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COAST TO COAST

Mail Goes Across Continent in Only Thirty Hours

The Sentinel senior can well remember the time when it was a matter of months to get a letter from New York to San Francisco or Portland. In fact Portland was a very small settlement but little more than a year old in 1847, when we were born; and San Francisco wasn't yet on the map, the scattered settlement there being known as "Yerba Buena," until the gold discovery in 1849 a year and a half later. Indeed, the railroad across the isthmus of Panama wasn't begun until 1850 nor finished until five years later when we were seven years of age.

So we can readily remember the time when it took from one to two months and 25 cents postage to send a letter from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, and we were a school boy when the railroad across the isthmus of Panama was finished in 1855. A few years after that a pony express was inaugurated which picked up letter at the Missouri river, at Kansas City or Omaha and delivered them in San Francisco a week later, or inside of two weeks after they were mailed at New York City. The first transcontinental railroad was completed in 1864 or 1865 when the writer was nearly grown.

But notwithstanding the shortening of time of passage and mails across the continent, which was a matter of several months when we were born, the most remarkable reduction has occurred during the present week when an air flyer loaded with mail started from New York Tuesday morning and reached San Francisco before sunset on the following day.

It was not until the world war a few years ago resulted in such surprising developments in aviation that any one could have begun to think of the possibility of crossing this continent—a distance of 3,000 miles—in a night and two days; but it has been done and the trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific that required from two to four months time when we began to hear about the gold seekers going to California, we now see begun after sunrise one day and finished before sunset the next day. And little seems to be thought about the wonder of it all.

It was different when after several unsuccessful attempts about 1865, a submarine telegraph line was put in operation between Europe and the western hemisphere. In wonder and awe at being able to communicate instantaneously under three thousands miles of ocean, the first message reverently ran "What hath God wrought."

Judge Mast to Portland

Judge R. H. Mast left today for Portland to attend the meeting of the State Highway Commission tomorrow. There is not a great deal coming up at this session but Judge Mast is going to try and have the commission allow that \$20,000 additional credit on the Coos Bay North highway, which the county is entitled to and which was held back a couple of months ago, when \$120,000 credit was allowed.

He says that it will be necessary also for the state to carry about \$30,000 of the county's share on the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway until next year, when it can be budgeted. The county lacks that amount of having the funds to pay for the work.

C. W. Parker, of Marshfield, will also attend the session tomorrow with Judge Mast.

Bandon County Champion

Bandon won the county baseball championship last Sunday by defeating Marshfield for the second game of the post season series, 3 to 2. Carl Gilbert, of Coquille, was in the box for Marshfield and pitched a good game but the hard-hitting Bandonians came from behind, one run at a time, and nosed out. It is reported as the best game played in Bandon this year.

Two Barns for Hess

E. W. Greig has rebuilt two barns for H. E. Hess this summer, one on his home place and the other on the Chase place near Cedar Point, on the highway. Both barns have been raised and enlarged and concrete foundation blocks placed under them.

A Wonderful Trip

J. M. Horton and wife, the former a cousin of Judge R. H. Mast, drove in Tuesday evening in an Oldsmobile. His home is in the northern part of North Carolina, which he left last April, and he has been travelling most of the time since. His experiences have been many. He started with a \$3200 Cadillac and traded cars four times before reaching here, but his most interesting experience was his marriage to a Nebraska young lady en route. He is a veteran of the war with Germany, saw overseas service and has decided to make his home out here.

Wednesday he ran a spike nearly through his foot, which will lay him up for a week. He is stopping with Judge Mast.

Street Dance Next Week

A street dance is to be held in Coquille next Thursday evening, Aug. 30, which will be for the benefit of the 1923 baseball club. The \$600 shortage on this season must be met in some way and it is for this purpose the dance is to be given. The Jay Tower Orchestra will furnish the music, which insures the best in that line. Everyone in the county is invited to come and enjoy himself. Tickets will be three for \$5.

NEXT FRIDAY NATAL DAY

Next Friday, Aug. 31, is a day which the members of the Eastern Star have celebrated for a good many years in Coos county. It is the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the order, Robert Morris, and it is called "Natal Day."

This year Natal Day will be observed with the Marshfield chapter as hostess and an entertaining program has been prepared.

One of the features of this annual event is the winning of the cup, which goes to the chapter for the ensuing year—which has the largest percentage of its membership in attendance. Beulah chapter has had the cup for the past two years and should it win it again this year, would become its permanent possessor. Needless to say an effort will be made to have every member of Beulah chapter in attendance next Friday evening.

The Coos County Natal Day Association is composed of the chapters at Myrtle Point, Bandon, Coquille, Marshfield and North Bend. The newly organized Powers chapter will probably be admitted at this year's meeting.

