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## OUR ALASKA TRIP

### The Sentinel Folks On Their Way to the Land That Has No Night

The editor of the Sentinel, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Marian, who is its linotype compositor, started Tuesday, June 19, for a trip to Alaska, which they spent a full month in making, returning last Thursday, July 19. It was the first trip either of them had ever made to that territory, and in many respects the most enjoyable we had ever experienced.

Beyond the crossing of the Georgian Bay, between Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., neither of us had ever before, and north of Portland the trip was new ground to the junior member of the Sentinel force.

From Coquille to Seattle we traveled in our car, and most of the territory we covered in it we had never before seen, so that even here in Oregon we enjoyed many new scenes.

Going out to Roseburg, though, we were on familiar ground, even in making the detour which was then required on Camas mountain. Between that place and Eugene, though, we crossed the Calapoia mountains alongside the S. P. tracks and enjoyed some of Oregon's finest scenery.

Wednesday morning we crossed at Harrisburg the one ferry we encountered on the Willamette and were soon in the broken country between Albany and Salem where prairie orchards abound as they also had in Douglas county the day before.

After dinner at Salem we were on very familiar ground, as our home had been at Woodburn for two years before coming to Coos county about ten years ago.

The morning of the third day we drove across the long bridge from Portland to Vancouver, where we found a splendid highway for about half the way to Kelso, but were soon mixed up with a road building program that reduced our progress to about five miles an hour. The former gravel road here was being paved, but the pavement just laid was not yet ripe for travel, and we had to take the half that was badly torn up.

Out of Kelso we did but little better, as for half way to Chehalis the road was closed on account of the construction work and it was necessary to detour over a dirt road in a hilly country that furnished plenty of steep grades. These delays resulted in our arriving at Chehalis too late to proceed farther that night, and Friday afternoon we made the mistake of taking the high line over the hills east of the bay to Seattle, and found the road unpaved and dusty for about half the way. After these disagreeable experiences in Washington we heartily wished we had taken the trip by rail to Seattle; and until the road work in progress between Portland and the Sound cities is finished, we can hardly advise any one to repeat our experiment with roads under construction and that cannot possibly be evaded between Portland and the Sound country.

Our troubles here were not yet over, for a big delegation of Chicago doctors and their wives, who had been making a Pacific coast trip and holding a convention at Seattle, required nearly all the afternoon to get out of the Frye Hotel with their luggage and we had to wait a long time to get an opportunity either to eat or sleep. Meanwhile, though, we had secured our steamer tickets and completed our arrangements for our trip to the far north.

We sailed at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and the writer was at least viewing scenery he had seen before, until late that evening, when he passed the entrance to Vancouver harbor in sight of some of the taller buildings of the metropolis of western Canada, from which the old folks of the Sentinel took passage for the east two years ago this month. Alas, we little realized then how near were the bounds of life for one of us.

We sailed on the Northwestern, one of the ships of the Alaska line, which had for the most part a new crew, the old captain and most of the officers who had been with that boat for years having just been transferred to the new boat, Alaska, on which we returned two weeks later.

We found an old acquaintance on the Northwestern in the person of Rev. J. F. Vernon, who was pastor of

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## To Attend Important Meeting

Judge R. H. Mast and J. E. Norton are going to Portland Sunday evening to attend the meeting of the State Highway Commission on Monday. There are two things Coos county is interested in at this meeting. One is the letting of the contract for widening and grading the 1300 feet of the Myrtle Point road just this side of the railroad crossing.

The other is to get a better allowance for the \$180,000 the county has spent on the Coos Bay North highway. The commission allowed \$118,000 credit for this at their last meeting, but credit for only half of the market road funds was allowed and the court and Good Roads Association feel that the county is entitled to a credit for all of that fund if it is entitled to anything. It will make a difference of about \$22,000 to the county.

## Exasperating Delays

With the power off for an hour this noon, necessitating a long wait for the metal pot on the linotype to heat up again, it is a question how many of the mails we shall miss today. This sort of thing is even more exasperating to us than to the subscriber who fails to get his Sentinel on time, but while we depend on power from the Bay, as we have for years, we can do nothing to prevent irregularity in power service here. We simply have to grin and bear it, hoping that the promises of improved service in the future may some time come true.

## HEALTH ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Coos County Health Association held a called meeting at the Court House on Wednesday morning, July 25. Dr. Warren, of Portland, was present in the interest of the state board and Judge Mast represented the County Court. The entire question of the County Health work was canvassed and it was decided to have resolutions presented to the Court asking that it request the state health board to get a county health officer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Irwin. C. E. Mulkey, Mrs. W. C. Chase and Mrs. Ida Owens were appointed.

