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New Cases in Circuit Court

Oct. 7.—Myrtle Noah, now Myrtle Beyers, vs. M. T. Aasen, Lottie Aasen, State Industrial Accident Commission and Dennis McCarthy.
Oct. 9.—Clare A. Ross vs. P. W. Goodman and B. G. Looney.

Oct. 11.—C. O. Goney vs. Frank D. Cohan.

The case of Daisy M. Smith vs. Walter C. Smith, who is in the county jail here, was heard by Judge Coke in Circuit court Tuesday. He granted the divorce and allowed the plaintiff the custody of the three minor children, her suit costs, \$100 alimony and \$75 a month for the support of the children.

If you want the Portland Telegram in connection with the Sentinel, we can save you some money.

MYRTLE POINT ITEMS

The football game played here with Bandon Saturday ended with a score of 49-6 in favor of Myrtle Point High School. The second game of the season will be played here with Marshfield Saturday, Oct. 14. Everyone should not fail to turn out and see what the score of this game will be. It promises to be a very exciting game.

Mrs. Chas. Young and daughters, Doris and Erma, accompanied by Christina Halpern, were up from Bandon to attend the football game Saturday.

Henry Schroeder was called to Powers Sunday by the death of Mrs. Porter, of that place. The funeral was held from the church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Porter came to Powers from The Dalles last April.

Joe Knight Jr. and family moved to Powers this week, where they will live this winter.

Mrs. Pearl Pressler came over from Marshfield Sunday to get her son, Gene, who has been going to school here. He will now enter the Marshfield schools.

Mrs. Hattie McDonald visited friends in Powers this week.

Mrs. James Guerin is not doing as well as was expected and so will be taken to Portland this week to consult a specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Endicott went to Bandon this week, where they have taken a cottage for the coming month. They will spend most of their time fishing.

Miss Alice Young was up from Bandon over the week end visiting friends.

W. W. Nye left Portland on a business trip this week.

Mirra Reed is getting along nicely now. She fell and broke her arm last week.

The five months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, of Powers, died Wednesday evening after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held from the Schroeder Chapel Thursday and the interment was in the Norway cemetery.

The High School Girls' basket ball team began practice this week with G. H. Noeler for their coach.

Items From Arago.

Miss Hokema has been quite ill since the institute, with symptoms of tonsillitis. Miss Evelyn Woodward and Miss Emily Schroeder has been teaching the primary room during Miss Hokema's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hampton and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. E. E. Hampton motored out to the valley Tuesday, visiting the state fair and friends at Salem, Albany and Eugene, returning home Saturday night. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schroeder moved their household goods to Myrtle Point Tuesday for shipment to Granada, Calif., where they expect to go next week and make their home there.

Mrs. E. J. Myers has been ill for some time.

Last week Ben Moomaw accompanied by Miss Nettie Halter and Mrs. Stanley Halter visited Marshfield and returned with a high powered auto, the Jewett, which is a fine car.

Some are questioning why it is that we have to vote on compulsory education when we already have such a law covering the same ground as this measure calls for?

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green were visiting at the homes of Ben Moomaw and Stanley Halter last week.

The following families visited at Empire and Mr. and Mrs. Will Stauff accompanied them to visit the light house at Cape Arago and Bastendof's: J. D. Carl and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Schroeder and A. H. Bender and family, of Coquille.

Two Cougars Killed

Ike and Edward Allen returned from a hunting party in the Bone Mountain section the first of the week. One day while out they had considerable sport with their two hounds which trailed and treed two cougars. The men, when they caught up with the dogs, shot and killed the cougars. One measures nine feet in length while the other measured eight and a half feet. They also got several coons which their dogs treed.
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Much Taxes; No Road at All

About thirty years ago a Fat Elk farmer balked on going to town backwards as he called rowing a boat. So he consulted A. J. Sherwood about the correct procedure of obtaining a road. First he wanted a road from Flattrap down to Coquille thence down the river as far as Lampa. But he had so much opposition that after he had met with failure several times he dropped off the upper part of the road and fought for the lower part only. When I said fought I meant fought. Petition after petition was written and posted and as many times killed on some little technicality or other.

Friends almost became enemies over the road proposition. But after a time all the little catches were overcome and a petition was granted for a road beginning at the foot of C street, Coquille, and crossing the river to proceed down the river bank to what is now the Hathaway place and thence down the foothills to Lampa.

After the petition had been granted the same map, with a young man not much more than a boy, one day blazed a way over the proposed road. It was surveyed in three days or less by the county surveyor, Mr. Cathcart, and his survey was almost identical with the blazes, as many recent ones have been. The court ordered the road forty feet in width to be built.

Well do I remember the first wagon passing over the road from Fat Elk to Coquille. It was in July, 1902. Father, mother and I with my six weeks old baby went to town with the hay rack on the wagon. So grudgingly had they given the road that many of the gates had not been removed, but I also remember several being taken out that day by that wide hay rack.

Our county court was fair by us and appointed road supervisors that were not afraid to work and knew something about filling up ruts, making bridges which did not go off with the first rise of water, and allowed material such as the sand rock that lies along the foothills to be used in filling bad places.

Those days taxes were not so high and we could not afford to throw away what was needed to make a bed for the road. We people along the foothills began to feel very good with ourselves and everyone was willing to do his part towards making the road a good one.

Every place along the river bank which was beginning to cut by the wash of the water occasioned by the waves made by the steamboats were piled with piling and brush was anchored and weighted down to prevent further cutting.

Taxes began to come up a little, still no one grumbled. From time to time the court was changed and all of a sudden there was a great change in road work.

We must have a county roadmaster, a state engineer. Of course, taxes had to keep climbing higher to pay for him and any one the court might give a job to could be road overseer. The roadmaster did not appear to know anything about roads except to draw his pay. Less and less work has been done on the road year after year until this year there was no road supervisor in this section and about all the work which has been done was done by law breakers working out their fine and no one to direct. As a result I would ask the business men, the county court and any others who are interested in roads to come over the road from Coquille to Fat Elk crossing.

The last few years the road has been surveyed not less than fifteen times and all the times taxes are rising but the court does not so much as authorize a wagonload of rock put into the holes that are trying to cut through to China. The river bank is carving off and nothing done but surveying it.

Now we have talk of a temporary road but nothing done except surveying another time.

All Flanders made bridges which were anchored and lasted twenty years. Now it takes about twenty bridges a year without anchorage and they are either gone or in a bad condition. Another rain of a few days and the road will be closed until next June.

A splendid outlook for taxpayers along the road.

Does anyone feel like fighting?

Surely! Where shall we begin? We go to the polls and vote for the man who says "If I am judge, I'll stand for economy and good roads." Each commissioner says, "I stand for economy and good roads." But when they sit in their office chairs they forget what they stood for and start in spending public money extravagantly on more surveying. So again I say where shall we begin to fight?

It makes a man—or at least a woman—want to go gunning sometimes when they think of being shut in for six months of the winter and the only way to get out will be to go by steamboat or else to "go backwards."

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