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## ROAD IS CLOSED

### No More Travel Over It to Roseburg After Next Monday

We can hardly say that it is with regret we learn that the Roseburg road between Rock Creek and Camas valley is to be closed for the winter next Monday. Having ridden over that road in September we know very well how much it lacks of being finished at this time and can understand how greatly it would be damaged by continuous travel during the rainy season. Of course, it would be good to know that it was in shape now for year round travel, but to keep it open would cost the state thousands and perhaps tens of thousands of dollars to repair damage next spring, for in many places the first coating of gravel would be cut up and practically disappear during the winter. Better close it now before the damage is done.

In the highway commission's statement explaining why immediate closing of this road is necessary it says:

The state highway commission has issued the following regarding the closing of the road:

"It is with considerable regret that we find it necessary to close the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway between Rock Creek and Camas valley for winter travel on December 4, 1932.

"As is well known the entire road is under contract and incomplete only the base course being on except between Myrtle Point and Bridge where the road has both courses on for the greater part of the distance.

"The road is being closed for three reasons: (1) To save and protect rock now on. (2) Closing now, before rock is badly cut up, will mean an early opening in the spring. (3) To save large amount of cost that would be required to place road in shape in the spring, in addition to heavy winter maintenance.

"We will keep maintenance men on the road all winter keeping ditching and other work in order as practical and economical during the rainy period, which will help to insure an early opening in the spring.

"The number of cars using the road is small. During the past week of exceptionally good weather there have been from 18 to 30 through cars per day, but during the rains only 10 to 12 made the trip. With the probability of slides that may delay travel, the number of cars would no doubt decrease further.

"Contractors will be on the work at an early date in the spring and the road should be complete in three months from the time they start."

## Sent to Training School

Earl Phillips was arrested on Monday for stealing the auto of Jas. L. Ferry on the night of November 11. The auto was left by Mr. Ferry in front of the Elks building in Marshfield and when it was needed it had disappeared. In the car was also a suit case and an overcoat belonging to Mr. Ferry. Phillips, who is only 16, has admitted the theft of the auto but has not as yet accounted for the other articles.

Phillips was at the Emery Bros. Service Station with a battery to be repaired. It is stated that the battery was taken from a car on the Powers road near Camp 6. The auto was found parked on the street in Myrtle Point—American.

Phillips was tried by Judge Wade in the Juvenile Court here Wednesday and committed to the State Training School for boys.

## Hotel Project Winning

The committee having in charge the sale of stock for the new hotel project are meeting with satisfactory success and hopes are entertained that the total of one thousand dollar subscriptions which was set as the goal will be attained next week. No effort has yet been made to secure subscriptions for less than \$1.00.

## Outplays Eugene

In a well played football game over at the Bay yesterday the North Bend High School eleven, champions of Coos County Interscholastic association, won from the Eugene High by a score of 6 to 0. This does not give North Bend the state high school championship but puts them right up with the leaders.

## Will Play For Funds

The board of directors of the Coquille Athletic Association met last Friday evening to make plans for playing football and basketball games this winter to raise money for next year's baseball team. Keith Leslie was appointed captain of the football team, and Harry Oording captain of the basketball team; and they were authorized to arrange dates for games and line up as strong teams as possible.

For the football team there are nearly two dozens of local men who have had considerable football experience. Following are some of those who have signified their intention of participating—Keith Leslie, W. L. Norton, Harry Oording, Pete Miller, Wm. Howell, Ben Currie, Clifford Kern, Ray Jeub, Raymond Archibald, Philip Johnson, Roy and Irving Watson, Arthur Berg, Roy Abbott, Don Pierce, Cliff Perkins, and others.

It is hoped that games can be arranged for Dec. 10th and 17th, Christmas and New Year's, with Bandon, Marshfield and possibly Myrtle Point.

