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## FOR COW TESTING

### A New Coquille Valley Association Organized Here Last Wednesday

The nucleus of the Coquille Valley cow testing association was formed here Wednesday afternoon at a meeting in the City Hall attended by representative dairymen from six different communities in the valley. Temporary officers were elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted together with a membership agreement.

The session convened and 1:30 p. m. until 4:00 p. m. the 16 representative present worked rapidly in ironing out differences of opinion as to terms under which the association should be formed. Each section of both the membership agreement and the constitution and by-laws was taken up and approved separately and finally shortly before adjournment both documents were passed unanimously and the association is now ready to sign up members.

Temporary officers who will function until the association is underway were elected and include, L. P. Trigg, Norway, president; E. H. Harnden, Coquille, vice president; H. E. Hess, Coquille, secretary-treasurer; and S. S. Reed, Myrtle Point; John P. Devereux, Parkersburg; Joe Nelson, Riverton; Carl Jensen, Arago; directors. All of these officers form the executive committee, which shall be the governing body of the association.

The meeting was called by Wm. L. Teutsch, field representative of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, at the suggestion of a number of dairymen from the various sections of the Coquille valley. N. C. Jamison, extension dairymen for the agricultural college, was also present at the meeting and these two men will remain in the county during the remainder of the month to assist in the association's work.

Mr. Jamison, in discussing the value of cow testing associations, pointed out the accomplishments of other associations in the state in increasing the average butterfat production per cow, and also the increased sale value of cows with records as well as the increased sale value of their offspring. In many instances, he said, cows with records behind them have sold at public auction for from 15 to 25 per cent higher prices than cows which had no records. Through systematic records kept on feed costs, such as testing associations enable, it is possible to determine whether or not it pays to use various grains, the efficiency of these, and the amounts that are most profitable to feed.

Another phase of cow testing association work as referred to by Mr. Jamison was the sale of surplus calves from high producing cows in the association as is now being practiced in Tillamook county.

The 16 dairymen present represented 410 cows and reported as many more cows which might be brought into the organization. A canvass of the entire valley will be made and plans adopted Wednesday aim at an association of 1800 cows with two testers. The cost for testing in order to pay the bare expenses of the association will be \$1.00 per cow per year with an additional cost of \$2.00 per month per herd where one full day of the tester's time is required each month.

It was brought out at the meeting that every important dairymen section had cow testing associations and the success of these associations in Tillamook and Humboldt counties was particularly referred to. Coos county, it was declared, has natural conditions which should permit the production of butterfat at a lower cost than many other sections of the West. For this reason, its place as the home of high producing dairy cattle should be second to none in the country and as a result there should be a corresponding increase in value of land and wealth in the county.

It was urged at the session that all those interested in testing association work write to H. E. Hess, secretary-treasurer.

Those present were: E. H. Harnden, Joe Nulf, H. E. Hess, Geo. A. Maas & Son, John P. Devereux, Worth Osborne, Lee Evans, E. Hamblock, Harry L. Hefley, S. S. Reed, W. E. Cross, Joe Nelson, L. P. Trigg, Olaf Aasen.

## Praises Anniversary Edition

In writing to renew his subscription to the Sentinel, Earl W. McInturff, of Marshfield, says:

It was with a feeling of justified pride, I read and noted closely the compilation and general make up of your late annual issue, published a few days ago. I doubt if there are many of your constant readers but who are conscious of a deeper interest than usually given a local paper. The annual issue clearly proved the large amount of development taking place in and around our neighbor sister city—the progressiveness of Coquille's merchants, the pardonable pride and interest of her residents, all of which is only a part of the explanation why out of such a community would naturally come an annual issue of a local paper so bristling with interesting facts and evidence of real progress. In my humble opinion the editors of the Sentinel have every reason, and encouragement for their future. Yours truly—E. W. McInturff.

## Science Lecture Tonight

The public is cordially invited to attend a lecture on Christian Science by Dr. J. M. Tuttle, of Kansas City, Mo., tonight, in the Masonic Hall. The lecture is free.

## COQUILLE MAN LOSES \$3,500

George A. Robinson, one of Coquille's wealthiest citizens, is listed among the banks and financial institutions who were losers by the failure of Ward M. Burgess, an Omaha business man, who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Omaha Wednesday, with liabilities of over four millions of dollars and assets of \$2885, most of which are said to be exempt. Mr. Robinson is a loser to the extent of \$3500, which will not cover the cost of his legal expenses. A \$35 loss would many of our citizens. Seven other losers are listed in Oregon and about twice that many in Washington. The sums dropped by other financial institutions in this state range from \$1750 to \$19,250, both those losers being Portland banks. The only other loser in southwestern Oregon is the First National Bank of Cottage Grove, which lost just half as much as Mr. Robinson.

