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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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FOR BAXTER SITE

The Vote is Practically Unanimous on the New Hotel Location

There were over fifty citizens in attendance at the Commercial Club meeting Wednesday evening at which the subject of a new hotel for Coquille was the principal order of business.

No direct result in the way of starting a building proposition was achieved, the nearest to it being the standing vote taken on the motion, "We consider the Baxter site the best location for a hotel at this time." Thirty-three votes were cast in favor of the motion, two against and from 15 to 20 did not vote at all.

While many of those voting in favor of the Baxter site were not of the opinion that this site was the best for a strictly hotel location, they were actuated in their decision by the knowledge that as a business venture, with four store rooms to rent, there is not a better site in town.

Since the meeting J. E. Norton states that with the favorable support indicated by that vote, he and his associates will close the deal for the purchase of the land and will attempt at once the formation of a stock company to finance the building of a hotel. Whether the new structure will cover the 200 feet frontage on Taylor street, or will be built on one corner now, will depend on how much stock is subscribed. In any event, the first unit constructed will be of such a nature that an additional unit on the other corner can be built when necessity demands it.

When President Noel, of the club, asked for reports from the committee appointed to secure prices on sites, O. C. Sanford and H. A. Young gave way to Mr. Norton who had prices on two sites to submit. One was the Baxter site, at \$3,000, as published in the Sentinel last week. The other was the Mrs. J. A. Collier property on Front street, which she offered for \$5,000 and of which she would take \$1000 in stock. He stated that he was willing to turn his option over to any company that might be organized to build a hotel, and then went on to tell why the town needs an up-to-date hotel and of the necessity for creating a favorable impression on tourists who might be induced to invest here if the impression of the town's progressiveness was favorable. He urged all to unite on one project and get busy at once.

R. H. Mast followed with the statement that the most imperative need for Coquille is a new hotel; that all must get together and iron out their differences, and that he considered the Baxter site, as a business proposition, the best.

H. L. White took exceptions to the opinions stated and declared the Sentinel corner to be the logical place for a hotel, the natural growth of the town, of necessity, being away from the river.

A. J. Sherwood seconded the suggestion of the Sentinel corner, declaring that he would rather put \$4 in a hotel on this site than \$1 for a building on the Baxter site. The Sentinel corner, being a square lot, would permit a better arranged hotel. More than that he expected to see Second street in ten or fifteen years lined with business blocks, and that then the hotel would be in the heart of the business district.

He thought, though, that Coquille could not invest forty or fifty or sixty thousand dollars in a hotel, but must induce some live hotel man to come here and invest his own money, the city if necessary furnishing him a lot as a bonus.

W. G. Brandon spoke in favor of the Baxter location, and Mr. Norton and Mr. Sherwood each addressed the meeting several times.

It remained for H. L. White, of the Machon Hotel, to bring matters to a head by declaring that if Coquille builds a hotel he would like to lease and furnish it. He would invest \$35,000 in the furnishings, would guarantee 4 per cent for the first five years on the investment and 8 per cent for the second five, but must have the privilege of buying it at the end of ten years. He would, however, have something to say about its location.

The vote mentioned above was taken immediately afterward.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

Not Yet Secured

Judge Wade says that the matter of securing rights of way from the bridge here to the Hathaway place is not progressing as rapidly as it should, and with only two more meetings of the State Highway Commission this year, on Nov. 21 and Dec. 12, that the letting of the contract will go over until next year unless these matters can be settled promptly. The commission is all ready to advertise for bids as soon as the right of way is secured, but they can't move until the deeds are in hand.

Only five property owners are affected between the bridge and the foothills—Mrs. C. A. McAdams, G. P. Offield, the Russ Investment Co., Mary E. Hathaway and H. M. Tuttle. The court has been unable as yet to even get an acknowledgment of any kind from the Russ people.

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

BOYS PLAY A GOOD GAME

Outplayed but not outgamed, is the best way to describe the North Bend-Coquille high school football game which the Bay team won, 28 to 0. That was the score at the end of the first half, and it was the score at the end of the game, for Coquille held them scoreless in the last half. True, the North Bend team adopted different tactics in the second half and played a more open game, and in that they were no better players than are the boys on the local team.

It was in the first half with straight line bucking and end runs, that their superiority in weight was used with such telling effect. But even when their heavy back field men were crashing through the line and around the ends the local boys played them hard, and held them for downs often than Coquille did the Myrtle Point team.