Judge Mast made the suggestion to the members present at this meeting that the two nurses should have a car for their use as a matter of economy, and stated that he thought the county would go 50-50 with the association. There was a saving of three months' nurse salaries the first of the year, and there will be another of two or three months before a new head can be secured, which will enable the court to finance their share if the health association will provide the other half of the cost.

The date was set for the annual meeting at Coquille on Wednesday, August 15, 1923. At this time there will be elected the officers for the coming year. Every one is urged to get out to this meeting whether a member of the association or not, as it is desired to have as representative a gathering of the people of the county as possible.

## Many Have Been to Alaska

Oddly enough, after our return from Alaska we learned that our two nearest neighbors had made the Alaskan trip, and one of them, A. M. Inger, had spent some time in that territory. J. S. Barton had also sailed as far north as the peninsula section. And one of our first subscription callers this week was Mrs. Chas. Garden, of Coaledo, who had spent a couple of years in that territory, at a time when the trip up to our northernmost territory takes more time than it does now.

## Road Now Open All Day

The road to Bandon via Fishtrap is now open for travel at all hours of the day, instead of being closed during four hours in the morning and from one to five in the afternoon, as has been the rule heretofore this year. It will probably be necessary to detour via Fishtrap for the rest of this season.

## Trying to Settle the Trouble

Quite a delegation of Riverton citizens met here with the county court this morning in an attempt to settle the highway troubles in that section. Probably no agreement has yet been reached for the court went down to Riverton this afternoon with those interested.

## KILLS HIMSELF BUILDING REPORT

### Half Breed Indian Tries to Kill Girl, Then Takes His Own Life

Last Friday a young fellow, about 23 or 24 years of age, and having the with some negro blood, dropped in at the Coquille Service Station and bothered Paul Walker for two or three hours with talk of chartering a car to go to Gold Beach. Paul told him to take the boat and get a car at Bandon, but he said he didn't want a boat ride; it was too slow.

Finally Paul told him he could get a car for \$25 and took him down to the Coast Auto Lines office where Tom Gustafson told him it would be \$35 for the trip. That was all right. He paid it and they started. "Wait a minute, I want to buy a gun."

He stopped at the Coquille Hardware Co. and asked for a .30-30 short rifle. He was very particular, but finally took a Savage, a new case and a box of soft-nosed shells. Pulling a roll of bills he paid John Miller \$42.50 for his purchases and started.

About half way to Gold Beach they met "Penny" Sturdivant coming up with the stage and Tom Gustafson exchanged cars with "Penny," who took the half-breed on down to Gold Beach, arriving there about eight o'clock.

At three o'clock the next morning the young fellow was found dead, not far from town, with a bullet hole in his forehead.

We learned from Gold Beach citizens last evening that Firman Wilson, which was the half-breed's name, had gone to the house of a girl with whom he was in love, and after attempting to get into the house, fired a couple of shots through the door. The girl was the 18-year old daughter of Geo. Thornton. The father, having a hint of what to expect, replied with two shots through the door. Wilson then went back about 75 yards, and under a tree, put the rifle to his forehead, between the eyes, and pulled the trigger.

In his pocket when found, was a roll of bills containing over \$100 and a stage ticket to Roseburg. He had started for Portland but after reaching here had evidently decided to go back and kill the girl, or possibly the whole family. He had the appearance while here of being somewhat out of his head.

Wilson had lived around Gold Beach all his life, except for the time he attended an Indian school. He formerly operated a boat on the Rogue and had carried the mail between Gold Beach and Agness, and was known to many Coquille people who have made the trip up the river from Gold Beach.

## Have Repaired One Bath House

Mrs. F. G. Leslie, president of the Woman's Club, informs the Sentinel that the club has had the girls' bath house across the river repaired and a new approach put in so that it is easily accessible, but that they were not financially able to have the boys' building repaired.

Several boys were there when Mr. Broad was working on the girls' bath house and he told them that if they would put up 15 cents apiece for the purchase of the new lumber necessary he would repair their bath house for nothing, but they refused with a great deal of profanity, as did another crowd which came later.

The members of the Woman's Club feel that they have done all that could be expected of them in providing the bath houses and keeping them girls' in repair, and that the boys and men should assist in repairing the other.

It should be possible to provide protection for the ladies' building and keep the hoodlums who destroy it out of there.

## 150 New Seats at Liberty

Clyde Gage has just installed 150 more of the air cushion opera seats in the Liberty Theatre so that all the middle section and ten or twelve rows back on the two sides are now of that character. They are the best seats to be bought and are as comfortable a chair as can be procured. It is another proof of Mr. Gage's desire to provide for the ease and comfort of his patrons at all times, and he also secures a high grade of pictures for their entertainment.

