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EASTER SERVICES

For Knights Templar at the Liberty Last Sunday Largely Attended

Nearly seventy-five Knights Templar of Pacific Commandry No. 19 and a few visitors were here last Sunday for the Easter services which were held in the Liberty Theatre at 11 o'clock. The Knights formed in procession at the Odd Fellows' hall and marched to the theatre where an audience had assembled which completely filled the lower floor and overflowed into the balcony.

Special music had been arranged for, which included solos by Mrs. C. F. McKnight, with flute obligato by A. A. Buck, and by Russell Morgan, as well as a choir of a dozen ladies' voices. The music was a very pleasing feature of the program.

The scripture reading was by Rev. H. V. Moore of the Methodist Church South of this city. Rev. A. W. Bell delivered the morning's address with a thoughtful and interesting presentation of the early history of the many organizations of Knights, all of which had for their object the preservation in Christian hands of the city of Jerusalem and the making safe of the routes taken by pilgrims in going to and returning from the holy city.

The speaker said he had visited the palace of the commanding English official on the Island of Malta, where the armor chamber contained many of the suits of mail worn by the Knights in their wars. He said these uniforms indicated that the knights of those days were men of large stature ranging from six to seven and a half feet in height.

The offering made by the order each Easter is presented to the minister who makes the address.

The following is a partial list of the Knights in line last Sunday: W. G. Emerson, E. C.; L. H. Evans, G.; A. S. Blanchard, C. G.; Dan S. Orr, S. W.; H. A. Buserud, J. W.; E. P. Lewis, prelate; K. Bugge, treasurer; Geo. F. Winchester, recorder; H. A. Young, standard bearer; Henry Higgins, sword bearer; Allan A. Buck, warner; August Farley, sentinel; Wm. Longstaff, John H. Stadden, George W. Graham, J. A. Zachary, P. C. Bartlett, F. M. Stahl, Wm. Bettys, W. H. Hartman, Roy B. Corson, W. L. Mast, W. H. Donald, H. K. Flom, R. H. Corey, L. H. Pearce, August Isaacson, Wm. Mast, Andy P. Davis, J. D. Clinton, J. L. Koons, F. E. Allen, A. C. Vestal, L. M. Hassard, E. L. Vinton, John E. Ross, E. F. LeMieux, A. B. Gidley, James Nowlin, E. E. Johnson, C. E. Huling, C. S. Harlocker, H. W. Mast, H. J. Edwards, L. C. Schelling, E. G. Opperman, J. S. Lawrence, J. W. Laird, E. F. Whitman, Jr., Edgar Edwards, Wm. Archer, H. J. Vaughan, Guy H. Robinson, W. V. Glaisyer, A. H. Stone, O. C. Sanford, C. W. Parker, A. J. Sherwood, C. F. McKnight, Carl W. Evertsen, J. E. Norton, W. U. Douglas, W. E. Lundy, L. H. Pearce, Roy A. Wernick.

Buy the Lyons Building

Harlin Brown, a scaler at the Smith-Powers camp on Cunningham, this week purchased of Mrs. Emma Lyons the frame building on Front street occupied by E. G. Opperman and Lee Gimlin's Coquille Rooming House.

It is Mr. Brown's intention to paper and paint and otherwise remodel the building and put it in first class condition. He has been in Coquille only about a month, but shows his faith in its future by making this investment in business property.

John Gaffney Injured

John Gaffney got mixed up with a choker line down at Conlogue's Camp yesterday morning and was huried a considerable distance in the air. His fall resulted in two broken ribs and numerous bruises about his head and shoulders and back, but he came up on the boat alone and walked up to Dr. G. E. Low's office unassisted to have his injuries dressed and the fractures reduced.

"The Vagabonds" Next Friday

"The Vagabonds" for which the home talent company has been practicing for several weeks, has now been definitely announced for next Friday, April 13. It is a four act comedy with lots of thrills and there will be high class specialties between acts. The play is staged for the benefit of the fire department.