Coquille lost one honestly made touchdown through an unfortunate occurrence. North Bend had the ball on her thirty yard line, and snapped the ball into play before the umpire, who had chased way down the field, was at his position. North Bend attempted a forward pass which Don Pierce caught and raced across their goal line for a touchdown. But it couldn't be allowed because the ball was not in play, owing to the umpire not being where he should have been. Don made another forty yard run in the second half of the game, but was unable to pass the last man standing on guard.

Today the local boys are playing the Marshfield team on the local grounds so that both teams can see the Myrtle Point-North Bend game at the Bay tomorrow.

Court Figuring on Budget

The county court has not transacted much business this week, except allowing bills and figuring on the budget for next year. The budget committee will meet Nov. 14, and the court will probably adjourn tonight until that date, unless C. B. McCulloch, state highway bridge engineer comes in next week with plans for the bridges to be built next year across Coal Bank slough at Marshfield, across South slough between Empire and Sunset Bay, and across Catching slough on the Coos River road.

Judge Wade says that he is afraid Mr. McCulloch's estimate of cost is going to be higher than the county can afford, especially for the Coal Bank Slough bridge.

The Last Minute Rush

The last minute rush for space in the Sentinel this week was something phenomenal. We certainly hope all our readers who are registered voters will find time before Tuesday morning to "read, mark and inwardly digest" what the candidates and committees have to say to them at the issue at stake in Oregon now.

Five More Road Elections

The county court has granted petitions for five more road district elections to vote special tax, which are to be held on Nov. 25. They are at Broadbent, 27; Bridge, 26; Hauser, 16; South Slough, 8; and Brewster Valley, 14.

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

WE MUST BE GOOD SITKA MAY OPEN

Oregon is on Probation Says U. S. Senator R. N. Stanfield

It was just after "the crime of 1876," as the democrats called it when Zach Chandler succeeded in having Hayes elected in as president when Tilden was elected, that we heard the elder Carter Harrison, so long mayor of Chicago, make a speech at Princeton, Illinois. Harrison had been a fellow member of Congress with James A. Garfield, later president of the United States, and quoted the latter as saying to him when upbraided for the electoral commission by a partisan body which seated Hayes in the presidential chair:

"Well Carter if you had the cards, wouldn't you play them?"

Somehow this remark came to mind after the talk we had last week with Senator Stanfield about conditions in Washington. From what he says, it looks as if things hadn't changed very much at the national capital since James made that honest confession in those unbarbed halls.

For Stanfield says they are simply "playing the game" at the national capital, where the republicans again hold all the ace and bow.

He said that all the big appropriations are going to republican states now that the republicans have control of all branches of the government; and that no matter how much the southern democrats, who were so wonderfully favored under the Wilson administration may complain about it they are getting nothing more than that it is absolutely necessary to give them.

The senator says, too, that the reason that Oregon has received five or six millions of dollars for roads, harbors and other objects from this country—more than any other state except New York with its billions of wealth, is nearly ten millions of people and the billions it has put into the national treasury is that Oregon was the only far western state that didn't vote for Wilson six years ago.

According to the rules of the political game and to encourage other close states to go and do likewise, Oregon is helped heartily to all the best things on the national table. The senator also uttered a significant word of warning in this connection. He said that if Oregon failed to do her political duty and allied with the democrats and elected a governor of that faith as she so often has done in the past, she need expect no continuance of favors at the picnic counter in the future and must expect the severest sort of political discipline.

Not have we the slightest doubt that the senator in this matter is telling the absolute truth. If Oregon isn't good this fall, in the future she may expect to pay for her own roads and harbor improvements or go without them.

Remember, don't you, how many cantonments the Wilson administration built in the south during the war?

Isn't it still true that to the victors belong the spoils?

Six Are Unwedded

Five divorces were granted in the Circuit court here Tuesday and one by Judge Coke in chambers at Marshfield. The plaintiff was granted the decree in each of the following cases: Mae Bell Griffin vs. Brack Griffin; Goldie A. Clinton vs. Austin H. Clinton; and awarded her costs and disbursements.

Lorena M. Barrows vs. L. L. Barrows. She was also granted the minor children and \$35 a month.

Vera Christensen vs. Harold W. Christensen, and her costs and disbursements.

Bessie Reese vs. DeWitt D. Reese, and the plaintiff allowed to resume her maiden name.

Jessie I. Burgess vs. Everett Burgess and plaintiff awarded custody of minor child.

