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BALL IS ROLLING

Charles Hall's Candidacy For Governor Given Great Send Off at Home

There were at least 150 people in attendance at the dinner complimentary to Chas. Hall, at the Chandler in Marshfield last evening, a half dozen being ladies. Representatives were there from Gardiner, Reedsport, North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Sitkum, Port Orford, and probably from other points.

It was a very enthusiastic opening of Mr. Hall's campaign for the nomination for governor, republicans and democrats alike pledging him the solid support of their communities, the latter, however expressing regret that it was only their influence they could pledge at the primaries.

L. J. Simpson acted as toastmaster, he sitting on Mr. Hall's left, with Mrs. Hall on his left and Mrs. Nellie B. Scott, on the honor guest's right.

One of the cleverest talks of the evening was that by Mrs. Hall, who was called on early in the program. She only said a few words, but they indicated how confident she is of Mr. Hall's success. She said every woman knows that she has made her husband—if he amounts to anything. Otherwise she had nothing to do with it. And after she has made Chas. Hall governor of Oregon she will be content to live in the light reflected from his honors as governor and be "governess" in name only.

Those called on for short speeches were J. E. Norton and L. H. Hazard, of Coquille; Rev. G. W. Gelvin, Edgar McDaniel and V. C. Gorst, of North Bend; C. McC. Johnson, of Reedsport; Mr. Angus, of Gardiner; Mr. Larson, of Port Orford; Claud Giles, of Myrtle Point; and John D. Goss, W. U. Douglas, Fred Wilson and Ben Fisher, of Marshfield.

Several of the speakers referred to the fact that with Mr. Hall in the governor's chair Coos county would not be ignored and made the football of the politicians of the state as has been the case in the past, but that this section would receive its just recognition.

When Mr. Hall, the last speaker on the program, arose to his feet he told his auditors that, in the policy of economy and reduction of taxes to which he is pledged, Coos county's demands would have to be clipped along with those of every other section of the state.

Mr. Hall said he was delighted to be among his friends and neighbors for this opening of his campaign and expressed the utmost confidence in the result of the coming primary. He anticipates at least an even break with Gov. Olcott in the rest of the state and expects to carry Portland by 10,000. But he is not going to allow this confidence to interfere with the most strenuous campaign the state of Oregon has ever witnessed and he intends to visit every section in the commonwealth before May 29.

Reading the statement of principles on which he bases his candidacy, Mr. Hall dilated on some of them. He declared that while 8,000 tourist automobiles traversed the highways of Oregon during the summer season, the number who remained to invest and become citizens of this magnificent commonwealth was negligible. We are not getting the benefit we should from our good roads in this respect. The principal reason, he contends, is our high rate of taxation; and to a reduction of taxes all along the line he pledges his utmost endeavor as governor. The elimination of the 75 commissions which manage so many of the state's affairs and the substitution of the Illinois system of ten departments he believes would result in a saving of two million dollars to the taxpayers.

He believes in the continuation of the state's road program, but is firmly convinced that the pouring of millions of dollars into the few concrete highways has been a colossal mistake. Rather would he have all roads graded and gravelled than to use the entire road money in making asphalt boulevards such as the Columbia and Pacific Highways.

A full statement of Mr. Hall's principles will be found on page four of this issue.

The formation of a "Charles Hall for Governor" club was the last action of the assembled guests last night and L. J. Simpson was made chairman and Claud Giles secretary. Everyone, except the democrats enrolled themselves.

Those present from Coquille were

L. H. Hazard, F. G. Leslie, J. E. Norton, John Lanave, Aaron Wilson, H. Young, C. T. Skeels, E. G. Oppert, J. S. Lawrence, S. M. Noster, and Mrs. F. G. Bunch, A. N. Gould, W. C. Chase, L. C. Newman, Jas. W. Laird, Vernon Smith, J. P. Bayers, Jno. L. Aasen, Geo. Bryant, Tom Gustafson, and there may have been others.

McCloskey Gets Creamery

Late last Friday afternoon J. H. McCloskey received word from Portland that his bid for the Coquille Valley Creamery here had been accepted by the defunct Oregon Dairy-men's League, and Saturday Mr. McCloskey and Henry Belloni started in cleaning, repairing and getting the plant in readiness to receive cream last Monday and they are now prepared to take all that is offered.