Burgess, the man who made the big splash at Omaha is a man who during the war sold a billion dollars' worth of stamps in one day. He was a heavy stockholder in the Omaha business concerns which recently failed and it was his personal indorsement of their paper that caused his own failure. Two hundred and fifty-three banks in various parts of the country held this paper.

## Legion Game Next Tuesday

The Stout Lumber Co. quintet, one of the leading teams in the Coos Bay basketball league, will be the opponents of the Coquille American Legion team at the Community Building here next Tuesday evening. The game will start at 8 o'clock, and admission will be 50 and 25 cents. The local quintet is composed of a fast bunch of players and any team going up against them has to play basketball every minute.

## Fathers and Sons Tonight

This evening at the Community Building the mothers of the Boy Scouts will serve the dinner for the Fathers and Sons Banquet. Well over 150 tickets have been sold and many a Coquille citizen has borrowed a "son" for tonight.

Practically everything has been donated by the good people of Coquille so that the entire receipts will be available to apply on Coquille's quota for Boy Scout work this year.

## Carnival Dance Tomorrow

The carnival dance is elsewhere advertised to be held at Graham's Hall here tomorrow evening. Hawaiian music, played by an orchestra of eight, will be one of the features Mr. Graham hopes to make this one of the most pleasant affairs yet held in the new hall.

## Girls Make the Teams

Gertrude Mnitonye, who is attending the Oregon Normal School, is playing guard on the Junior basketball team there, while her sister, Clarabelle, who is at O. A. C., is captain of the Freshman team there. She plays forward.

## OPPOSES THE BILL ALBERT S. FISH

### Chamber Commerce Against Measure Which Would Levy 5 Per Cent Road Tax

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce, through its directors in session Wednesday evening, took a stand against Senate Bill No. 82, which would provide that the county court levy a 5-mill tax each year for road purposes, to be split 70-30 between the county and the city or road district in which the tax was levied.

Judge R. H. Mast presented the matter to the directors and showed that where a one per cent levy now raised \$25,299 on the \$25,299,266 valuation, under the proposed new law the tax would be \$126,496, of which the county road districts would get \$58,115, the cities \$30,432 and the county maintenance or general road fund \$37,949.

The new law would take away from the court the power to use general road funds where their judgment was that it should be used and would prevent their using all funds necessary to put through some specially needed project.

Judge Mast maintains that the roads leading into the cities are much more essential for county support than are the city streets. "Take the paved highway from Coquille to Marshfield," he said; "I presume that 75 per cent of the benefits of that road accrue to Marshfield." His idea is that the county court should be left unhampered in its efforts to build and maintain the country roads.

While Coquille would receive something like \$2500, under the new law, as against \$500 under the present, the Chamber felt that this biennial attempt to hamper the county road program for the benefit of the cities should not be permitted, and instructed that resolutions protesting against the passage of the act be sent to Senator Hall and Representatives King and Fairce.

Under the proposed law Marshfield would receive something like \$14,000 or \$15,000, but the county budgeted for this year \$15,000 for a road within the city limits there, and is also spending \$10,000 a year on the East-side ferry.

## Jury for February Term

The following is the jury list drawn for the February term of the Circuit court, which convenes here on Tuesday, Feb. 24, Monday being a legal holiday because Washington's birthday comes on Sunday:

- Ralph Rackleff, Myrtle Point.
  - H. P. Clausen, Bandon.
  - Edith E. Preston, Marshfield.
  - Orvil Hagg, Coquille.
  - Bertha J. Smith, Coquille.
  - Estelle Boone, Powers.
  - Walter Taft, North Bend.
  - Claire Schmitt, Bandon.
  - Ray Ollivant, Marshfield.
  - Richard E. Lahoy, Marshfield.
  - Eva Preston, Powers.
  - Geo. E. Hall, Marshfield.
  - Frank L. Denning, Marshfield.
  - Allen M. Church, Coquille.
  - Geo. Horn, North Bend.
  - Eva Clinton, Allegany.
  - Aaron Wilson, Coquille.
  - Fred Burgess, Myrtle Point.
  - James W. Laird, Coquille.
  - Silas Giles, Gravel Ford.
  - Margaret Thomas, Lakeside.
  - Albert E. Glosop, Marshfield.
  - Ida Bolden, Coquille.
  - Fred A. Baker, Bandon.
  - Frank Zumwalt, Myrtle Point.
  - Edith McNelly, Coquille.
  - Charles Enegren, Marshfield.
  - Rollie E. Keeler, Marshfield.
  - Vane C. Garten, Bandon.
  - Frank Bullard, Bullards.
- The grand jury has been summoned to appear here next Monday, Feb. 16, to take up all the cases which have been submitted to them by the justices of the peace during the past three months and such other matters as they may care to investigate. The same jury as served at the October session will act.