More than that, the presence of Mrs. E. L. Perrott at the pipe organ, insures the best of music and adds to the pleasure of his patrons.

### Plans for Community Structure To Be Submitted Wednesday

The committee, appointed by the Community Building temporary organization to consider plans for financing the building and make recommendations in regard to it, met last night at the city hall, with the following present:

Chairman O. C. Sanford, Secretary A. O. Walker, Frank Willard, Frank Bullack, D. F. Thompson, Alton Kay, John Hickam, Arthur Ellingson, J. L. Smith, H. N. Lorenz, C. T. Skeels and H. A. Young.

Mr. Sanford had letter from many other members of the committee, living out of town, expressing their regret at being unable to be present, due to press of work, and all expressing a willingness to co-operate in procuring a community building.

The question of how and where to erect such a building was gone into at considerable length and two hours were spent in discussing financing, locating and other matters in connection therewith.

Following is the list of recommendations which were agreed upon for submission to the temporary organization, which will meet in the city hall next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

That a permanent organization be effected; that a corporation with a capital stock of \$20,000 be organized; that the par value of each share of stock be \$25, and that no active steps be taken toward erecting a building until 75 per cent of the stock has been subscribed; all the money raised to be in common stock.

The question of location was decided by the adoption of the following motion:

"It is the sense of this committee that we recommend the erection of a Community Building somewhere in the Myrtle Grove Park, provided suitable arrangements can be made with the city for locating it there."

Another motion adopted was that such a Community Building should be rent free for all public gatherings to which admission is not charged.

Naturally there were differences of opinion about some of the above, but all were adopted unanimously. The suggestion of having some of the stock preferred was not favored by a majority, and the question of site produced various views but all agreed to the proposition that such a building should be placed in the park.

Every citizen of Coquille should be interested in this matter and be present at the meeting to be held next Wednesday evening.

## Lincoln and Nash Cars Collide

Mr. and Mrs. Guy West, whose stage names are Sam and Elsie Goldie, and who are to appear at the Liberty next week, report a rather serious accident on the highway just south of Marshfield at the Shingle House Slough bridge south of Marshfield at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening. They were driving a Nash car in which they had been all over the world, but when they came along behind the Coquille stage they had a collision with the new Lincoln car driven by Garfield Imhoff, of North Bend, who was being taught to drive by a car salesman. Neither of the cars is said to have been going more than 20 miles an hour, but they came together with such force as to smash one wheel on the West car and throw it off its springs. The Imhoff car also suffered some damage. Genevieve Clarke, of Myrtle Point, who was riding with the Wests, was the only one hurt, but not seriously.

## "Peeny" Archibald Married

Cards were received this morning containing the announcement of the marriage of J. Raymond (Peeny) Archibald at Lawrence, Kansas, yesterday to Miss Gertrude Genevieve Ashby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ashby, of Salem, Ore. They were married at the home of a brother of "Peeny" in Lawrence, and will make their home in Hooker, Mo., where he has a position with the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Archibald has a host of friends in this section with whom the Sentinel joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

See Sam and Elsie Goldie in "A Fruit Cocktail Apple Sauce" at the Liberty Theatre here next Wednesday.

## \$205 Receipts Last Night

The "Days of '49" opened last evening in the new Ellingson building with a large crowd in attendance, which crowded the tables and the dance floor. The baseball club realized a little over \$200 last night and should do as well or better both tonight and Saturday evening.

The affair closed at midnight and the crowd was most orderly, with a very few exceptions, there being little evidence of moonshine among the revellers.

Tonight a Marshfield delegation is promised to be here, and tomorrow should be the big night. The music furnished gratis by the local orchestra, added greatly to the popularity of the dance hall last night.

## After Fitchner's Goat

Marshfield and Bert Fitchner are to be entertained at Athletic Park here Sunday by the local ball team. Fitchner in particular is due to lose his goat, for he has had the jinx on Coquille for two years now and the boys have their minds made up. After driving Coleman out of the box last Sunday, and out of the league, they figure that an old man like Fitchner can't scare them longer by shaking his glove in their faces. The game will start at two o'clock. Carson will pitch for Coquille.

Captain Eddie Mensor has a new man coming for the game Sunday. He is Wm. Gleason, a strong right hand hitter. Bill is a catcher but he may be played in some other position.

## STATE GAME WARDEN HERE

Capt. A. E. Burghdoff, state game and fish warden, was in Coquille Wednesday evening and made a very interesting talk to the members of the club and the sportsmen in attendance.

Following his address he answered questions propounded to him for an hour or more, in regard to fish and game, and the local sportsmen derived considerable information from him.