This purchase of the local plant by Mr. McCloskey is good news to Coquille business men and to the dairymen of this section. It will furnish them with a local market and will very likely result in their receiving a few cents a pound more for their butterfat than they get when they ship outside.

Some of the dairymen have disposed of their separators and are shipping to the condensary at Bandon, but it is most probable that the creamery here will receive all the cream it can handle during the spring and summer.

PASSING OF PIONEERS

Yesterday's Western World of Bandon records the death of three prominent citizens there during the past week, all of them pioneers.

R. E. Buck passed away at his home there Saturday, February 18th, following an illness of several months, cancer being the cause of his death. He was 76 years, 11 months and 16 days of age. The funeral services were held at Coquille Sunday under the auspices of the North Bend I. O. O. F. lodge of which order the deceased was a member. His remains were buried here.

William D. Marshall, proprietor of the Union Grocery and a relative of the Barrow and Longston families in Coquille, died Sunday night at the age of 56 years. He was buried Tuesday. The city flag was at half mast and nearly all the business houses closed during the funeral out of respect for the deceased. Interment was at the Bandon cemetery.

Yelverton Matson Lowe, father of J. Y. Lowe and Mrs. Viola Rosa passed away at the advanced age of 85 years, five months and 17 days, and was buried Sunday afternoon. He was Bandon's oldest citizen. Born in Baltimore in 1826 he crossed the plains in 1849. For several years he was in the mining business in California. In 1858 he took a homestead of 300 acres at the mouth of Beaver Slough, where he lived for 24 years, since then he has lived in Bandon where he has led a retired life for many years.

Uncle Henry Ploeger

Uncle Henry Ploeger, an eccentric character at Myrtle Point, who had been running a store there for many years, and was a favorite with everybody, died Tuesday of intestinal trouble. He was over seventy years old, and was a native of Germany. When he came to this country he was landed at Cape Arago, and from there he walked over to Empire, where he found employment in the Camman store, whose proprietors were his uncles.

Mr. Ploeger had been a member of the K. P. lodge at Marshfield and they were expecting to have a special meeting in his honor on the evening of the very day he died; but had postponed it on account of his illness.

Games Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow (Saturday) evening the Marshfield high school basketball team meets the Coquille whoopers at the gym here for their second game, the one at Marshfield last Saturday evening resulting in a 35 to 10 victory for the Bay team. The contest tomorrow night will be preceded by a game between the junior and senior girls of the Coquille high school, which will begin at 7:30.

Judge Coke is over here holding court today settling the cases on the docket for the February term for trial. This term will begin next Monday when the jurors for the term will report for duty.

IS BETTER WATER ERRATIC BIDS

New Dam and Reservoir on Rink Creek Afford Splendid Supply

On Tuesday of last week Water Superintendent Epperson connected up the outlet at the new dam, recently constructed on Rink creek, with the pipe line to the reservoir and Coquille is now receiving as pure city water as there is in the state of Oregon.

Before turning the water into the pipe line Mr. Epperson thoroughly sluiced off all vegetation and earth down to the solid rock and this storage reservoir is as clean as it can be made.

The dam, which is located about 3,000 feet further up on Rink than the old intake which has been serving for years, is eleven feet high and impounds 252,000 gallons. It took just two hours to fill this storage reservoir.

The water now running into the reservoir above town is clear and sparkling and there is no sediment heretofore observed in the reservoir, which has just been thoroughly washed out. Neither is the flow from Walker creek flowing into the reservoir and at present it is unnecessary to pump from Dutch John.

If all the mains over town are blown out now and the pipe line thoroughly flushed this city will have water that cannot be surpassed in Oregon.

Of course, the Rink creek flow is not sufficient for dry season purposes but a record kept by Mr. Gould last summer at the driest time of the year showed a flow of 67,000 gallons in 24 hours. This is more than a third of what a city of this size usually consumes and the council is figuring on having that shortage eliminated by the summer of 1924, although they have not definitely determined how it will be done.

