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2 FINE BUILDINGS

H. E. Hess Has Built a Mammoth Barn and Has Bungalow under Construction

As an example of what the highway is going to do for Coquille and the Coquille valley, one has only to cross the river bridge here and walk down to the H. E. Hess place, opposite the Sitka mill. We have been hearing of the mammoth barn Mr. Hess has built there, but little idea of how solidly it is built, how commodious and well finished it is, can be derived without a visit to it.

Standing 62 feet from the ground to the peak of the roof, 46 feet wide at the north end 66 feet at the southern end, and 144 feet long, it is without doubt the largest barn in Coos county. Figuring the approach to the highway and the exercising platform and incline at the rear, it is over 200 feet in length.

Huge concrete pillars support this building and to avoid all danger from high water, it is 18 feet from the ground to the floor.

Immense silos, set on either corner of the front, are set on concrete bases, 14 inches in thickness. A lot of silage can be kept in those 60 foot cylinders. Inside the barn a thoroughness in construction is noted, which exceeds most of the large barns built in this dairy section. The walls are sealed and plenty of windows afford ample light.

The row of stanchions stretching down either side will accommodate 80 head of cattle, and of course the necessary equipment is there for milking machines.

A milk room, with hot water tank, cooler, separator and all the necessary adjuncts is found in the northeast corner.

The hay mow is immense. Mr. Hess says it will hold 200 tons of hay, and we would not have been surprised had he said 500 tons. Numerous chutes lead to the mangers below.

A horse barn, 20 x 40, is at the southwest corner, and a most substantial bull barn is alongside it.

This barn, the house Mr. Hess is now occupying and 140 acres of the finest bottom land in Oregon, 20 acres of it in canary grass, has been leased to Antone Abild, who plans to conduct a dairy there of well over one hundred head of cows.

But Mr. Hess does not propose to leave the ranch and is building a bungalow of large proportions just across the highway and a few hundred feet nearer the bridge. The house is opposite the Oerding sawmill and is built up to the fence along the old county road.

Here again comfort and convenience have been faithfully considered, and the outlook to the south and north is splendid.

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The bungalow is 52x75 feet in size, and on the ground floor has three bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath room, office, laundry, and an outset on the river side provides for a woodshed and double garage, at the same level. The garage is reached by an elevated roadway, through a porte-cochere, from the highway.

Upstairs four large rooms can be finished off or one huge party room can be left, and an excellent ball room floor, which would easily accommodate a large party.

A wide porch extends the full width of the front, facing the highway.

The house is not nearly done but the carpenters were putting shingles on the roof Wednesday and it will soon be enclosed.

As a home, the house will be like the barn, with very few equals in Coos county.

Nick Johnson Building Sold

Through the Robert Creager agency, W. J. Paulman, of St. Helens, this week purchased the Nick Johnson building on Front street, next door to the Henry Lorenz store. Mr. Paulman and his son and their families—nine in all—expect to come to Coquille soon to make their home here. They are recently from Minneapolis, Minn.

Country Fair Tonight

Remember the Country Fair at the High School building this evening. The students have been to considerable expense in getting ready for this big show, and they have devoted a great deal of time to its preparation. A thousand and one forms of entertainment will be on tap. Fun for everyone.

A Community Building?

Is Coquille going to have a Community building this year? An enthusiastic start was made last year and it really looked as though the program would be put over. But so many other matters, of importance to the city, came up that the most vital need was passed up.

With the advent of spring the question is beginning to be agitated again, and it looks as though the present moment was propitious for finishing the start made last year.

The opening of the hotel has demonstrated how greatly such an institution was needed. Of scarcely less importance is a Community building, and there are some who declare the benefits for the city in general from its erection will be nearly as great as was the building of the hotel.

Report of Mill Sale

A dispatch from Portland last Monday stated that R. K. Booth was there from Astoria in connection with the sale of the Sitka mill at Coquille. Whether there was any justification for the report the Sentinel has been unable to learn. But if the Scandinavian Bank of Portland has sold this mill it will be the best thing that could happen here, according to the unanimous opinion of the business men.

COUNTY COURT THIS WEEK

The county court was in session here Tuesday and transacted considerable business although much of it was routine and of minor importance. There have been several sales concluded the past few weeks for property included in the sheriff's "junk sale" and five deeds were ordered made at the Tuesday session.

The contract for furnishing and delivering gravel on the Empire-South highway, on the sub-grade prepared by the county, was awarded to John Haakensen at his bid of \$3.10 per yard. There were three other bidders—The Hillstrom Transportation Co., A. B. Gidley and the Umpqua Gravel Co., whose bids ranged up to \$5.80 a yard.