Two to Go to Asylum

Two men have been committed to the asylum at Salem this week. One of them was George Bobet, who was injured when the Ford in which he was riding struck R. E. McCormack's car last week. A blow at the base of the skull seems to have destroyed his memory so that he has no recollection of the accident nor of the operation on his head.

John McNeill, who formerly conducted a second hand store on Front street here, is the other patient. He is not violent but when he began to fire bullets through his cabin on Whiskey Run, complaint was made to the sheriff's office and Deputy S. A. Malehorn went down and brought him up here.

An attendant from Salem is expected in today to take both men out.

Forger Known

When he was down in Humboldt county, Calif., three weeks ago, Deputy Sheriff Madehorn learned that the forger known in North Bend as Bob Stanley, was Frank Maitland, who had served several terms in the Folsom penitentiary of that state. Maitland got away with about \$200 of worthless paper in North Bend after remaining there six months. With this dope on him Mr. Malehorn thinks it will be but a short time before he is located.

At Gardiner Next Sunday

The big annual picnic of the Southwestern Oregon Odd Fellows Association will be held at Gardiner, this year the date being next Sunday, Aug. 26. A dance the evening before is also scheduled as one of the attractions of the meeting. Many delegates will go from here, Myrtle Point, Powers, Bandon and the Bay. The week end excursion rate is about a one and one-tenth fare for the round trip.

NEW TEACHERS WATERVERY POOR

Members of the Corps Chosen for the Coming Year

The Coquille city schools will open two weeks from next Monday, September 10, and Supt. Parr announces that registration for high school admission will be held the Friday preceding—Sept. 7. He will be there all day to register students.

The following is the corps of teachers contracted with for the coming year, and Mr. Parr and the board of directors feel that it is a very efficient one:

Primary Grades
Mrs. Inez Chase, Coquille.
Miss Anna Hendrickson, Astoria.
Miss Vina L. Crouk, Looking Glass.
Mrs. Bertha Harpole-Ditto, Springfield last year, but now of Coquille.

Intermediate Grades
Miss Maymie DeLong, Coquille.
Miss Launee Miller, Bridge.
Miss Anna Lewis, Brockway.
Mrs. Rosa E. Glossop, principal of Grade Building, Marshfield.

Upper Grades
Miss La Verne Lamb, Blackly, Ore.
Mrs. Mary Harvey, Coquille.
Miss Emma Rasmussen.

High School
L. A. Parr, Superintendent.
R. E. McCormack, principal, Roseburg.

Mrs. Bertha, McCormack, Roseburg.

Miss Marvel Skeels, Coquille.
Miss Ruth Nissen, Marshfield.
Miss Emma Jo Stewart, Portland.
Miss Sara Huntington, Yoncalla.
Miss Janet West, Portland.

As athletic coach the directors have practically completed arrangements with Keith Leslie to have charge of the football and basket ball squads this fall and winter, if he can secure the necessary certificate which Mr. Pass is convinced State Superintendent of Schools Churchill will issue.

In Their New Building

The Coquille Hardware company moved their hardware stock to their new location in the Ellingson building on Taylor street last Sunday, but they find it slow work getting settled.

They have more commodious quarters now, and are not so cramped. Two rows of show cases down the center of the room give ample opportunity for display while racks and shelving along the walls are convenient and easily accessible.

In the room opening on Front street they will have a complete plumbing shop and a balcony above will accommodate their line of stoves. Their heavier hardware will be kept in the concrete floored basement.

"Babe" Thomas Goes Up

C. A. Perkins returned Wednesday morning from attending a meeting of 45 of the Standard Oil special agents in the state at Portland the first of the week. Cliff brings back word that "Babe" Thomas, who played first base for Coquille in three games the past season, has been highly recommended to the Portland Beavers, and will probably be signed up for the Coast League next year, unless one of the Boston, Mass., teams beats Portland to it, for one of the big league scouts was out to look him over. Emmett McCann, Portland shortstop, says "Babe" is about the best bush first baseman he has seen this year.

Under Cover Next Week

J. M. Heckart, superintendent in charge of construction of the new hotel, says this morning that by the first of the month he will have the building under cover as the crew is making rapid headway now in getting the roof on.

The concrete for the walls of the second story was all poured last week and the pouring for the third story will begin next Tuesday.

New Community Building

Contractor E. W. Greig expects to start the construction of a community building at Arago next week, to be 60x75 feet in size. The building complete and furnished will cost about \$5,000. If Arago can do this why can't Coquille spend \$15,000 for a community building of the size needed here.

The Loyal Berean class of the Christian Church will have a cooked food sale at Gould & Gould's store Saturday, August 25th.

