B., housewife, Coquille.

Smalley, Ed., merchant, Powers.

Harlocker, Sadie E., housewife, Myrtle Point.

Painter, W. H., warehouseman, North Bend.

Laird, Ethel L., housewife, Sitkum.

King, C. O., garage, North Bend.

Houston, Margarite M., housewife, Bandon.

Lett, W. A., farmer, Bridge.

Hamilton, Laura, housewife, Coquille.

Phillip, Archie Sr., farmer, North Bend.

Gallier, Alice, hotel, Bandon.

Giles, Lois P., housewife, Myrtle Point.

IRVING W. LAMB

Long Fight for His Life is Lost And He Has Entered Into Rest

Irving Lamb, the 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lamb, died at his home here at 12:20 Wednesday morning, after an illness of five weeks of fighting the dread disease, typhoid fever. Everything possible was done to combat the progress of the disease and two weeks ago the fever began to abate and it was thought he had a chance for recovery; but a relapse, due to reinfection made his recovery impossible. The last few days before his passing his heart began to show signs of failing, owing to the prolonged fever. Doctors Horsfall and Dix were over from the Bay in consultation with Dr. Hamilton but there was nothing medicine or nursing could do to avert the inevitable.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the M. E. Church South, and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery. The members of the Coquille basketball team will act as pallbearers.

Irving Woodford Lamb was born in Coquille October 18, 1904, and has spent his entire life in this city. For the last three years, since entering high school he has been prominent in all athletic sports, taking part in football, basketball and track events.

Although expected for the past week, his death comes as a shock to all his friends, which includes every citizen of Coquille. And to the bereaved parents, who have lost their only child, it comes as a blow to their fondest hopes and ambitions from which complete recovery will never be possible. In this hour of saddest bereavement and most poignant sorrow the sympathy of the entire community is extended to them and although that cannot alleviate their suffering or abate their grief, it is a comfort to know that their son had inspired the same feelings of respect and affection among their friends as had caused their loving pride in him.

Irving was one of the most lovable of boys, ambitious, always busy, and eager to do his part in the work of the day; and we do not know any young man in town who would be more missed than he.

Besides his father and mother, he leaves several aunts—Mrs. W. H. Lyons, of Marshfield; Mrs. F. W. Jones, of Sacramento, Cal.; Mrs. W. B. Smith, of Fishtrap; Mrs. J. M. Beyers, of San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. Jennie Williams and Mrs. Ruth Elrod, of Medford, all well known in Coquille. The latter two are expected from Medford by this afternoon's train.

Mrs. L. M. Stiver, of Vancouver, Wash, is also an aunt and Ralph Woodford, of Medford, an uncle. Mrs. Geo. Robison, of Fishtrap, and Mrs. L. W. Oddy, of the North Fork, are cousins.

Make Bad Break

Rev. Ben Franklin Cook, who has been holding meetings at Myrtle Point, North Bend and elsewhere in this county was arrested at Eugene Wednesday, charged with having lured Eleanor Kaino, a Marshfield girl of weak mentality, from her home. He telegraphed her to meet him in Eugene and so the family knew where she had gone; and so Sheriff Ellingsen was intercepted at Eugene on his way home from California, to look after the parties. He and the Eugene Chief of Police found them at a rooming house, where they had registered as "Fred Cole and wife," after they had retired. He was held at Eugene for trial there. The most charitable view to take of this case is that Cook, who has a wife and family, is feeble minded.

The man and the woman in this case were fined \$50 each in police court at Eugene yesterday afternoon on a charge of disorderly conduct.

"Best Water on Earth"

Remember the sale of that \$100,000 of Reedsport water bonds to the state by Morris Brothers Bond House for about \$15,000 more than it paid the city for them? Well, the Reedsport people think they made a good bargain anyway, and now boastfully claim they have "the best water on earth." They pipe their water from Clear Lake six miles away, which is 232 feet above sea level, so that it requires no pumping but runs down hill by the force of gravity, and the supply is said to be almost unlimited.