The bid of the North Bend Fuel Co., for furnishing four-foot mill run wood for the ferryboat Roosevelt, at \$2.95 a cord, was accepted by the court.

A rehearing of Cody Carlson's application for the vacation of a piece of county road across his ranch at Randolph was set for April 3.

To avoid the expense of suits the court compromised with Morrill Jamson and Henry Bumgardner for rights of way across their places on the Lampa sections of the Coquille-Bandon Highway. The former was allowed \$325 and the latter \$300 for deeds to the land taken. They had heretofore been offered, according to the viewers' appraisal, \$260 and \$107 respectively.

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Investigating Juvenile Culprits

Judge R. H. Mast, Sheriff Ellingsen, Probation Officer A. T. Morrison and District Attorney Ben S. Fisher were at Bandon Wednesday investigating the activities of juvenile thieves down there. About a dozen boys were examined, and Virgil King and Jay Barrington were questioned as to the robbery of the McNair store recently. Their stories implicated each other without convicting themselves.

The officers are not prepared to declare who the guilty parties are but the judge paroled them in the custody of their parents.

E. M. Dunn Is Night Marshal

Lee Goodman, who had been acting as night marshal for ten days, notified Mayor Nosler last Saturday that his physical condition would not permit him to retain the position. On Tuesday the mayor secured E. M. Dunn for the office and his appointment will be up for confirmation at the next session of the council.

On Trial for Assault

The trial of Reanous Cochran in Justice Stanley's court, for assault and battery, on charges by his wife, Grace Cochran, has been on today. The case is being heard in the council chamber at the city hall. The difficulty occurred over three weeks ago and Mr. Cochran has been out on \$100 bail since.

W. C. Rose to Be Janitor

W. C. Rose was last Tuesday appointed janitor at the court house to succeed J. T. Nosler, resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Rose spent a couple of days here the first of the week and before he returned to the Brewster valley ranch had been given the appointment by the county court.

MET AT THE HOTEL NOT THIS YEAR

Boy Scout Executive Council Planning for the Year's Work

The executive committee of the Coos County Boys Scouts council met at the Coquille Hotel Wednesday evening to lay plans for the work being and to be carried on by Scout Executive H. Ricksecker and the Scoutmasters. Those present were T. A. Lagerstrom, E. W. Gates, H. Ricksecker, M. D. Bromberger, E. R. Peterson, N. C. Kelley, Jno. H. Greves, Claud Nosler, Dr. J. R. Bunch, Mr. Gardner and H. A. Young.

The budget for 1924 of \$4300, the minimum by which it was thought the Council could operate this year, was adopted. In this connection it should be remarked that Coquille is the only one of the four towns participating in the Boy Scouts organization, which has not raised any funds for carrying on the work. The entrance of Coquille into the Council was endorsed by the Commercial Club, and the finance committee is expecting to make a campaign soon to raise this city's quota of \$400 or \$500.

It was decided that the Fair officials at Myrtle Point would be asked to give the morning of Friday, Sept. 19, over to the Boy Scouts. Competitive tests in all the Scouting activities will be held that morning and various other exhibitions and displays made if suitable arrangements can be made. As an educational feature and exhibition of what constitutes Scouting it will be worth the while of every one interested in boys.

Another plan to be worked out is the marking of all historic spots in Coos county. At Mr. Ricksecker's suggestion the idea of having the boys ascertain where these historical points are, visit them and erect suitable markers was approved.

The large Scout cabin at Coos Head was the subject of an enlightening talk by Mr. Bromberger. The cabin still needs much equipment, but its use by all the troops in the county was urged.

Bandon and Reedsport are also considering co-operation with the county council and even the smaller places like McKinley and Lee, River-ton, Arago, and Coos River are talking of organizing patrols and taking part in the Coos Council.

Coolidge Wins Hands Down

In North Dakota by dividing their votes between Johnson and LaFollette, the opponents of President Coolidge made easy picking for him in securing delegates. In politics it is usually the case that it is much easier to win when your opponents are divided. The trouble is that the opposition usually find it as difficult to agree among themselves as to agree with a major party candidate. And the regular always finds it easier to beat two candidates than one.

The same conditions seem bound to work in Coolidge's favor all over the country. And this is the reason why so popular a man as President Roosevelt couldn't come anywhere near winning as a third party candidate. A multiplicity of candidates may possibly "throw" the election into the house of representatives, but that has not happened since the present method of election has prevailed, though in 1824 Adams, who stood second in the popular vote, won in that way.

Nosler Building Being Rushed

It is expected that the contractors, H. E. Shelley & Son, will finish pouring the concrete for the walls of the new S. M. Nosler building either tomorrow or early next week. Mr. Nosler is hoping that the room he will occupy will be finished so that he can move in by May 1.