S. P. Is Sued

A. J. Sherwood remarked to the Sentinel man, as he entered the county clerk's office last Monday, "I'm just going to file the first suit I have ever begun against the Southern Pacific." It was the case of J. Finley Schroeder, of the Norway section, against the railroad company for the death of twelve head of dairy cattle last year from eating poisoned grass.

The complaint charges the company with willful negligence in maintaining its right-of-way fence through the heavy dairy section of Coos county, between Coquille and Myrtle Point, the posts being rotten and the fence an ineffective barrier to cattle.

It further states that a few days prior to May 22, 1922, the company had the vegetation along its right-of-way sprayed with a poisonous substance, and that 26 head of Mr. Schroeder's cattle broke through a gap in the fence and ate the poisoned grass. Twenty-four of them became sick and twelve died. Of the other twelve, four lost their milk entirely and the other eight were many months in resuming their normal milking condition.

For the loss of stock, the failure to receive the usual amount of milk, and for expenses incidental to carrying for the sick cattle and burying the dead, a judgment of \$1975 is asked for.

COUNTY COURT 3-DAY SESSION

Starting Tuesday, the county court was in session three days this week, adjourning last night until next Thursday, April 12.

Auditing the bills required considerable time and receiving delegations more.

A settlement with D. P. Jenkins for \$391.21 for right of way in the Bandon section was finally effected. This includes payment for standing timber on the land needed and for the right of way. He is to receive \$155 a rod for building the fence.

The court issued a notice to contractors calling for bids for the grading of the North Bank road yesterday.

The dance hall permit of C. S. Murphy at Bridge was revoked, the court finding that it was impossible to keep order where so many of the men were full of moonshine. And Judge Mast says there is another hall operating in the south half of the county which will also have to quit.

Bids for the publication of the foreclosure summons in the 1917-18 delinquent tax cases are to be opened by the court on Thursday, April 26.

The petition to form a new school district by a consolidation of districts 61 and 79 on South Slough was heard, but there being opposition by some taxpayers to the consolidation, the consideration of the matter was postponed until next month.

Last Friday the court awarded J. W. and J. R. Hillstrom the contracts for building the bridges on South Slough and Catching creek, they being the lowest of four bidders. On South Slough their bid was \$14,781 and on Catching creek, \$16,500.

Worse on Southern Coast

The stormy weather here this week was a good deal worse down on the Gulf coast, where a cyclone Wednesday struck Pineville, Louisiana, killing ten white people and four negroes, and injuring 50 more.

Houses were flattened, trees uprooted and everything in the path of the cyclone demolished. Five railroads are tied up. Hill storms and heavy rains occurred and there was much lightning during the cyclone.

Two thousand people are reported homeless at Pineville, opposite Alexandria, and the latest reports are that 19 people are dead, sixty injured and property damaged to the extent of half a million dollars. Two thousand have been rendered homeless and the southern Division of the Red Cross at Memphis yesterday dispatched 150 tents and blankets from there for the relief of the destitute.

New Fire Hose Received

Four hundred feet of new fire hose, ordered a couple of weeks ago by the city, was received last week and immediately placed on the fire truck by the department. There is now over a thousand feet of good hose available in case of fire and considerable more not quite so good.

Dr. G. E. Low reports the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clausen at Lensa last Monday night.

CITY MATTERS GRADING IS ALL

Council Spent Two Hours Discussing Many Important Questions

A great deal of discussion of city problems and practically nothing settled is a short report of the council proceedings last Monday evening, the only business done being the appointment of Water Superintendent Faustman as deputy marshal.

Engineer E. L. Vinton's report on the completion of the Fourth street bridge, placed the cost at \$1068.68, about \$230 more than Robert Train's bid. An inquiry as to why, brought the statement that 4,000 feet more of lumber had been used than was shown in the estimate, due to changes in the plans made by the council and the engineer.

