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TO BE CANDIDATE

Senator Hall Accepts Independent Nomination for Governor of State

Last Saturday evening a convention, variously reported in the Portland papers at from 100 to 160 delegates, met in that city and endorsed Chas. Hall as a candidate for governor. This convention was composed of men who supported Mr. Hall in the primary campaign, who believe in the things for which he stands, and who are firmly convinced that the leading issue in the coming political campaign is the compulsory education bill. Mr. Hall's avowed and oft-repeated advocacy of this bill made him the logical candidate of this convention, and on Monday he accepted the nomination and filed his acceptance with the secretary of state.

Had Walter M. Pierce, the democratic candidate, come out flat-footedly and wholeheartedly in favor of the compulsory school bill it is probable that no other candidate would have been brought out, nor is it probable that Mr. Hall would have accepted the nomination if tendered him.

A campaign of this kind must have a candidate who stands four square in favor of the things the fight is being waged for, and with neither Mr. Olcott nor Mr. Pierce endorsing the school bill, there was nothing to do but choose another candidate.

There is a statute which forbids a candidate, defeated at a primary election, from entering the race at the general election as an independent candidate, and this applies no matter what the means used to defeat him.

Secretary of State Koser will undoubtedly refer the matter to Attorney General Brown before deciding whether to certify Mr. Hall's name as a candidate for governor to the county clerk of the state. Should Mr. Brown's decision be that Mr. Hall's name cannot be printed on the ballot, the committee having his campaign in charge will immediately appeal to the supreme court for a mandamus to compel the placing of his name on the ballot.

Should Mr. Brown's decision be favorable to Mr. Hall, there is the other possibility that either the democratic or republican state committee will ask for an injunction against allowing his name to go on the ballot. It looks like a supreme court test whichever way Mr. Brown decides.

The ground on which the mandamus proceedings would be instituted is that the law, referred to above, is unconstitutional.

But, whatever the result of this legal campaign, there is one thing certain. The primary law should be changed so as to prevent the wholesale desertion of one party by its adherents on election day, when they are more vitally interested in the nomination of candidates in the other party. Officials should not be elected at a primary election, but each party is supposed to nominate candidates of its faith to oppose one another at the general election and a death bed, or election day, transfer or party allegiance does not carry out the spirit of the primary law.

Dr. H. W. Irwin to Speak

The Coquille Health Association will hold its first regular meeting next Tuesday, September 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the city hall.

Dr. H. W. Irwin, recently appointed county health officer, will address the association and explain the new health plan just being introduced.

If the school inspection is completed by that date a report of the general health conditions of the Coquille schools and will no doubt prove very interesting to parents especially.

Mrs. Irwin has had extensive experience in welfare work and has kindly consented to meet the association at this time.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in public health work.

County Agent Leader Here

W. L. Kaddery, of O. A. C., who he is head of the county agent work in Oregon was a caller Wednesday. He was on his way to the Myrtle Point fair, and wanted to know how our people felt about losing the services of a county agent this year. We discussed taxation and some other problems the people of Oregon are now up against without arriving at any plan for settling them.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

Club to Meet Thursday

Next Thursday evening at the meeting of the Commercial Club here, M. J. Duryea, the "Trouble Man" of the State Chamber of Commerce will be here—not to make trouble for our club, but the other way about. If we have any matters here about which we are uncertain or any problems to consider, he is the man we want to meet. As secretary-manager of the organization and service department of the state chamber he is the one selected to tackle such problems and will certainly be able to make valuable suggestions to our club membership. He will have something to say that we all want to hear. Don't fail to be out to meet him next Thursday evening. He is to visit the Bandon Community Club next Tuesday evening and is expected to meet the commercial organization at the bay after his visit here.

Secretary Newman, of the Commercial Club, received a telephone message from Mr. Duryea this morning that he would not be able to be here until Thursday evening of next week so the regular club meeting will be postponed from Wednesday to Thursday.

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

COMMEND THE NEW DAM

J. C. Stevens, of the firm of Stevens & Koon, of Portland, supervising engineers of the dam now being built by the city of Coquille at the headwaters on Rink creek, was here last Monday accompanied by Mr. Murray, chief engineer of the Union Pacific at Portland. Mr. Stevens brought Mr. Murray down here at his own expense to look over the project and give his opinion as to the probable success of the improvement as a storage reservoir.

Mr. Murray, who gave the impression of being a very practical engineer, stated that from his observations there was no question but that the dam would stand, and do just what it is expected of it—impound 40,000,000 gallons of water without a leak.

Work is progressing more rapidly up there now and a few weeks of good weather yet will allow Contractor Gidley to get the dam built.