## WHERE IS THIS DISTRICT?

The week beginning December 3rd, has been designated by The Bureau of Education, The American Legion and The National Education Association as "American Education Week." Everyone is urged to cooperate during this week, in an intensive study of educational problems.

"Equality of Opportunity" is listed for special study on Friday, December 3rd. A comparison of two districts lying side by side in the heart of Coquille Valley, will show some of these differences.

One has twenty-three pupils occupying twenty single seats, an old-fashioned building with windows on opposite sides and only two saunas can be moved, consequently ill-ventilated and ill-lighted. The grounds are grown up to brush and the teacher has a view of about one-half the premises from the building. The boy's toilet has fallen over and the brush grown part of the school yard is now used in its stead. Water is carried in a pail from a neighbor's well and because of the difficulty of getting it, hands and faces are not washed as often as desirable. The district pays their teacher \$100 per month for eight months. Did anyone imagine such conditions were possible in this day and age, within two miles of a prosperous Coquille Valley town? Yet these are the facts.

The other district has a fine new building with a basement play room, modern sanitary flush toilets, drinking fountain, large well-ventilated and well-lighted classroom with plenty of seats and to spare. Hot lunch is provided each day, a bubbling fountain is continually inviting the children to drink their fill of pure spring water, the playground is large and well kept with several pieces of play apparatus. This district pays their teacher \$135 per month for nine months. Would anyone say that the children in these two schools have equal opportunities of becoming useful American citizens?

It might be interesting to note as a possible reason for this difference that the latter district has a valuation of almost four times the former.—C. E. Mulkey.

## Want Bridge to Highway

A petition was filed with the City Recorder last Saturday morning requesting the council to build the connection with the Spurgeon street bridge straight through to the highway. It was signed by nearly every one living on Spurgeon Hill, who is anxious to have a bridge connection this year. Such a route is probably more satisfactory to the people generally, too, whose money is to be used in building the bridge.

## Thirty Days and \$250

W. H. Palmer was brought over here from the Bay Tuesday and jailed to serve out a sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$250 and \$3 costs imposed by Justice Joehnk for moonshining. He was arrested by Deputy Malahorn and Constable Goodman near his home on Ross Inlet. The officers were out there on another mission and saw him come out of the brush with a jug containing a half a gallon of moonshine.

## O'BRIEN ESCAPED COQUILLE WINS

### Took French Leave Saturday Morning by Way of Skylight

Some time last Friday night, G. L. O'Brien, who with Theodore Fullam was serving a sentence in the county jail for larceny, escaped and has not been heard of since. It is supposed that the break occurred about four o'clock Saturday morning, for J. T. Noeler, janitor of the old building, heard some one upstairs about that time but supposed it was one of the surveying crew getting his instruments.

When Deputy Malahorn went to look for O'Brien about nine o'clock that morning he was missing. It did not take long, however, to discover which way he went, for the bars under the skylight had been pried aside. After getting on to the roof of the concrete building he had lowered himself to the roof of the "Bridge of Sighs," connecting the two buildings, by the aid of two blankets tied together. It was then an easy matter to raise the skylight in the bridge, drop down on the steps and go out through the main court room, downstairs and out the front door.

That he must have had some help in making his escape is proved by the fact that the blankets were carefully laid down behind the coping, on top of the jail building, in such a way as to prove that he could not have thrown them up from his position on the "Bridge of Sighs."

All of the prisoners who remained in the jail building, but said they had heard him say he was going to.

His time here was about up, but he was wanted at Eugene and Salem for burglary and would have probably been sent to the pen for his outburst there.

O'Brien had on a pin stripe suit when he left and a black hat. He is about 36 years old, is smooth shaven, and has black hair and very sharp brown eyes.

## Tax Voted Down 31 to 18

The election held in Road District No. 19 at Arago last Monday was attended by about 100 voters, who assembled from all over the district—from Lampa on the river up to Coquille and on to Myrtle Point. H. E. Hess was made chairman of the meeting and E. H. Harnden secretary. After hearing what those who opposed levying a ten mill tax at this time had to say the voters were cast resulting in a decision of 31 to 18 not to levy a special tax this year.