NEW RESERVOIR IS NOT FURNISHING THE KIND EXPECTED

Coquille Citizens are Anxious to Know What Causes the Discrepancies in the Reports on Tests of Water Taken from the City System.

Coquille citizens are anxious to know what causes the discrepancies in the reports on tests of water taken from the city system. All samples have been sent to the state board of health but the reports for the past three months have been greatly at variance. The samples sent in June showed 75 B. Coli per c. c.; in July, 2; and the report for August, received last Saturday, read 100 B. Coli per c. c.

The samples taken this month were sent by the nurses, Mrs. Deitrich and Miss White, one being from the faucet at Geo. Davis' residence and the other from the big reservoir on Rink Creek.

The bacteria test showed 1000 per cubic centimeter at the dam, and 500 from the faucet, which may be accounted for by the fact that the chlorinating system is in constant use.

In order to check up on the tests six samples have been sent out to another laboratory than the state's.

City Engineer Vinton made a thorough examination of all the creeks emptying into the big reservoir last Sunday, and of all the land adjacent to the pond, and if there is anything contaminating in that section it is so well hidden that he couldn't find it.

The report on the tests of the samples sent this week will be awaited with considerable interest.

Psychology Explained

Cosgrove Murphy, noted psychologist and character analyzer, of the Merton Institute, New York, will come to Coquille next week, beginning Monday night, August 27th, for a series of free lectures to be given in the County Court room, County Court house, each evening at eight o'clock.

Mr. Murphy has been in Marshfield and North Bend for the past few weeks and the people there speak highly of his lectures. He was a guest at the luncheon of the Rotary club and the Kiwanis club at Marshfield and the Chamber of Commerce at North Bend and gave them a short talk.

Mr. Murphy is here in the nature of a vacation. He is on his way to Portland and Seattle but put in here to get out of the extreme heat of the valley. Mr. Reed, a resident of Ashland, was instrumental in bringing him to this part of the country because of the big work he had done in Los Angeles.

The interest in psychology is universal. Every business institution and every individual who is interested in their welfare is looking to psychology to solve their problems. The lectures will continue for the week and are free.

Coming Wednesday

Mrs. Stella M. Drake, of Portland, worthy grand matron of the Eastern Star of Oregon, will pay her official visit to Beulah Chapter No. 6, here next Wednesday evening, Aug. 29. It is also expected that William Robinson Boons, worthy grand patron, and his wife, also from Portland, will be here at the same time. This will be the first time a worthy grand patron has visited the local chapter since Chas. A. Howard held that office some years ago.

The official visit will be preceded by a six o'clock luncheon in the banquet room of the Masonic Temple, and all members of the order, whether of Beulah chapter or not, are invited to be present.

The "Coos" Brand

Last Monday the Holt & Chase Canning Co., of Myrtle Point, announced their decision to label the vegetables they are canning as the "Coos Brand." The company now has orders for 30,000 gallons of evergreen blackberries, a former waste product of western Oregon that is now in big demand. Coos county is going to get a lot of advertising by the new brand the Myrtle Point Cannery has adopted.

To Ship Five Cars of Cattle

H. E. Hess and J. E. Ford will ship five carloads of prime fat steers to Portland tomorrow. Mr. Hess also shipped five cars a couple of weeks ago. Five cars means from 130 to 185 head.

Couldn't Fall 100 Feet

It might be supposed that one at least of the Bay papers would have a reporter who would know that the precipice on the valley side of the road at Norway was not a hundred feet high but that is the way each of them describes it at the point where L. W. Sprague suffered a fatal accident last Friday evening. Fatal accidents have occurred at the danger point near the old stone quarry years ago, and perhaps the road needs a guard rail there just as badly as if the precipice was 100 feet high instead of being less than a third that height.

That is where L. W. Sprague, of Marshfield, whose Nash roadster went off the grade and down to the level of the railroad track at that time, suffered a lacerated liver, which resulted in his death Tuesday morning.

Frank Bellrose, of North Bend, was driving the car at the time, though evidently unfit to do so, and he was brought here and placed in Sheriff Ellingsen's charge, but was himself so badly hurt that he was taken to the Richmond hospital for treatment.

Gas dropped a cent here yesterday and is now being sold for 24 cents a gallon by the retail dealers.

READY TO NUMBER

City Engineer Vinton reported to the council Monday evening that he had the map and data for the numbering of houses in Coquille all prepared and that anyone desiring to know their number, could secure it from him at the city hall when he was there. Both the hardware stores—Coquille Hardware Co. and J. A. Lamb—have agreed to carry a stock of metal numbers on hand.

The base lines from which the numbering will begin are Fourth and Henry streets. That is on streets running east and west, all houses in the first block east of Henry will be numbered up to 100, the even numbers on one side and the odd on the other. The second block east of Henry will run up to 200.