Tri-Weekly Morning Mail

There are three morning mails a week to Bandon now, Monday, Wednesday and Friday—the mornings the night train comes in from Portland. The boat leaves as soon after the arrival of the train at nine o'clock as possible.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

SITKA MAY OPEN

Persistent Rumors That It Has Been Sold to Marshfield Men

There has been a persistent rumor here this week that the former Sitka Lumber mill here has been bought by the Adelsperger-Conrad company of Marshfield, consisting of A. E. Adelsperger and W. J. Conrad. These gentlemen have long been interested in Coos county and have large timber interests in the vicinity of Coquille. So there is nothing intrinsically improbable about this rumor—such to the contrary. We have not, however, been able to verify it, and give it for what it is worth.

The mill is at present practically owned by the Hibernia Bank of Portland, which financed the Sitka company.

Should the reported sale prove true it would no doubt result in the speedy starting of the lower mill and its continued operation for years to come, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

It is said that when it is opened the daily cut will be from 100,000 to 150,000 feet of lumber, which will mean the steady employment of at least a hundred laborers. How that would stimulate the business of this part of the valley it takes no prophet to tell.

Services Appreciated

The following is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the common council of this city last Friday evening at a special meeting:

Whereas, On the night of Oct. 23, 1922, a disastrous fire occurred in the city of Coquille, practically destroying the Baxter Hotel; and

Whereas, at such fire the fire departments of the cities of Coquille and of Marshfield and of Myrtle Point rendered very valuable and heroic service in extinguishing said fire and in preventing its spread to other parts of the city; and

Whereas, the Commercial Club of the City of Coquille is making a donation to the several fire departments above mentioned, in token of the appreciation of their said services;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Coquille that a vote of thanks be and the same is hereby tendered to each of the said fire departments and to each individual member thereof, for the valuable and efficient work performed at said time;

Be it further resolved, that as a slight token of appreciation in this regard, the sum of \$50 is donated to the several said fire departments, and the mayor and city recorder are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant on the General Fund of the City of Coquille in favor of the Coquille Commercial Club, to be so used by said Commercial Club in addition to the donation made by said Commercial Club, to be divided among the said several fire departments as said Commercial Club shall see fit.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be mailed to each of the said fire departments.

Recovered The Tire

The night of the Baxter Hotel fire H. S. Cadman left his car, with a new Royal Cord tire on the back, standing near John Miller's residence. When he returned the tire on the back was gone. Last Sunday he saw the track of a new Royal Cord tire near his place on the highway and following it, came to a car, owned by Ben Kennedy near the Bestul place. The number on the tire corresponded with the number of the tire stolen from his car.

Cadman notified Deputy Sheriff Malehorn, who went down and arrested Kennedy. When taken before Justice Stanley the latter pleaded not guilty, but was released from jail a couple of days ago on the deposit of a \$100 cash bail.

Garbage Can Busting

The Daily News of Marshfield makes the veracious statement that Coquille's garbage can isn't large enough to hold the Portland Telegrams that our voters deposit there in as they come out of the postoffice; but embellishes it with the slight exaggeration that the city marshal is asking for additional help to dispose of this rubbish.

Looking Over Highway

An engineer from the highway department of the state was in Coquille the first of the week getting all kinds of statistics as to the resources and products of Coos and Curry counties. Later he went down into Curry. It was elicited from him that the commission is collecting these statistics to show that the Coast or Roosevelt Highway will not be strictly a scenic road, but that it will exert a strong influence in advertising the commercial interests of southwestern Oregon.

That the State Commission intends to go through with the Roosevelt Highway is still further evidenced by the agreement recently made in writing with the county court, to give Coos county credit for all the \$300,000 bond issue of last year, for the money expended on the Coquille river bridge, for the work done at Lampas on the Bandon road, and for money spent on the Bandon South road. The agreement has been oral heretofore but is now made a matter of record.

SHOT, BUT NOT FATALLY

Milas M. Goodman was yesterday released from the county jail on \$1,000 bonds furnished by Geo. T. Moulton, C. T. Skelley and Carl Goodman. When taken before Justice Joehnk at the Bay yesterday he waived his hearing and bond was fixed in the above amount.

The offense, with which he is charged is assault with a deadly weapon on the person of Carmel Sanders. The shooting occurred about nine o'clock last Friday night on Front street between Brandon's Confectionery and Roy Neal's pool hall. The men had been over at Empire in the afternoon and were both intoxicated. On the way back they had a friendly scuffle in the par, during which Sanders struck Goodman on the jaw, according to Sanders' statement, and it was due to this fracas that Sanders ascribes the shooting.