The sale of "snooze" or "itch" powder was condemned and unless it is stopped an ordinance forbidding its sale is to be passed. Hoodlums have made a practice of scattering it at large gatherings to the great discomfort of those present.

The failure of many to take out building permits was mentioned, and the council decided to stand pat on this ordinance and require that before a building can be erected or remodelled a permit must be secured from the building inspector.

Whether the new service station opposite the Sentinel, complied with the ordinance as to buildings within the fire limits was argued at length. Mayor Noles, Councilman Skeels and Engineer Vinton thought that it did, while others claimed it did not and that it was establishing a precedent which would nullify the fire limit building ordinance. The insurance underwriters are to be asked for an opinion as to whether such a structure complies with the city law. It can be stated here that such buildings are going up in large cities which presumably have similar restrictions, even the use of chicken wire being permitted.

The old question of cutting off the corner of the parking at the Sentinel corner to provide a wider entrance to the business section from the highway was mentioned, as well as the one on Front street in front of Krantz's Confectionery where the big stages have so much trouble in turning, but action was postponed.

More serious discussion as to the advisability of placing meters for all water consumers was indulged in, and the belief was practically unanimous that it would prove the most satisfactory way to raise the funds necessary for the water department, and give every patron the same treatment.

J. F. Beyers asked for the improvement of the street leading from the highway up to the Odd Fellows' cemetery and it was suggested that he endeavor to have a petition, signed by two-thirds of the property affected, for an improvement on that street and continuing from the cemetery down Schroeder street to Spurgeon. He said he would endeavor to get such a petition signed.

New League Progressing

Considerable interest is being taken at Myrtle Point and Powers in the proposition to have a baseball league in the southern end of the county, which would include Roseburg. E. J. Page was prevented the first of the week by the inclement weather from making a trip to Roseburg to see how the fans out there felt about forming the proposed league.

So far as known here, Reedport has not been given the Coquille franchise in the Coos County League, and what may be done on the Bay in that regard is still conjectural, but it is fortunate for the interest of the sport over there that there is a town waiting to fill the vacancy. It practically assures base ball in the county this year.

Need Testing Association

Several of the dairymen are anxious to have a cow testing association in operation again. J. L. Smith is trying to assist them in getting enough cows signed up to justify starting the work. All who want their cows tested should notify him at once in order to get it going as soon as possible.

The former Coos county people now living in the San Joaquin Valley will hold their annual picnic at Mooney Grove on the Visalia-Tulare highway Sunday, May 6.

That County Court Can Do on the North Bank Road This Year

A large delegation, consisting of residents from Bandon, Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and down river, waited on the county court Wednesday to urge the immediate grading of the North Bank road as a detour route to Bandon, and the graveling if possible this year. C. W. Parker, secretary of the Goods Roads Association, T. P. Hanly and Geo. P. Topping made the talks to the court.

The delegation was informed that the field work had been completed and bids would be advertised for this week for the grading between the present end of the road and the Lampa ferry, but that there were no funds available for graveling. Mr. Hanly then asked the court to borrow from some other funds, as has been done in the past, or borrow from the banks, or make the ferry at Lampa a toll gate, or devise some way to raise sufficient funds to complete the road this year.

After telling them that there was no source from which funds could be borrowed, every section in the county being desirous of using all its road money this year, the court called in the county roadmaster for an estimate of the probable cost. His answer was that it would most likely require \$34,000 to put the road to line and grade and install the ferry and that there would be available this year about \$18,000, leaving \$16,000 to be secured somehow to finish the grading.

This statement rather non-plussed the court, for they had already promised the grading this year, as early as July 15 if possible, on the supposition that but a few thousand would be necessary in addition to the \$18,000 on hand. Where that other \$16,000 is coming from they don't know, but they realize that Bandon's bottled-up condition is acute and will make every effort to relieve that section.