While the upstairs portion of the building on First street may not be finished at this time the space is being arranged so that several offices, either single rooms or in suites, can be provided, besides three apartments. This will make fifteen apartments in the entire building and still leave four or five office rooms for rent.

Fire Drill, March 25

A drill by the Coquille Fire Department is called by Chief J. E. Perrott for 7 o'clock next Wednesday evening and it is hoped and expected that every member of the department will be on hand to participate. If the men will not turn out for an occasional drill, Mr. Perrott says there is little incentive for him to hold the position, as he only took it in the hope that an efficient organization of fire fighters could be developed.

Council Decides Plank Streets Must Last Three or Four Years Yet

The improvement of the plank streets in the east part of Coquille, known as the "Second and Other Streets Improvement" district, was the main topic of discussion at the meeting of the city council Monday night. The session did not begin until nearly nine o'clock and only four councilmen and the mayor were present then.

Several property owners were in attendance, who desired to have the plank roadways repaired for a few years yet, at least until the funds were paid off. There is good ground for the position they took, too, because most of the vacant lots in that section are assessed at a figure which would not permit the owners to build for a new improvement, and would result in considerable property being taken over by the city.

The Bancroft act permits bonding for improvement, taxes up to the amount of the assessed valuation, anything over that must be paid in cash. Vacant lots in that section are assessed for \$290, \$255 and \$225. With three payments on the old bond issue yet unpaid and the probability that assessments for a new improvement would run from \$250 to \$400 a lot, it can readily be seen how many of the owners would have to pay a part of the assessment in cash, and could not bond for it.

The council informed the visitors that the city had no desire to force an improvement if it was not desired, but that something would have to be done with the east and west streets before summer.

After discussing the matter at length, Mayor Nosler offered the suggestion that a "repair district" could be formed, and an assessment of \$10 to \$15 levied on each lot up there which, with what the city's street fund could spare, would enable the city to keep the planks in repair for another three years or until the bonds have matured.

Of course, this makeshift plan is not going to be satisfactory to the large number of property owners, who wanted a permanent improvement put in, for it will be several years yet before the narrow trails will give way to a paving of decent width. However, there will probably be no active opposition to the plan, which was adopted by the council.

Councilman Fuhrman expressed a thought-provoking idea when he suggested that the city should standardize its street work and that when an improvement was made according to those standard specifications it should be accepted by the city and the expense of maintenance be assumed by the city from that time henceforward. It would take a charter amendment to put this rule into effect, but its adoption would preclude the possibility of the property owners having to start over every ten years paying on a new improvement. Planks and gravel would not be accepted in standard specifications either.

It would be a good thing to have such a charter amendment submitted at the general and city election next fall.

Coquille Carpenters Unionize

The carpenters of Coquille joined the Union—Local 1088 of the American Federation of Labor—last Monday evening, to the number of twenty. They met at Odd Fellows hall and were initiated into the mysteries of the order. The president of the local gave a long talk to the new members, impressing on them very strongly their duty to endeavor to give their employers at all times their very best efforts, both in co-operation and mechanical skill. He also said that the union did not make carpenters, but would always stand behind men who were mechanics.

Dance Saturday Night

The dance to be given by the Eastern Star here this evening has been postponed until tomorrow evening, so that it would not conflict with the Country Fair at the High School this evening. Bowser's Orchestra, of Myrtle Point, has been engaged to furnish the music.

"Felix" Watson for County Clerk

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the announcement of Robert R. Watson, by which he enters the race for the republican nomination for county clerk at the primaries May 16. "Felix" is well qualified in every way to handle the affairs of the office, and since Miss Inez F. Bunch has declared that she will not be a candidate, he has come out with his formal statement. He has served many years in the clerk's office, one term as clerk, and there is no one in the county who has a better knowledge of the workings of that office. He is courteous, conscientious and has a record for efficient service which will go far in persuading the voters to put the seal of their approval on his candidacy.

Fire Department Backing It

The fire department has made a contract this week for the flag pole plan on city adornment. The outfit consists of a 4x6 flag, a 12-foot flagpole, and a hille in the sidewalk, covered by a cap in which the pole can be inserted. The idea is to make the decorations of the town uniform, on 4th of July, Denotation Days, and at other occasions, the poles being set in line down the block. These outfits are sold to every business house as desired, for \$4.85, which includes all expense. C. L. Willey will drill the holes in the concrete and the fire department will receive 50 cents on every sale made.

TO ADVERTISE OREGONINEAST

F. C. Furinton and Ben Mitchell, of Portland, attended the meeting of the Commercial Club at the Coquille Hotel Wednesday evening, to solicit support for the Oregon book, which the Odd Fellows will take with them to the Oregon Historical Society at Astoria, Ore., this year.