Tunnels have been driven into the solid earth which forms a large part of the dam, 44 feet on the upper and 28 feet on the lower side being the depth of the bores. Drain pipes have been packed in these tunnels and these will act as drains to lead off all water which might otherwise cause a cave-in.

This morning it was expected to get the foundation for the gate tower started, although the building of this tower can be done at any time.

The clearing and grubbing of the bed of the reservoir is progressing but it is not yet finished, nor is there any rush about that. The main thing is to get all masonry work at the base of the dam completed and the earth moved into position before a week's rain sets in.

Had a Narrow Escape

Frank Dungey had a narrow escape Tuesday when changing the chlorine tank up at the reservoir. The tank was nearly empty but he took the precaution to stand so that the wind would blow the fumes away from him. Suddenly, however, the wind shifted and he got the full benefit of the gas. It nearly knocked him down and rendered breathing extremely difficult. He started down town for Dr. Hamilton's office and by the time he got there was very nearly overcome by the effect of the gas on his lungs. Medical treatment relieved him and he is now fully recovered.

Dr. Bunch Learning Farming

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Bunch were visitors at the B. A. Roberts' ranch at Fairview last Sunday where the doctor found that although he can drive a car he has not yet qualified as a tractor operator. He climbed on to the Cletrac Mr. Roberts owns and in starting it up accidentally threw it into reverse. The tractor backed over a large sled, smashing it to bits and was headed for the fence and embankment when the owner got to it and shut it off. The doctor took a few more lessons, however, and was soon able to turn it around on a pocket handkerchief.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Next Year's Tax Needs Set at \$26,820—Levy Will Be 3 Mills Less Than Last

The budget committee for school district No. 8 met at the First National Bank last evening and prepared the budget for the ensuing year.

The total amount necessary to be raised, as estimated by the committee, is \$61,598.88. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes, high school tuition fees, state and county school funds, etc., is placed at \$34,777.94, leaving a balance of \$26,820.94 to be raised by direct tax. Figuring on last year's assessed valuation this means a total school rate in Coquille of 21.4 mills. Last year the amount raised by taxation was \$30,266, and the rate was 24.2 mills.

The amount to be raised for the current year, \$61,598.88 appears at first glance to be unnecessarily high, but when it is taken into consideration that there are outstanding warrants of over \$23,000 it can be readily seen why the estimate is so high. And the \$23,000 would be completely wiped out were all the 1920 and 1921 taxes paid in full. On the 30th day of June there were delinquent for those two years the total of \$24,613.94, much of it being due from the largest taxpayers in the district.

This amount of delinquent taxes also makes necessary the raising of about \$1500 a year to pay interest on outstanding warrants.

Right there is a point where the tax law is very lame. When delinquent taxes are paid into the county, the added penalty and interest must accompany them. But the county treasury is as far as the interest and penalty gets, for the county keeps it, on the advice of its auditor, and merely passes on the face of the tax to the district entitled to it. And then that district must levy an additional amount to pay interest on its outstanding warrants, made necessary by the non-payment of a portion of the taxes. Why the county should be entitled to the penalty and interest is something not clear to the average citizen.

Next week the budget will be published in full. The date of the meeting at which it will be submitted to the qualified voters is Monday, Oct. 16.

Was This a K. K. K. Meeting?

Parties returning from Myrtle Point last Wednesday evening tell of seeing a blazing cross on the hillside near Norway and of the flicker of lights as people moved back and forth in front of it. No estimate could be made of the number of people there although it is said that somewhere near a hundred cars were parked in an adjacent field, indicating the presence of five or six hundred people. Whether or not it was a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan is not known, but the bright cross would seem to indicate that it was.

Many people here in town also report seeing a pillar of flame on the hill above the city reservoir here the same evening accompanied by the shooting of sky rockets. As the flame died down it outlined a cross, which burned for a few moments and then gradually faded out.

Fireplace in the Park

M. O. Hooton has completed the brick work on the fireplace, which the Park commission has had built in the Myrtle Grove for the pleasure of campers. A little later two furnaces for cooking purposes will be built, one on either side of the fireplace.

The committee contemplates also installing a coil in the fireplace and fitting up a room for shower baths just at the rear. A rustic summer house in front of the fireplace is another contemplated feature.

They Paid the Fines

L. S. Leach, inspector from the State Dairy and Food Commissioner's office at Portland, has been in Coos county the past week. The only complaints as to unsanitary conditions yet filed were against the owners of slaughter houses in this section. Two of them appeared in Justice Stanley's court on Monday and paid fines of \$10 and costs.