Judge Coke Again a Candidate

Judge John S. Coke, who has already served thirteen years on the circuit bench of this judicial district, announces that he will be a candidate for another term at the May primaries. He has discharged the difficult and exacting duties of that position in such a way as to win the general approval of his constituents and we do not suppose he will have any competitor in the race at this time.

The second judicial district comprises the counties of Coos, Curry, Benton, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln and there are three judges. Judge Hamilton of Roseburg will not run again. Judge Skipworth, of Eugene, is to be a candidate again, it is announced. One judge is conceded to Coos and Curry counties and we do not see how it would be possible for us to do better than to retain Judge Coke.

Insurance Rates to be Reduced

Archie Walker stated at council meeting Monday evening that the insurance adjuster, recently in Coquille, informed him that the adding of the fire truck to the city's equipment would result in a 5 or 6 per cent reduction in the insurance rates and that when the city was able to employ a fire man or two to be permanently on the job a further reduction of about 10 per cent could be looked for. There is no intention at the present time of adding a paid fire department to the city's payroll.

Another Camp to Open Here

Chas. Upton has received orders from Smith-Powers to assemble a crew of five buckers who will start soon to clean up the windfalls on the company's holdings out on Cunningham, or its tributary, Bud creek. After this has been done and a landing constructed, the railroad will be run up the creek and a camp of 100 men established who will begin felling fir for shipment to the mill at Eastside. It is expected to have the camp running full blast by spring.

Cuts His Throat

Charles Stodmas, one of the pioneers of Coos county, at the age of 85 years, attempted to commit suicide Wednesday afternoon at the residence of George McIlroy, who had given him a good home for several years. He felt keenly being a charge to people on whom he had no claim; and so gashed his throat with a razor from the ear to the windpipe. He did not hit the jugular vein as he evidently intended, and was taken to Mercy hospital for treatment.

Fisher had informed all the papers in the county, instead of only one, just what width of column he wished to use in the publication.

For Masonic Temple

At a special meeting of the Masonic lodge here this week it was decided to start the construction of a hollow tile lodge hall just as soon as the arrangements can be made for financing it. The building will be erected on the 100x100 foot tract the Masons own on Moulton street just south of the T bridge, and J. D. Graham has submitted a figure to the building committee for which he will furnish the material and labor and contract to erect it according to the plans and specifications.

The structure will be 46x30 feet, outside measurement, and a banquet room or dance hall will occupy the entire lower floor, except what is necessary for kitchen, fuel room, entrance, stairway, etc.

The lodge room will be on the second floor, 37x39 feet, with ante rooms, reception rooms, etc., taking the rest of the space.

Just how soon construction can be started is not known, but a final committee has been named to work out a plan by which it is hoped to sell enough bonds within the membership of the lodge to provide the funds for its erection.

TWENTY INDICTED

Sixteen indictments were found by the grand jury here Monday and Tuesday, and twenty-odd people are to face the court on criminal charges as soon as those named in the six blind indictments are rounded up by Sheriff Ellingsen.

The first on the list is that of Alonzo Bartlett. He was recently arrested in California and brought back to Coos county, charged with forgery and with drawing checks on a bank, in which he had no funds. Two separate indictments were based on these two charges. He is the father of the next man on the list.

Lawrence Bartlett and Roy Therpe were charged with stealing from the residences of A. H. Derbyshire at North Bend and of John Ferguson at Marshfield. Two indictments were found against them jointly.

James Ellis, who is seventeen years old, was charged with having liquor in his possession. His care was transferred from the juvenile court to the grand jury.

Matt Kerlin and Ed Weigelt were charged with larceny in a state. They are the two men who held up the storekeeper at Delmar and robbed him.

The next indictment covered the cases of Henry Becker, Lewis Dishore, William Smith and J. C. Becker, who broke into a cabin near Powers. Jack Hoover was accused of lewd cohabitation at Empire.

Vera Williams was charged with keeping a disorderly house at Empire in connection with the previous case. Bud Brady was charged with robbing Nick Felas at Lakeside.

Indictments were refused in the cases of Vernon Kilgore and Fred Weubarck, arrested at Lakeside at the same time as Brady.