Portland wants and stands an excellent show, of securing the sovereign grand lodge for 1925 and this booklet, of an issue of 25,000, will be distributed along the route of the Oregon delegation going to and coming from Atlanta, and among the delegates.

The visitors have been receiving satisfactory support in the matter of advertising elsewhere in Oregon, and the Commercial Club named a committee to solicit funds so that Coquille may have one or two pages in the book. The local Odd Fellows lodge may contribute to such a fund and the Commercial Club will also likely contribute.

About 25 were present at the meeting, but all those present agreed to bring some one else with them next Wednesday.

A special order of business for next week is to be the auto park, and the suggestions adopted then will later be embodied in a recommendation to the city council.

An invitation was read for all citizens to attend the dedication of the new "Bath Bridge" on the Pacific Highway, across the Umpqua at Winchester, north of Roseburg. It is planned to formally open that concrete-arched bridge on April 27.

For Tenth Time

Representative W. C. Hawley Wednesday filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate to succeed himself as congressman for the first Oregon district. Mr. Hawley was first elected to Congress in 1906 and had been elected successively every two years since. His slogan is the one he has used on the ballot for many years, "No interests to serve but the public interests." He will have at least one opponent for the Republican nomination, Peter Zimmerman, of Yamhill county.

A Huge Broccoli

A refutation of the statement that broccoli will not do well in the Coquille valley is found in the stand which E. E. Frettingill has at his place just outside the city on the Myrtle Point road. He cut a head of it this week, which weighed 11 1/2 pounds and was just as handsome as the smaller heads. It was grown on bench land, too.

Mulkey to Move Office

As soon as the plumbers get the necessary connections made in the basement of the frame part of the court house, School Superintendent C. E. Mulkey will move his offices down there and the entire upper floor will be devoted to circuit court business. The rooms left by Mr. Mulkey will be used as a lawyers' room.

FOR 1924 SEASON

First Baseball Meeting Finds Six Clubs in the League—Berg to Be President

The first 1924 meeting of the Coos County League was held in Marshfield Wednesday evening with representatives present from Coquille, Powers, Marshfield, North Bend, Reedsport and Roseburg.

A good start was made towards the organization of a strong league by the admission of all towns above mentioned, and the election of J. Arthur Berg, of Coquille, as president.

The contention of the smaller towns that the gate receipts of each game should be split, 60% to the home team and 40% to the visitors, was agreed to and adopted without opposition.

Everyone present was agreed that the expensive baseball of last year would kill the game if attempted this year and a rule was included in the by-laws adopted that not more than two outside players could be employed. The salary schedule was also placed at a considerably lower figure than the prices which prevailed last year.

The tentative date for opening the season was set as the second Sunday in May, and the closing game on Labor Day. All holiday games will be league affairs and not exhibition contests.

The umpire question was left to the new president and the question of the amount to be posted as a guarantee by each club was left to a future meeting.

At the request of the Coquille club president, Dr. G. E. Low, Wm. Fortier was the local representative at the meeting.

If Coquille wants baseball this summer—18 games is the number tentatively decided upon—it is up to the local fans to have a mass meeting and start the ball rolling.

"Bill" Fortier has already got in touch with several local players and would have had a light practice last Sunday had the weather permitted. With Firtier, Carl Gilbert, Cliff Perkins, Bob McKerrow, Otto Davis, "Bunny" Abbott, Wm. Howell and a number of others living in this vicinity, Coquille will be in shape to put an entire "home guard" team on the field, and one strong enough to compete with the best of them.

Beware of Uncle Sam

Lans Leneve, who has been at work for the U. S. government for nearly a year in making war on predatory wild animals, and doing excellent work, says that during the past week some of his traps have been molested for the first time during the year. In fact four traps, out of the 22 he set in the River-ton vicinity, have been stolen. He had already taken eight bobcats and coyotes there, but his good work seems not to have been appreciated by some people. Whether the thieves were moved by a desire to get some traps for their own use, or by friendship for the varmints is not clear.

At any rate the miscreants, who befriended the coyotes, were probably ignorant of the fact that the United States government protects these traps by imposing a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in a federal penitentiary for not more than five years as the penalty for molesting them. Better quit it, boys. It really won't pay.

To Ask for City Delivery

Inquiry at the council meeting Monday evening brought out that no step looking toward the establishment of free city delivery has yet been taken here in Coquille, but the city attorney was instructed to look up the post-office regulations and ascertain and report how free delivery may be obtained.

With the houses nearly all numbered, the streets signs up, good sidewalks, and postal receipts last year in excess of \$10,000 there remains nothing to do but make application to the postal department for free delivery.

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