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\$2.00 THE YEAR.

\$1406 IS RAISED

For Chamber of Commerce Work This Year--To Pay Secretary Part Time

The Budget committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce last week to raise funds for carrying on a publicity and community program this year, reported Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Chamber at the hotel, that they had over \$1400 pledged for the year with prospects of getting another \$100. There were 90 business houses, professional men and individuals on the list which included practically every business house in town.

The committee was heartily congratulated on the successful efforts it had made, but was continued for another week that they might secure a few individual subscriptions from men who have not been seen. Any one desiring to contribute will find the list at the store of Gould & Gould.

A resolution was adopted by the Chamber dedicating one committee room in the new Community Building to the American Legion. The latter was promised one place on the committee which has charge of the building.

The proposed constitution and by-laws which was prepared by the committee Monday evening was read in its entirety and will come up for discussion and vote at the annual election meeting next Wednesday.

The second paragraph of the constitution explains what the chamber is for, what it hopes to accomplish, and it is here reproduced:

"The purpose for which this Chamber is organized and incorporated and for which its existence is to be continued, is to foster and encourage all business interests and activities which in any way tend to increase, development and growth of the City of Coquille, Oregon, and surrounding country which is tributary thereto."

The budget committee reported that they had found some business men who asked what the Commercial Club had ever done for Coquille. We might mention a few of its many accomplishments:

The Coquille river bridge; the annual Corn Show; the system of market and state roads which radiate from Coquille, including the Roosevelt Highway which would never have passed through this city had it not been for the bridge; the ownership and preservation of the Myrtlewood Grove; the Hotel Coquille; and many other of the improvements in this valley.

True, the club did not build the roads, nor the hotel, nor finance any of the projects noted, but the agitation for them was started in and fostered by the Commercial Club. It is the Commercial Club has had a tremendous influence in making Coquille and the Coquille valley what it is today.

The nominating committee presented the following list for the approval of the Chamber next Wednesday evening:

For President—C. T. Skeels.
For Vice Pres.—C. C. Archibald.
For Treasurer—L. H. Hazard.
For Directors—O. C. Sanford, J. E. Ross, J. E. Norton, H. A. Young, A. N. Gould, G. Russell Morgan, Fred Wimer, J. P. Beyers, H. M. Fensler, J. A. Lamb, S. M. Nosler, E. D. Webb, Philip Johnson, J. W. Miller, C. J. Fahrman, F. G. Leslie, A. A. Selander, A. O. Walker, Fred Lorenz, C. A. Rietman, A. T. Morrison and J. L. Stevens.

If the constitution is adopted as presented seven directors are to be elected who, with the president, vice-president and treasurer, will compose the board of directors. The secretary will be chosen by the directors and his salary fixed by them. There are five men who have been mentioned for secretary.

Of course, nominations will be in order for candidates, other than those suggested, when the election is held.

President J. A. Lamb suggested a plan for advertising Coquille valley products, which might be enlarged upon and provide an office for the secretary. His idea is to erect a small structure, glassed on three sides near the front of the park, in which an attractive display of the products of this section could be effectively displayed. Such a building would not cost a great deal and it would be right at the entrance of the auto park. If it was made large enough to serve as the secretary's office be-

lieve, it would be more useful still. Fred Wimer and L. H. Hazard were named as the committee to arrange for the Chamber dinner at the hotel next Wednesday.

Brought Back the Cover

Thieves are becoming bolder. Last Tuesday evening J. Arthur Berg and his wife spent a couple of hours at the Philip Johnson home on Spurgeon Hill. The porch light was on and three times Art went out on the front porch, to look at his car standing out in front, but when he got ready to leave he found the steering wheel had been removed and a Stillson wrench and pair of nippers taken.

Ten days ago a sneak entered his garage, taking his spare rim, new cord tire and inner tube and cover. The next night the thief kindly returned the rim and cover.

Briner Buys Dairy

Everett M. Briner, who has had a lot of experience in the dairy business when he worked for Geo. Lorenz, has purchased the milk route and confectionery of T. A. Wallace, formerly owned by Bert McEwen.