When they got out of the car Goodman went in search of a gun and in five minutes returned and called Sanders out of the pool hall. After a few words Goodman pulled the gun, a .32, and shot Sanders at close range, the bullet glancing off his ribs, and being afterwards found by Dr. Hamilton in his shirt.

Although Sanders dropped like a log when shot, and those first on the scene thought he was dead, he soon recovered consciousness, and in the course of an hour was apparently O. K. There is a small red spot on his abdomen where the bullet struck. The thinks his life was saved by a map he had fastened inside his shirt with a safety pin. This map was given him by one of the prisoners in the county jail and showed the location of a liquor cache.

Goodman was arrested by Night Officer John E. Perrott and remained in jail until taken before Justice Joehnk yesterday.

John Demos In For It

John Demos is in the toils again on a liquor charge—his second offense as a moonshiner. He was captured at Beaver Hill Sunday night by Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Malehorn and Constable Fry and on Tuesday pleaded guilty in Justice Stanley's court and was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail.

The officers went over there that evening to get Demos, but some one must have tipped him off, for as they were going up the hill to his house he ran out the back door with a sack of booze and a gallon jug. They waited for him and he soon came back, but when the sheriff grabbed him he showed fight and refused to get up when he was overpowered. Mr. Malehorn snapped a pair of cuffs on one wrist and dragged him down the hill and through the mud on the run. He was given another chance then to get up and tell where he had hidden the booze, but still refused to do either, so Malehorn gave him another slide, and he was then locked in an empty box car.

They went back to his place and soon discovered where he had cached the liquor and in his house captured his still and several gallons of mash.

When Demos is arrested for the third offense there will be nothing but the pen for him, for the statutes provide that a man convicted for the third time be sentenced to state's prison.

See the Liberty Theatre program on page three.

JOHN GETS EVEN

Pete Miller and His Bride Are Arrested on A Fake Charge

Pete Miller and his bride had a thrilling experience in Portland last Friday evening, which turned out all right, but had the groom sweating profusely for a few hours. Soon after their arrival at the hotel, to which they were trailed by a couple of city detectives, the patrol wagon backed up to the place where they were stopping and an uniformed officer went up to their room and asked Pete if his name was Miller. The groom acknowledged the coin and the cop then wanted to know who the woman was with him. Upon being assured that it was the bride of a few hours, the officer replied:

"That's what they all say; you'll have to come with me to the station."

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were then given a free ride to police headquarters, where Pete was locked up with the wobbles and I. W. Wa. for an hour. He was then taken up before Chief of Police Jenkins for trial. He showed his license and other papers in support of his claim that he and his bride were man and wife, but Chief Jenkins declared that it would take the certification of the County Clerk of Coos county that the papers were correct to convince him of their reliability and proposed holding Pete in jail for several days until the papers could be sent down to Coquille and returned.

About this time, with visions of his honeymoon spent in the battle, Pete began to squirm and sweat like a nigger at election, but a little later the chief decided that if he would set up a dinner at the Imperial, he might be dismissed. Pete was agreeable but said later that he thought every policeman in Portland must have gotten wise for there were about thirty of the city's finest who responded to the invitation.

The plot for the arrest was of course laid in Coquille, and Brother John must figure that he has pretty nearly squared accounts. Dr. V. L. Hamilton wired his brother-in-law, an officer in the police department to capture the couple and give them the third degree.

The happy couple are expected home Sunday from their eventful trip to the state's metropolis.

Straw Votes in Valley

Over 100 votes have been cast at the Variety Shop in the straw vote which E. L. Perrott has been conducting there for the past week. The results at ten o'clock this morning showed the following standing of candidates for governor, representative and county judge:

Governor
Olcott 8
Pierce 104
Representative

Bennett 32
King 77
County Judge

Mast 109
Topping 3
The ballot box will be kept open until tomorrow evening. Every voter has registered before casting his or her ballot.

When the straw balloting was closed at the Harlocker Pharmacy in Myrtle Point yesterday the vote stood:

For Governor
Pierce 94
Olcott 22

For County Judge
Mast 83
Topping 30

School Bill
Yes 99
No 19

Repeats Automatically

Paul Gates, manager of the Coos and Curry telephone company, announces that a new telephone repeater was installed in the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's office at Roseburg about a month ago. This has been thoroughly adjusted and tried out and is found to have increased the efficiency of toll conversation to a considerable extent. In fact patrons are now able to carry on a conversation to far distant points without any difficulty.

The management of the two companies has also worked out a new system on calling and calls are not relayed which increases the speed as well as the efficiency.