The Seven Devils route cannot be travelled until the South Slough bridge is completed; the road on the south bank is expected to be closed as soon as John Hampshire begins work, and it would cost approximately \$100 a day for D. P. Plymale to keep the Bear creek section, where he is working, open so that cars could go over from Lampa to Fishtrap.

But the court has promised to do all it can to have the North Bank road graded and the Lampa ferry installed by the middle of the summer.

Carl Zimmerman Recalled

The recall election held in Powers last Saturday for Justice of the Peace District No. 11, resulted in the election of W. H. Kirby over Carl Zimmerman, present incumbent, by a vote of 272 to 103. That is better than two and half to one, although only about half the ratio that Mr. Kirby's friends expected him to win by. The vote in the two precincts stood:

Powers	
Kirby	156
Zimmerman	79
Rowland	
Kirby	116
Zimmerman	24

The vote on the question whether Zimmerman should be recalled was slightly less than the vote for the candidates: In Powers there were 149 votes favoring his recall, and 77 against. In Rowland it stood 116 for and 25 against.

Can Finish It This Year

The Sentinel is informed that the state highway engineer's estimate that the grading of the Fat Elk-Lampa section of the Roosevelt Highway can be completed this year, and possibly some of the rocking, and that the road should be open for traffic to light cars, at least, by the winter of 1924-25.

Of course, this early completion is contingent on the final awarding of the grading contract to John Hampshire at an early date. The ten days' postponement has expired and final action by the commission can be expected at any time, the probability of a referendum on the gas tax law having completely disappeared.

Mr. Hampshire will bring at least two team shovels into the county to put on the job, says J. E. Norton, and probably half of the equipment he has in Curry county at once.

Roof Nearly Collapsed

J. D. Graham & Sons were very fortunate Tuesday night that they were not stuck for \$10,000 or \$15,000 in damages to stored cars. The garage was so full of automobiles that, supposing that there was no possible chance to get another car in:

About six o'clock they heard a popping near the northwest corner of the garage but saw nothing wrong. About 11 o'clock though there was a crash which caused Mr. Graham to make a thorough examination and in the same corner he discovered the ceiling had sagged two feet and a half. W. S. Graham went up on top and found a lake 18 inches deep which had collected during the heavy rain, the sawdust accumulations having plugged the down drain completely. It took but a moment to find a hole through, however, and the tons of weight having been removed, the ceiling underneath was easily raised to its proper position. But that lake must have weighed a lot for the built up timber girder, ten by twelve inches in size, had snapped under the pressure and only the inch and half iron rods through it kept the roof from smashing the cars underneath. As it was not a drop of water ran through.

A telephone message received by J. J. Stanley this morning from the Bay, was that Judge John F. Hall is very low and not expected to live through the day.

J. G. CLINTON KILLED BY FALL

John G. Clinton met with an accident here Tuesday afternoon, which resulted in his death about two o'clock yesterday morning. He was coming in with E. W. Gregg from the Jos. Harville ranch, where they were doing some carpenter work, and was sitting on a path kept in the rear of the truck. As the car turned the signpost between the First National Bank and Fuhrman's Pharmacy, the nail keg tipped throwing Mr. Clinton out. He struck on his head and was unconscious for a few moments, but when he recovered consciousness he said he was all right.

He went up to the L. C. Newman apartments and laid down. Later Dr. Richmond was called and after a careful examination could find no fracture, although the sufferer complained of a very severe headache.

Next day when his pulse dropped to 40 Drs. Richmond and Clarke performed the operation of trepanning and took a double handful of clotted blood from beneath the bone. It relieved him so that his hands, which had been tightly clenched, relaxed, but he passed away about 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

The funeral is to be held at the Norway cemetery this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Clinton who was past forty years of age, is survived by his wife, a son who is attending O. A. C., two small daughters, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Clinton, and two sisters, Mrs. James Conger, of Bakersfield, Cal., and Mrs. Jack Mast, of Glenside, Cal.