With fifty numbers in each block there will be, in a 300 foot block, a number for every six feet, which insures that there will never be any need for fractional numbers.

It is expected that all houses and buildings in town will have the numbers displayed on their fronts and that it will be done soon.

Two Autos in Collision

The colliding of a Ford bug and a Dodge Wednesday evening at the city hall corner cost Clarence Deadman \$2.50 in Recorder Lawrence's court. The bug was going west on Second and the Dodge south on Hall. Another car coming from the west added to the congestion so that the bug could not turn out. It struck the Dodge with such force as to break all the spokes out of one front wheel. Art Graham was driving the Dodge and the collision ripped a tire off his car. The judge suspended sentence until the Dodge was repaired but M. Graham said it was entirely accidental and he would repair his tire himself, so the recorder let Deadman off with the minimum fine.

Rev. Chas. Berger Coming

Rev. Chas. Berger, who graduated at Albion Theological Seminary last year, and who has been teaching in the South since then, will become pastor of the Presbyterian church here on the first of September, occupying the pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 2. He might have been here sooner but for an even more important engagement which took the precedence of this. This engagement was with the young woman he has just married. He comes from New York state and accepted the call from this church because he wanted to begin his pastoral work on the Pacific coast. Mr. and Mrs. Berger are expected here the last of next week.

To Relocate Highway

W. E. Chandler, division engineer of the state highway department, and J. A. Elliott, of the U. S. forest service, went down into Curry county Wednesday to relocate the route of the Roosevelt highway as far south as Gold Beach. It is expected the new location will be as near the coast as possible. After the new route is decided upon the forestry department will put surveyors at work to survey the road.

COUNCIL IS BUSY

Budget Committee—New Sewer Needed in Southeast Section

Mayor Nosler and four councilmen—C. T. Skeels, C. J. Fuhrman, C. L. Willey and E. W. Greig—were present for the regular meeting of that body Monday evening.

At this time the citizens' committee to act with the council in preparing the budget for 1924 was named by the mayor. They are E. A. Wimer, L. H. Hazard, J. E. Ross, Arthur Ellingson, Geo. T. Moulton and C. W. Gardner. This committee will meet with the council some time next month after the finance committee of the council and city treasurer have prepared a tentative budget.

Marshal Jack Leach reported on various city matters for the council's consideration. One of them was the complaints he had received of vault toilets in the vicinity of the M. E. Church South.

Some time ago the council requested that the residents of the southeast section of the city petition for a new sewer system, and although one was prepared, so many people refused, to sign it that the matter was dropped.

The members of the council feel that a modern sewer line and laterals is necessary for this large area which is now being served with a broken wooden box line, and unless the property owners move in the matter the council may take the initiative next year and cause one to be built.

The conditions in the gulch under the First street bridge are bad. A break in the box there permits the sewage to escape and form a sink hole there which endangers the health of those living nearby.

Marshal Leach also requested the purchase of more trash cans and of two more "silent policemen" for traffic regulation. C. L. Willey was authorized to furnish both these necessities. One of the dummies will be placed at the city hall corner and the other will be tried out in the intersection between the Sentinel office and the two service stations but the councilmen all realize that a cutting off of the corners on both sides of the highway will be the only satisfactory solution of this traffic danger.

Dr. G. Earl Low was appointed city health officer to succeed Dr. H. W. Irwin, who has removed from the city.

Considerable talk regarding the water situation was indulged in and in an effort to localize the contamination it was agreed that the outlet from the big dam on Rink creek should be closed and all city water be drawn from the small dam farther up on Rink, and from Walker creek. This will probably run the city short of water in a short time and irrigation restrictions may be imposed. In fact Mayor Nosler reported that several who were now on meter had complained to him that many users, who were not on meter, were using all the water they cared to, while the metered users had to pay for all they used. He recommended that a two-hour irrigation restriction be placed on those who had no meters to measure the amount used.

Members of the council demurred to this for the people had been promised if they voted the water bonds there would be an abundance of water for everyone and that this promise has been fulfilled is proven by the fact that the reservoir on the hill runs over nearly every evening and night. To put meters on every patron's service line is the only just way to handle the water question, but to put irrigation restrictions on where water is going to waste would create no end of criticism.

Foot Passengers' Rights

The question whether foot passengers have a right of way on paved roads is to come up before Justice Joehnk, of Marshfield, when County Attorney Fisher gets home from his vacation. In his court Charles Zimmerman, of Powers, when accused of running down Jack Bowron, on the Coquille highway at Bunker Hill, pleaded not guilty, claiming that when he honked his horn it was the footman's time to get off the pavement. It looks as if the time would come when a footpath for pedestrians might be needed where there are very many foot travellers on our motor highways.