The principal portions of his remarks were devoted to the protection of game and the benefits derived therefrom. He stated that with the buffalo practically extinct, a herd of nine was placed on a preserve in a mid-western state in 1905, which now numbers 700, and efforts were being made to scatter them among other states.

In years gone by America was overrun with buffalo, antelope, elk and even passenger pigeons travelled in such huge bands that it was thought they never could be exterminated, but all are practically now extinct.

Due more to the protection of the female than to anything else, deer are on the increase and reports show there are more in Oregon now than there were 30 or 40 years ago.

The Chinese Pheasant, Mr. Burghdoff believes is destined to become the premier game bird of the United States, and is in hopes that by next year it may be possible to declare a short open season on them. The cost of producing them at the state game farm has now been reduced to \$2 each. He suggests scattering shell-corn in a field of growing corn as a means of protecting the growing crop, but stated that usually the bird found a cut worm at the root when they industriously pulled up the tender sprouts.

The pheasant is wary of traps and gardeners near Portland found that cord strung around a garden patch on stakes would serve to scare the birds away.

He devoted quite a little time to the fish question, but asked if the sportsmen would not be satisfied with an abundant yearly supply of trout fry whether they came from a hatchery on the Coquille river or elsewhere.

The hatcheries have been increased from five to fifteen in number within a few years, and he expects 30,000,000 fry to be planted this year.

The State Game Commission is supported entirely by the sportsmen, only \$10,000 having been appropriated by the state in three years, and he stated that new hatcheries would be started as rapidly as possible.

His office makes a practice of trading with other states and he stated that the request on Oregon's part was always for cutthroat or black spotted trout eggs in exchange for anything this state might have a surplus of.

The warden dealt more extensively with fish than can be covered in this article, but he showed a familiarity with the subject which stamps him as the proper man for the position he holds.

## TO CRATER LAKE

### Sentinel Party Goes There and to The Marble Hall Near State Line

So many thousands of people are visiting Crater Lake this year, and there being such a desire for knowledge as to the condition of the roads, the Sentinel will try and do its part in spreading the information.

Between Coquille and Medford the Coos Bay and Pacific Highways furnish as good a road as could be asked. The best road to the lake is from Medford and it is a splendid gravelled grade for forty of the fifty miles to Prospect. The ten mile stretch is rather rough and more like the old road over Camas mountain or the old one to Bandon. From Prospect to the national park entrance is 25 miles and it is also a good grade and gravelled.

Inside the park the ascent is rapid for the ten miles to the rim of the lake, especially on the last mile, which rises about a thousand feet in that distance. But that is not the bad feature for most cars could negotiate that grade easily were it not for the dust which lies so thick all though the park and slows an auto down. Fine as flour, this dust is getting deeper every day, and it would seem that the government might use some of the \$2.50 it collects from every car entering the park, to gravel the road or else to sprinkle it.

From Grants Pass the road to the caves is not to be compared to the highway between Coquille and Roseburg. It is rough, although better in places than it was last year. The new road from Kirby to the foot of Grayback mountain is in pretty fair condition, but has not yet received anywhere near the gravel dressing it should have.

The eight and one-half mile road up to the caves is somewhat rough but no one cares to travel at any great speed on that ascent with regular turning out places provided at stated intervals.

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## Real Estate Sales

Geo. T. Moulton reports the following recent sales of real estate by his agency: Block 4, east of the high school building to Geo. Chaney; 15 acres west of the Masonic cemetery to Lawrence Cunningham; the John Purdy residence on Spurgeon Hill to Carl Burgess; and the Albert Johnson business property on First street to J. L. Stevens. This is the building in which Mr. Stevens conducts the People's Market.

## Lans Has Moved Camp

Lans Leneve came in from McKinley this morning on a truck and went back this afternoon to bring his wife in their Chevrolet. He has pretty nearly cleaned up the varmints in the Tioga and McKinley sections and will spend some time now answering complaints he has had of depredations in other sections. During the past three months he has exterminated a dozen bob-cats and one stock-killing bear.

## Engaged to Pasadena Girl

The Pasadena, Calif., Star-News, of July 2, contained the announcement of the engagement of Austin Hazard to Miss Marjorie Sweeney, of that city. The announcement was made at a party given in Miss Sweeney's honor. The wedding will take place some time this fall when Austin goes on his two weeks' vacation. He is with the Standard Oil Co. at Salem and is making good.

## Work on Bandon Road

The contractor, who has sub-let the highway work from the bridge here to the McLeod dredging project, has opened a camp across the river and expects to begin active operations at once on that section.

McLeod Bros. are making very satisfactory progress on the dredging and dyking through the lowlands to Fat Elk, and the work along the line down to Lamps is being rushed.

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