## Death of Joseph Magill

Joseph Magill, a resident of Coquille fifteen years ago, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his son, Nels J. Magill, in Reedsport. The cause of his death was paralysis, he having been stricken last Friday. He was 75 years, 9 months and 29 days of age, and was a native of Illinois. The funeral services were held at the Ellingsen Chapel here at 10 o'clock this morning, after which the remains were taken to the Lee cemetery for interment.

## Turkey Shoot Last Sunday

Merle Hartson and Wm. Graham were the two unlucky members of the Coquille Rod & Gun Club last Sunday, they being the only two members who failed to win a turkey. There was a large crowd in attendance, including Myrtle Point, Marshfield and local sportsmen, and the popping of shot guns was almost continuous from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

## North Bend Bowlers Win

The North Bend bowlers came over here Wednesday evening and again won from the Coquille team, winning by a total of 31 pins in three games. They won the first by eleven pins, lost the second by seventeen pins and won the third by 37. Mr. Gov. of North Bend, rolled the highest score—300 in the second game.

## Guessed Within 4 Pounds

The guessing contest on the weight of the steer killed by J. L. Stevens for the People's Market this week brought a hundred guesses which ranged from 190 to 1105 pounds. Bert Folsom was the nearest to the mark, 633 1-2 pounds which the animal weighed, with a guess of 390.

## Football Game From Bandon Last Saturday by 25-0 Score

Coquille Hi turned the tables on Bandon last Saturday afternoon and won the football game from the High School team there by four touchdowns, the same as Bandon made against Coquille a few weeks ago. However, Bandon kicked two of its goals in the former game, while Coquille kicked but one Saturday, the final score being 25 to 0.

One touchdown was made in the first quarter, one in the second and two in the last. The ball was in Bandon territory practically all the time, the Coquille goal being seriously threatened only once.

The first touchdown was made within three minutes of the start of the game and was due to a lucky break. Don Pierce kicked off for Coquille and instead of picking the ball up and running it back the Bandon player let it stop rolling and was downed on the twelve yard line. In attempting to kick out back of their own line, the ball struck one of the Bandon players, giving Coquille the ball and only a few yards to go. Line smashes by Noeler and Pierce put the oval over, the former making the first touchdown and the latter kicking the goal.

In the second Cyril McCurdy made the touchdown through the line after an exchange of punts and an end run had taken the ball near the line. From that time on till the last six minutes of play the ball sawawed back and forth, but in the last quarter Don received a punt and dodging through most of the Bandon team made a spectacular run of 50 yards for a touchdown. It was the most brilliant play of the day. A few minutes later he caught another punt and ran for nearly 50 yards for another touchdown.

It was a glorious ending for the Coquille team which had gone through the season without a win. While Pierce was the bright particular star of the game, Layton Noeler played a corking game at half, and the whole team showed a snap and dash which outshone anything they had done before this year. The line held in good shape, very little yardage being made by Bandon except on end runs.

That evening Mrs. Frank Holman entertained the team and coach, R. E. McCormack, with a six o'clock dinner, in honor of the victory.

Marshfield and Myrtle Point played a 0 to 0 tie at the Bay the same afternoon.

## Stovers Going to Honolulu

The Sentinel is in receipt of a letter from T. M. Stover, of Myrtle Point, written at the St. Regis Hotel at Vancouver, B. C., in which he says that he and Mrs. Stover are on their way to Honolulu. They had a pleasant trip with clear sunshine all the way from here to Vancouver but found the air a little more snappy than at home, and observed a good many Washington farmers still digging potatoes.

They arrived at Vancouver in time to get reservations on a steamship sailing last Friday night; and expect to be home again by the first of March. Mr. and Mrs. Stover once lived in Australia, so that they are going over a route that will not be entirely novel to them.