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

THE COUNTY FAIR

Splendid Weather and Big Attendance—Stock Show Numbers 200 Animals

On account of the county fair at Myrtle Point, business houses at Marshfield and North Bend were closed yesterday and the highway through Coquille saw a constant stream of vehicles from the bay for several hours. The weather was perfect and hundreds of people availed themselves of the opportunity for an outing.

The racing at the fair is said to be the best ever—fully as good as will be seen at the state fair at Salem.

One of the horses which is attracting much attention is a thoroughbred owned by J. L. Knight. This is a colt, Joey G., bred by Elmer K., a \$100,000 horse, which won twelve prizes during the season in New York and New Orleans, and which when a colt was owned by Mr. Knight. Joey G. and his dam are both being shown by Mr. Knight.

About 200 head of dairy and beef cattle are on exhibition, including a fine display of Jerseys, which constitute the leading breed in this valley. There are also lots of Shorthorns.

John Whobray, of Broadbent, has quite a display of the milkers of this breed and Brownson Bros., of Bridge, have two bulls, two heifers and a cow of the milking shorthorns which are fine animals. T. V. Thompson also has a bull in this class.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. M. Aasen, owners of the Daisy View farm at Arago, have a booth of their own where everything shown is produced on the one farm. Mr. and Mrs. Aasen are both at the fair looking after the exhibit which is certainly a most creditable one and shows what can be done in the way of diversified farming.

They have a very attractive booth lined with specimens of grain, grasses, and corn including the popular Canary grass. They also have a fine exhibit of fruit, both fresh and canned—pears, peaches, plums and seven varieties of apples. The vegetable collection includes pop corn, three varieties of potatoes, carrots, beets, string beans, turnips, hops, herbs and three varieties of dried beans.

Then Mrs. Aasen has a flock of Plymouth Rock and White Leghorn chickens, with eggs of different colors tastily arranged.

Altogether it is model farm exhibit, reflecting credit on Mr. and Mrs. Aasen.

Brick Work Nearly Done

The brick work on the Masonic Temple is now completed to the top of the second story and the carpenters are busy placing the rafters and supports for the roof over the front part of the structure. At the rear, from the west partition line of the lodge room, the building will be three stories in height and more tile will have to be laid there as well the building of the fire wall.

Contractor Graham is not promising when the building will be ready to turn over to the lodge, but he expects to have it done some time next month.

Former Resident Visits Here

Charles Marshall, of Kansas, who was up here visiting his sister, Mrs. C. R. Barrow, made the Sentinel a call yesterday. He will be remembered by many Coquille people as he spent a summer here seven years ago. He is now approaching his eighty-eighth birthday but looks younger now than he did then. He is spending most of his time on the coast with his older brother, John B. Marshall, of Bandon, but expects to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Longston, at Granger, Washington, before going back east.

Bakery Truck in the Ditch

The Oregon Bakery delivery truck, belonging to S. Gallas went over the grade near the depot while the south-bound passenger train was here Monday morning. The driver had just loaded his Myrtle Point shipment on the cars and started up when the auto ran down into the hole just east of the depot. The driver was not hurt, but the truck turned over, mashing the fenders, bending the radiator back and breaking the windshield. It was hauled out at once and taken to Long's Machine Shop for repairs.

Sunday the Hottest

Sunday was the hottest day the writer has ever experienced in nine summers spent in Coos county. There was not a breath of air stirring and the heat was an unpleasant reminder to those formerly living in the east of former days.

The thermometer in front of Hudson's Drug Store, where it got the reflected heat of the street, registered 104 degrees. That on the north side of Bigelow's pop corn stand reached 94 and on the shady side of a residence in the north part of town the mercury climbed to 91 degrees.

Out at McKinley a high record of 98 degrees was reported, and all over the state record-breaking weather was reported.

Monday was a little more bearable, although still uncomfortable, but since then the sea breezes have kept the temperature at a more equable level.

Pierce to Speak Twice

Senator Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, who is to speak at the fair at Myrtle Point tomorrow (Saturday) at one o'clock, will speak at Bandon the same evening, probably at the theatre between shows.

WILL RETURN FOR HIS TRIAL

When Chandler, the forger who escaped from the county jail here a few weeks ago after assaulting Jailer E. H. Kern, was apprehended in Sulsum, Calif., the first of this week, where he is now being held for Coos county officials, it bore out the truth of one statement he made, in a letter he left, that he would be back for his trial. The following note addressed to Sheriff Ellingsen was found after his escape:

"Coquille, Ore., August 18, 1922. "Say Ed: Don't worry, I will be back for my treble. There is no use to look for me for there is a fellow going 2 take me out of the country. Yours truly, J. C. Chandler."

Sheriff Ellingsen will leave tomorrow in his car for Sulsum, expecting to be gone eight days. He will visit a sister in Oakland before returning with his prisoner.