Hears Los Angeles Concert

Chas. Oerding entertained twenty Coquille citizens at his home last evening with a concert in San Francisco. It was a rare treat to listen to the tones of the music as they issued from a honograph horn, after being picked out of the ether by Charlie's wireless apparatus. For a time the sounds were indistinct, but a little before nine when the apparatus was properly adjusted they were reproduced with all the clarity and faithful repetition of a phonograph.

"The Holy City" was one of the pieces to which the party listened last night. Wednesday night it was a concert at Los Angeles that the wireless brought them. Tonight Mr. Oerding expects results better than ever as he gets his receiver more perfectly attuned. The notes have to be twice amplified to make them distinct here.

Half the Women Decline

Of the fifteen women drawn to serve on the jury at next week's session in the circuit court here, the following have already declined: Clara Myren, of Marshfield. Ivy N. Pemberton, Myrtle Point. Lois F. Giles, Myrtle Point. Mrs. Stella Boone, of Powers. Alice C. Gallier, of Bandon. Margaret M. Houston, of Bandon. Della M. Belloni, of Coquille.

ROAD DOWN RIVER

Commercial Club Starts Action to Put Matter up to County Court

The Commercial Club showed still more new faces at the regular meeting Wednesday evening, and the interest being displayed in matters vital to Coquille's progress and prosperity indicates that the present year is to be one of activity and accomplishment.

Continuing the discussion of a road toward Bandon from the bridge to be finished here in April, it was decided that the first thing necessary was a petition to the county court asking for the location of a county road from the bridge across the lowlands to the Hathaway place on the Bandon road below Fat Elk. Accordingly A. N. Gould was authorized to make a survey to secure the data necessary to be included in such a petition, showing the terminal points and the general direction of the road. After this has been done a petition is to be circulated among the qualified voters of that district and when a sufficient number of signers are secured it will be presented to the court. Everyone along the river from Coquille to Lampas will certainly be anxious to sign such a petition.

The only other matter discussed at the meeting was the need of more houses in Coquille and how to get them. With Smith-Powers and other camps being opened up to the north of town there will be a still greater demand for residences than there has been the past year or two, and something should be done to relieve the situation.

Coquille is hardly large enough to support a local building and loan association, and there are two or three outside companies loaning money here now. But the idea of the club was that if a local organization could be formed, with \$10,000 or \$15,000 subscribed, a number of medium priced houses could be built, sold at a 10 per cent profit on the actual cost with possibly 25 per cent down, and the balance on easy monthly payments. As the payments accumulate, other houses could be built, and the investors in the organization would not only receive a fair return on their investment, but more people could be accommodated than is now possible, and business generally would be improved.

Whether the club can secure action along this line remains to be seen, but it is a matter in which every business man in town should be interested.

Out the Bill \$50,000

The Coos Union Realty Company, which was organized to take over the Kinney properties at North Bend raised its offer on the amount it would pay to clear all the county's claims for taxes, interest and penalties from \$60,000 to \$70,000, and the court has decided to accept the offer, though all the details of the agreement have not yet been worked out.

In fact another year or until March 1, 1923, has been given the company to get in shape to do business, and meantime the lands will pay no taxes, but it is agreed they shall go on the rolls next year.

The amount now due the county is about \$120,000 so that the loss accepted to close this matter up is practically \$50,000.

The company is to be allowed to sell the property in parcels, paying out eighty per cent of the money received to the county to apply on the \$70,000, but the entire amount is to be paid within one year regardless of whether that much of the property is sold.

Fined \$50 and Costs

Yesterday afternoon District Game Warden Fish took before Justice J. Stanley, Henry Becker, Lewis Dishore, Wm. Smith and J. C. Becker, who were arrested by Mr. Fish a month ago for violating four provisions of the game law regarding deer. They all plead guilty and were fined \$50 and costs apiece but inasmuch as there was only two cents among the four of them they will serve their sentences out in jail at \$2 a day. This sentence will be served prior to any punishment which may be imposed on them in Circuit Court next week for breaking into a cabin above Myrtle Point and stealing some of its contents, for which they were indicted by the grand jury this week.