## Berry Growers to Meet

A meeting has been called for all berry growers in the Coquille valley to be held at Mrs. Train's restaurant in Myrtle Point next Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p. m. A. C. Chase, of the cannery there, will be present to make a talk on berries and berry culture, and all those who are now growing berries, and those who are contemplating getting into the berry game, are invited to be present next Tuesday.

## Stage Line Notice

Manager Bryant, of the Coast Auto Lines, asks the Sentinel to announce that after Monday of next week, Dec. 4th, the Roseburg service will be discontinued for the winter. Those who wish to go south hereafter will have to take the train around by Eugene as the state highway commission has closed the highway between Rock Creek and Camas Valley.

## Retail Merchants Local

About a dozen local merchants have signed up and are participating in the organization of a local chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association. Mr. McLain, state deputy, was here for a meeting last Friday evening and on Tuesday another meeting was held. Both Mr. McLain and L. L. Thomas, of Marshfield, state president of the association, were over here Tuesday. A nominating committee, consisting of S. M. Noeler, C. T. Skeels and L. C. Newman was appointed to recommend a list of candidates for officers for the election to be held Dec. 12 or soon after. Charter membership in the association is \$2.50 initiation, but later it will be increased to \$5.00. Dues are from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per month depending on the magnitude of the member's business.

Secretary Newman, of the Commercial Club, requests that all members be out for the regular meeting next Wednesday as he had the official report of the state association meeting of Commercial Club secretaries, which he wishes present at that time.

## \$300,000 TO COOS COUNTY

Early in 1931 when the Oregon World War Veterans' State Aid measure was being brought before the people for their ratification, opponents of the bill raised many a howl about the evil of putting a price on patriotism and the tremendous cost to the state to say nothing of the way money would be dissipated and the subsequent harm that would follow when the reaction came, says the Marshfield News.

As in the early nineties, Vox Populi was a favorite phrase of those who saw only the evil of such a rehabilitation measure. The "voices of the people," however, told a different story after the votes were counted, and to further disprove the pessimistic view taken by some, we print the names of those in the Coquille Valley alone who have taken advantage of the loan and secured either homes or farms. The total in Coos county is 112, distributed as follows:

Marshfield, 41; Coquille, 14; North Bend, 12; Bandon, 16; Myrtle Point, 18; Lakeside, 2; Remote, 1; Bridge, 1; Sumner, 2; Hauser, 3; Riverton, 1; and Arago, 1.

Inasmuch as the loans average \$2,500, the total of the transactions amounts to \$280,000. Add to this the attorneys fees, appraisal fees, recording fees, notarial fees, deeds, title and abstract costs and insurance and the total reaches nearly \$300,000.

Another great benefit arising from the transactions is the fact that much of the property was purchased from non-resident owners who had no interest here other than that of the income derived from the property. The state of Oregon will have received, at the expiration of twenty-eight years, over \$5200 for every \$3000 loaned, providing the borrower takes the full time to pay.

Here are the names of those who made loans in the south end of the county:

- Dr. Geo. E. Low, Coquille.
- Frank Gilbert, Myrtle Point.
- Harold L. Young, Bandon.
- Warren C. Foster, Bandon.
- Clark W. Fensler, Myrtle Point.
- Harold L. Bergelt, Myrtle Point.
- Kenneth L. Lane, Coquille.
- Stewart Norton, Coquille.
- C. D. Hudson, Coquille.
- Dal M. King, Myrtle Point.
- N. W. Perkins, Myrtle Point.
- Ben B. Parks, Bandon.
- Thos. H. Rose, Bandon.
- Walter B. Morgan, Bandon.
- Leander A. Neidigh, Myrtle Pt.
- Clyde A. Larson, Bandon.
- John H. Carver, Myrtle Point.
- Aaron I. Ross, Myrtle Point.
- Fred G. Bunch, Coquille.
- Smith A. Weekly, Bridge.
- Fred A. Jarvis, Myrtle Point.
- Merle L. Kurtzhal, Bandon.
- R. L. Bradley, Bandon.
- Harold Leep, Bandon.
- John H. Adams, Bandon.
- Claud W. Endicott, Myrtle Point.
- Wardle D. Engbloom, Myrtle Pt.
- Edmund C. Egger, Myrtle Point.
- Paul W. Adams, Myrtle Point.
- Geo. W. Martin, Myrtle Point.
- Roy Miller, Coquille.
- E. E. Yeakam, Remote.
- Otto Shindler, Bandon.
- Clark W. Waldvogel, Bandon.
- Lloyd A. Scott, Bandon.
- Harry H. Hunt, Bandon.