Mr. Briner has renamed his business, calling it the "Cow Bell Dairy." His office and confectionery is on Front street, opposite the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

OPEN HOUSE IN HALL BUILDING

Tomorrow, January 17, the Hall Building at Marshfield and its tenants will keep "Open House," and they are extending an invitation to all residents of Coos county to visit the building between 2 and 5 p. m. and between 7 and 10 p. m. The whole building will be open to visitors' inspection and this will include the general office occupied by the Coos & Curry Telephone Co. Especially will the telephone exchange and the club room and rest-rooms provided for the operators be of interest to the public. Attendants will be in readiness to show everyone through the company's plant and explain the workings of the system.

The new equipment installed in the new quarters of the company is the most modern in the Northwest, giving an opportunity for maximum of service with minimum of delay.

The splendidly lighted, comfortable rooms in which the employees do their work are provided with all the conveniences of the most up-to-date plants and are a revelation to one acquainted only with the dingy quarters of a century ago. It is a monument to the far-sighted and forward thinking men who are responsible for its existence.

Port of Bandon Officers

The Port of Bandon Commission met in the city hall here Tuesday to organize for the coming two years, at which time F. E. Drane took his seat as commissioner.

The officers chosen were: E. E. Johnson, president. Jas. E. Walstrom, vice president and manager. T. E. Hanly, treasurer. O. A. Trowbridge, secretary. John Nielson, assistant secretary.

The commission voted to send a delegation to the state ports conference at Portland today and tomorrow, and named J. E. Norton as one of the port's representatives. There will probably be some of the Bandon commissioners in attendance also.

New Coquille Corporation

There appears on the records at court house a copy of the articles of incorporation filed by the Coquille Home Building and Investment Co., whose capital stock of \$10,000 is divided into one hundred shares, par value \$100 each. Robert A. Ross, W. S. Sickels and J. J. Stanley are named as the incorporators.

Complete details of what the company plans to do are not available at this time, but as the name implies, it is to assist in the upbuilding of Coquille and the securing of homes.

Duck Season Is Closed

The duck season in the western division of Oregon closed yesterday at sunset. A number of our hunters report excellent luck this season. Those who reported the limit for one day, which is 25, were our veteran Nimrod, A. G. Sherwood, John W. Miller and Ira Johnson. The Sentinel's hunter, Frank L. Greenough, was not far behind week before last with 18 mallards and four teal and widgeon.

MADE SMALL HAUL TO START MARCH 1

Thieves Got Only \$12.77 When They Broke Into the S. P. Depot

The officers, if they have any clues, are not making public anything concerning the burglary of the Southern Pacific depot here at midnight Monday.

E. B. Curtis, the telegraph operator, had been talking to the dispatcher at 11:40 and after that had tacked out the radiator of his car and couldn't have gotten away before 11:50. E. V. Leach, who goes on at midnight found the till open and immediately called W. E. Bosserman, agent. After talking to Leach and calling Marshal Hollenbeck, Mr. Bosserman looked at his watch, which said 12:09. The burglars had less than ten minutes to secure the \$12.77 in the drawer.

Entrance was effected by pushing away a card board where the glass in a window had been broken and raising the window. Over \$100 in checks were in the drawer but they were not taken.

A woman was evidently mixed up in the robbery, for about 10 o'clock Mr. Curtis saw two people pass the station window. One was a woman, and it was a woman's voice he heard when they stopped and talked for a few minutes.

When the sheriff and deputy arrived they found where a woman had stood, under the warehouse, in a position to give her a view of the station window. At the other end of the warehouse tracks indicated that a man had been squatting down and those two points were the only places where watch could be kept from under the warehouse on the window.

More conclusive still, as Leach neared the end of the front street a woman appeared from nowhere and preceded him down the walk. At the depot she turned east and when near the east end of the string of empties on the siding, threw a searchlight over the cars. But by the time Leach had entered the station and seen the rifed drawer she had disappeared.

The money belonged to the express company. It is probably due to the very short time the thieves had to work that a larger sum was not taken.