Chandler was guilty of passing a fraudulent check on The Hub at Marshfield for \$45, part of it going for a suit of clothes and the balance being paid him in cash. The clothes were recovered by The Hub after his arrest but they got no money back. Another bogus check for \$35 was found on him at the time of his arrest.

514 in Coquille Schools

The enrollment in the Coquille public schools was yesterday 514, an increase of 13 over the same day last year. In the high school it is now 133, as against 128 a year ago, and in the grades 381 at present, where the opening week last year showed a total of 373.

The attendance in high school is divided into the following classes: Post graduate, 1; Seniors, 19; Juniors, 28; Sophomores, 33; Freshmen 52.

In the seventh and eighth grades, taught by Misses Thora Pederson and Emma M. Rasmussen, there are 91 pupils—46 in one grade and 45 in the other. This is too many for any teacher to do justice to, and although these two ladies were willing to get along the best way possible, Superintendent Parr and Miss Ahlson will assist in those two grades, as well as handle their own work in the high school.

Warning by the Postmaster

Postmaster Leneve has received a letter warning the local merchants not to cash money orders given to them by strangers. Throughout the state of Washington and in some parts of Oregon, persons have been stealing money order blanks from the postoffices, filling them out and cashing them at stores. This means a loss which the postoffice will not make up. Forged money orders will not be made good at the local postoffice so the merchants are warned to be particularly careful about cashing any money orders offered.

Everyone Satisfied!

Not one complaint has yet been filed with the Board of Equalization which met last Monday. Either everyone is satisfied with the valuation of his property, or the date the board meets has been forgotten.

ROSEBURG ROAD

Gravelling Being Hurried—Grading Yet to Be Done in Camas Valley

A ride over the state highway from Roseburg to Coquille Wednesday morning showed work to be progressing rapidly all the way and a determination to utilize the prevailing fine weather to the utmost possible extent. Perhaps a half dozen camps are the centers of activity and the force at a single one of them in the canyon one day last week spread 218 cubic yards of gravel on the road. With 27 yards for fifty linear feet this meant 400 feet covered that day and from a quarter to half a mile on the road east of Myrtle Point.

In Coos county the difficult grading has all been finished, though we found a couple of heavy teams and plow at work at Bridge. With good weather for the next six weeks the gravelling can certainly be finished on that part of the line; and the Scandia people are making up for lost time between here and Myrtle Point. The hitherto narrow stretch between Johnson's Mill and Glen Aiken creek is now like a boulevard and the road is being rapidly graded from the Mill westward.

The only section that will not be on line and grade before winter is in the Camas mountain section in Douglas county, where the right of way has been cleared but the surface remains just as Nature left it. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, mudholes here will appear with the fall rains and the detours still to be made will not be much better as the planking on the old route over the mountain is about worn out.

Of course, we had all hoped to see this road finished this fall for winter travel; but next May or June ought to put the road in such shape that what remains to complete its grading and gravelling will only be a few weeks' work. The winter of 1923-24 will certainly find us linked up by an all seasons road with the Pacific highway and the rest of the world.

Joy Ride Cost Something

Sunday afternoon M. J. Hartson left his Chevrolet truck standing in front of the Coquille Hardware Co., while he went out hunting in another car. During his absence Clarence Miller, known as the "Wildcat," Carmel Sanders and others, borrowed it for a joy ride. When Mr. Hartson returned he found the car was out of commission, the gears having been stripped. A little inquiry gave him the information that Miller was the one who had "borrowed" the car, so on Monday he filed a complaint in Justice Stanley's court. Miller, who works at the Fat Elk logging camp, heard of it and being sobered up by that time, hunted up Hartson, apologized for using the car, and said he would pay for having it repaired. Mr. Hartson thereupon requested the judge to hold the case in abeyance and when the repairs have been made and paid for he will ask that the case be dismissed.

Jack Juzs Leases Courier

Jack Juzs, for many years one of the Sentinel force, and who since leaving Coquille has been publishing the Gold Beach Reporter, has just taken a lease of the Crescent City Courier, Judge Childs' paper, and will take charge of it at once. He has secured another man to publish the Reporter and will devote all his time to the California paper. A portion of the latter will henceforth be devoted to Brookings, which will be more largely represented in this way than by the page heretofore devoted to it in the Reporter.

Will Ask for an Injunction

At the session of the Circuit court here next Tuesday Judge Coke will hear the application for an injunction by the people living south of that town in the Port Orford school district. Some pupils live as much as eight miles away from the school house in that direction and the court is asked to enjoin the transportation of pupils from the north end of the district unless those at the south end are furnished the same sort of service.

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