## NOW FIRST CLASS

### Commission Makes the Roosevelt Highway a Primary Road

John C. Kendall, of Marshfield, who has been one of the representatives of the Coos county good roads association at the meetings of the state highway commission during the most of the past year, on Monday received the following telegram from Portland:

"Roosevelt highway unanimously recommended by Oregon state highway commission and also by this office for primary highway. Maps have been forwarded to chief of bureau for final action."

(Signed) Charles Purcell, Oregon division engineer for U. S. bureau of public roads.

This confirms what Congressman Hawley told Coquille people when he was here just before election. For a year past the people of the immediate coast section of the state have been endeavoring to induce the highway commission to change its ruling that the Roosevelt highway was a road of secondary importance and designate it as a primary road. As this action has been taken also at the urging of the U. S. bureau of public roads, and gives the coast road a definite standing in line with the latter's recommendations, it will mean a larger share of federal aid in building that road than would otherwise have been obtainable.

The Roosevelt highway is now in the same class as the Columbia highway and the Pacific highway, which were heretofore the only primary roads in the state. Both of these other roads being practically completed, the designation of the Roosevelt highway as also a primary road means that it will be the first road now building to be pushed to completion by both the government and the state.

It is said that in the construction of such projects as this, Uncle Sam takes the heavy end of the load and puts up 40 per cent of the cost provided the state furnishes the other 40 per cent.

We now have good reason to expect tireless activity on the coast line until it is completed; and there seems no reason to doubt that the route taken for the Roosevelt road will be via the present highway from Marshfield to Coquille and then from here down the river to Bandon.

This being the case the promised letting of a contract for the stretch from Coquille to Fat Elk and beyond at this month's session of the highway commission ought to be followed by the immediate beginning of the grading across the river bottom lands west of this city; and within two years the line should be completed clear to Brookings and the California line.

## Education Week Dec. 3 to 9

December 3-9 has been designated by the United States Bureau of Education as "American Education Week." All education organizations, clubs and associations of every kind that are interested in education endorse this plan. The object as given is to "create a nation-wide revival of education interest." Governor Olcott has issued a letter urging the observance of the week in our state. The work starts with services and sermons in the church on Sunday. Let everyone visit school that week at least—especially in the backwoods district elsewhere described by Superintendent Mulkey.

- Thos. W. Chatburn, Bandon.
- Harry L. Aber, Coquille.
- John H. Adams, Bandon.
- Chas. H. Liggett, Myrtle Point.
- Isaac N. Harvey, Bandon.
- Victor E. Sell, Riverton.
- Geo. W. Hoffman, Myrtle Point.
- Clare J. Minton, Coquille.
- Guy B. Finley, Coquille.
- Hugh E. Watkins, Arago.
- E. D. Yeakam, Coquille.
- Erymal Smith, Myrtle Point.
- Geo. Clausen, Coquille.
- Stanley Clapsen, Coquille.
- Marc H. Shelby, Coquille.
- John W. Richardson, Coquille.

Everyone is cautioned against placing Christmas seals on the front of letters. Postoffice regulations make letters so stamped as unmailable. The seals must be placed on the back.