Milk Depot Broken Into

Mrs. E. C. Raymond's milk depot on First street was robbed last Thursday night, something over \$12 being taken. Four dollars of it was in pennies. The thieves had used an axe to force the back door, breaking the lock there and on the door into her office. Evidently they were frightened away while trying to remove the works of a watch from a gold case for Mrs. Raymond found it with the movement loosened, but still in the case.

New Semester Begins Monday

Monday, January 19, is the beginning of the new semester in the Coquille schools.

All children, who will be six years old before March first, report to Miss Cronk in the grade building.

Sentinel's Anniversary Edition.

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- The publication date of the Special Edition of the Sentinel in Commemoration of Its Twenty-first Year of Existence is Deferred One Week.
- The unanimous co-operation of the business and professional men of the city has been such as to cause the Sentinel to undertake a more elaborate publication than was originally planned, causing deferment of publication date.

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The policy of the Coquille Valley Sentinel in issuing this anniversary edition follows out our continuous effort to be of assistance in developing the community and through publicity attempting to attract both capital and new residents to assist in developing the vast natural resources this district has been endowed with.

A Picture of Progress

In compiling the reading matter making up this special number we shall do our best through word pictures and illustrations to not only

describe the business life and its rapid development in the community, out to set forth in convincing form the myriad reasons why there is every assurance here of a continued growth and permanent prosperity in this great domain of opportunity.

Co-operation

In acknowledging the generous co-operation which has thus far been extended by the business men of the city we do so with a feeling of considerable pride in the fact that Mr. Work, who is handling the special, reports that thus far in his interviews with the merchants of the city he has been received with the utmost courtesy and extended every assistance and co-operation. Though we had every reason to expect co-operation on the part of the merchants in this considerable effort, we are indeed gratified with the unanimous response that is reported, and it shall be our effort in the production of this edition and in the carrying out of the publication of a regular, dependable and worth while newspaper to merit this confidence that is shown by the merchants in our efforts.

Deputies Here Next Month

Internal revenue collector, Clyde G. Huntley, of Portland informs us this morning of the dates on which his deputies will visit Coos county towns to assist Coos county taxpayers in making out their returns. They are as follows:

Coquille, February 5-6.
Myrtle Point, February 4.
Bandon, February 2-3.
North Bend, February 7-10.
Marshfield, February 11-11.

Eighth Grade Graduates

The following are the eighth grade Coquille students who have completed the grammar school work and were today given diplomas, which entitled them to enter high school: James L. Watson, Earl McQuigg, Leah Pearl Hutter, Elizabeth Lane, Roxie Loretta Stanford, Kathryn Wilson, Velma Sarah Heckart, Eleanor A. Polson, Clayton E. Brown.

At Myrtle Point Tonight

The Coquille basketball quintet has two hard games scheduled for this week. Tonight they play at Myrtle Point where they will meet one of the strongest contenders for this year's championship honors.

Tomorrow night they play the fast Roseburg quintet in an exhibition game on the high school gym floor.

GOOD SHOWING BY FIRST NAT'L

The annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank was held in the bank here Tuesday evening. All the directors were re-elected as follows: A. J. Sherwood, R. C. Dement, L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, E. D. Webb and C. T. Skeels.

The officers' report showed 1924 to have been a very satisfactory year, and besides paying the regular dividend, the stockholders voted to add \$3,256 to the undivided profits, making a total of \$18,722.50 in this part of the bank's assets, besides the \$50,000 capital and \$10,000 surplus.

This increase in the undivided profits is a source of pleasure to the bank officials and stockholders because it adds to the strength and security of the bank, and is that much added safeguard for its patrons.

The bonus to all the bank's employees and whatever was charged off for depreciation of building and equipment and for poor accounts was deducted before the \$3250 was added to the undivided profits. But Mr. Sanford says the bank has been very fortunate, due to their care in safeguarding the funds, in having had very few losses for several years past, the total being considerably less than \$500.

The directors' meeting, at which time it is probable all the present officers will be re-elected, will be held some time next week.

Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Hazard have been with this strong financial institution since its founding, over 21 years ago, and Mr. Sanford has been with it continuously for over 18 years, and for a part of the time the first three years of its existence. It was the first national bank organized in Coos county.

Corn Show Cost \$285

E. D. Webb reported to the Chamber of Commerce that of the \$608.75 set aside for the Corn Show this year only \$285.53 was spent, leaving \$317.97 which the Chamber ordered turned back to the building committee of the Community Building.

In two separate motions the Chamber expressed unanimous appreciation for the work done by the Corn Show committees, and also for the successful efforts of the building committee.

To Have Bleacher Seats

The directors of school district No. 8 this week placed an order with the Oerding Mfg. Co. for ten sections of moveable bleacher seats. The contract calls for their completion by Jan. 30, the date of the next basketball game here. The price was \$788.75.

When the new gymnasium is built next fall these bleachers will be moved out there, but until that time they will furnish seating room in the community building, where the balance of this year's games are to be played.

The Woman's Class of the Christian Sunday School will hold a cake and cookie sale at S. M. Nosler's grocery store Saturday, Jan. 17.

THE ASSESSMENT

For First Street Sewer Fixed by the Council--Other City Business

Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Opperman, Ramsey, Farr, Fahrman and Chaney were present at the adjourned session of the city council Monday evening, at which time the street committee recommended that the sewer assessments proposed on lots and part of lots, which could not be benefited by the sewer be cancelled. This applied to parcels belonging to J. C. Watson, Mrs. McLeod, T. A. Walker, Coos county, O. C. Sanford and A. J. Sherwood, adjacent to the sewer on Hall street and vicinity, and the lots of C. M. Volkner estate and of Leo J. Cary at the upper end of First street.

They also recommended the equalizing of assessments on opposite sides of a street where main or lateral was not laid in the center of the street.

Other objections to the proposed assessment were overruled and after the deficit, caused by taxing the few lots and parcels out of the proposed assessment was thinly spread over the balance of the district the assessment was adopted by ordinance. The increase over the original assessment was about \$150 per lot.

Through its chairman, Geo. H. Chaney, the street committee asked that the city purchase 4500 feet of lumber and a carload of gravel for street repair. The committee had put in some time inspecting the condition of the streets and were prepared to give first hand information on the city's needs.

The planking is to be used on the cross streets in the east part of town while the gravel will be used at the intersection of Beech and First streets, at the intersection of Front and Willard, where numerous holes in the paving are making it dangerous, and at the Tenth street intersection with the highway, in front of the high school.

The council authorized the purchase of the repair material.

Street Commissioner Dungey reported, too, repairs needed in the north end and the street committee was given authority to have the needed repairs made.

Water Superintendent Epperson reported progress on the cleaning out of the big reservoir on Rink creek. Lots of debris has been removed but it would require several weeks yet to thoroughly clean the creek bottom, where all kinds of rubbish was covered with earth which the water later washed away. He asked the councilmen to take the time to go up and look it over. There is time yet, of course, to fill the reservoir but it will require a great deal of rain to fill it, and the closing of the gates cannot be delayed until spring. Meanwhile the cleaning out of the creek bottom is being pushed.

The mayor announced the appointment of Dr. J. A. Burket, O. C. Sanford and A. T. Morrison as the city's health committee.

He also, after conferring with the councilmen, announced that meetings of the body would be held at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the water committee have a meeting to consider the question of water rates, with a view of raising sufficient revenue for operating expenses, interest on bonds and a sinking fund for the bond's redemption.

The request of Mr. Chaney for information as to whether any street improvement was contemplated for the coming year, brought up the question of that most important gateway to the city—the Hall street bridge. Discussion of the possible means by which that city entrance could be made safer, resulted in the street committee being requested to meet with the county court and learn what the county and highway commission would do toward filling and paving that section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway.

Things are pretty quiet about the sheriff's office and the county jail, the last incarceration having been Jan. 5. There are now only 17 lodged in Mr. Ellingsen's boarding house.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.