Coquille Wins Fourth Prize

A letter from Corvallis the first of this week brought information that the Coquille myrtlewood exhibit at the O. A. C. business show there last week won the fourth prize out of 18 entries. The judges said the exhibit was excellently shown and would have deserved a still higher rating had there been more to the display, or had myrtlewood been the principal product of this section.

Credit for this showing belongs to a great extent to Fred Wimer, the local Commercial Club's representative at O. A. C., and to the other Coquille students who helped to arrange the Coquille booth. The myrtlewood pieces were furnished by the Oerding Manufacturing Co.

Postoffice Force Reduced

Due to the cutting down of the appropriations by congress for postal employees, clerks in postoffices are being laid off all over the country. The effect in Coquille was that Gus Bender, who has been working half time for several months, is now out of the government service. It was expected that his retirement would be for but three or four months, but he has the offer of a good position as scaler and time keeper for a logging concern operating near Remote, which he will probably accept.

NIGHT TRAIN DAILY

A New Schedule for This Line to Be Put Into Effect Soon

The installation of the daily night train service between Portland and Coos Bay will probably take place within a short time, according to unofficial word from Portland. General Passenger Agent John M. Scott and J. A. Omandy are now in San Francisco discussing schedules, says the Coos Bay Times. The changes in contemplation include the shortening of time on some of the trains between Portland and San Francisco but the changes on the Coos Bay line will probably not have to wait for the main line changes.

The installation of the daily night train will also mean a change in the present day train schedule. One thing practically certain is that the day train will leave Marshfield nearly two hours earlier than at present, probably departing from Marshfield about 9 o'clock.

There is also a possibility that the day train may leave Portland in the morning instead of about midnight as at present. This would throw the day train service to somewhere the schedule of the original Coos Bay Limited which was not only the best day train service that Coos Bay ever had but was a great advertisement for this section, the "Coos Bay Limited" being called and placarded at the Union Station in Portland almost the same as the Shasta Limited.

This is not entirely good news, if true, to the people of the Coquille Valley, as it will mean, not only a much earlier departure of the Portland train in the morning—which will not be very objectionable here—but at the same time the much later arrival of the evening train from Portland, which will certainly not please the people of this valley.

Of course, this will imply the arrival of the Portland train in the evening of the day they are published here in Coquille; and a much better edition than we are now getting which is printed so late in the night as to be decidedly defective in many respects. Of course, we will then get real morning dailies here, which will be printed quite early in the morning, it is true, but will not be the hurriedly thrown together late afternoon editions we are getting now.

This will apply, however, to Coquille only, as the regular mail train will probably be too late to be of service to the people at Myrtle Point. It's too soon, though, to assume that we are going to be mistreated in that way for really the only people to be helped by such an arrangement are the Marshfield dailies, whose out of town subscribers will be the only ones hurt by failure to get their Portland dailies until the day after they are printed. The demand for such a train as the Times is now practicing comes only from the Marshfield papers and not to any great extent from the people there.

Since the above was written Assistant Passenger Agent Lewis has called at the Sentinel office and informs us that there has been no suggestion of sending the day train out of Portland.

Commercial Club Meeting

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening the high school students who took part in the typing contest at O. A. C. were present to give a report of their trip to Corvallis, but in view of the small attendance were requested to postpone their report for one week when it is hoped a larger number will be present.

The report of Fred Wimer as to the Coquille exhibit at the business show at O. A. C. was read, listing Coquille as winner of fourth prize and North Bend winner of fifth prize. The cost of getting the exhibit installed and other incidental expenses totalling \$21.94 was ordered paid, as was the \$34.75 expense bill incurred by the Good Roads Association representative at the last meeting of the State Highway Association.

Why the Delay?

People are beginning to ask what has become of the street signs the city purchased three or four months ago, and of the plan to have every house in town numbered.