## High School Debate Tonight

The debate between the affirmative speakers of Coquille High and the negative proponents, of North Bend High, will be held at the M. E. Church South this evening. Admission will be free and everyone is invited to be present. The severance tax is to be the subject of the arguments.

Two inches of snow was reported at Bend last Sunday.

## ALBERT S. FISH

### Instantly Killed Tuesday Morning By Falling Limb at Camp 8

It was a great shock to his many friends here Wednesday noon when they learned that Albert S. Fish had been instantly killed at Camp Eight, on Yellow creek, that morning, when he was struck by a falling limb.

The camp is about 12 miles south of Powers. He and his partner had felled one fir, which lodged in a cedar. Then they felled another fir to knock the first one out and after both came down they started to work on the cedar. First, however, they looked to see if all loose branches had fallen and decided they had. Mr. Fish and his partner were standing there a few feet apart when a limb, about the length of a man's arm and four inches in diameter, dropped silently and crushed the skull of Mr. Fish without warning. He died immediately.

The funeral services will be held at the Ellingson Chapel here Sunday at 1:30 p. m. and interment will be in the Masonic cemetery. Rev. W. E. Cooper of the Episcopal church in Marshfield will conduct the services.

Albert S. Fish was born at Bancroft, just three miles across the ridge from where he met his death, on Feb. 9, 1883, and was two days past 42 years of age.

His father died March 3, 1914. His mother, now Mrs. Lillie Fish Harris, resides in Los Angeles. She will arrive here tomorrow afternoon, her son, Arthur M., going out to Roseburg to meet her.

Mr. Fish was married May 31, 1906, to Miss Della Wood, daughter of J. A. Wood, here in Coquille. They have no children.

He also leaves five brothers—Arthur M. of Powers, Frank of Bancroft, and John C., Jos. R., and Daniel C., all of Seattle, and one sister, Mrs. Joyce Smith, of Los Angeles. A brother and a sister died twenty-five years ago from diphtheria.

Mr. Fish has spent the past ten years of his life developing his gold mine claim on Iron mountain where he began work in April, 1915. During the winter he worked in the camps at Powers and during the summer put in time and money on the two claims belonging to himself and Arthur, which were just ready for patenting.

They have one of the richest prospects in southwestern Oregon and had just gotten it to the point where they were ready to bring in mining engineers with a view to selling it.

The two claims of Frank Fish and Clyde Gage are alongside theirs and they had besides chrome claims.

Mr. Fish had a most scientific mind and he was one of the best posted men on metallurgy in Oregon, if not on the coast.

He was methodical to an unusual extent and he was unwilling to do anything—work or pleasure—until he had perfected himself so he could do it a little better than anyone else. His uncle, Dr. C. W. Endicott, and his brother, Frank Fish, tell stories of his boyhood and manhood, which all indicate his determination to be as near perfect as possible in anything he undertook. He worked in Frank's tie camp for a while and for months drew \$2.50 per day where tie cutters were making \$5 or more. Urged to try his skill on ties, he told Frank he would not until he could make a perfect tie, and how out more in a day than others could. When he did start on ties he made about 25 a day, where the average was 10 or 12, and he made them as true as though they had been sawed.

He was as square a man as it is humanly possible to be and he was universally respected by all his friends and acquaintances.

## A Holiday for E. D. Webb

Yesterday was Lincoln's birthday, a holiday for the court house officials and the banks, and there was one banker who certainly enjoyed the lay-off. He was E. D. Webb, who is just finishing his new home on east Second street. He put in all day on the concrete mixer and last night his hands were blistered, his hat band showed the perspiration of hard labor, and there was not a muscle in his body that didn't ache. Such labors are good for the waist-line, Webb.

## Moufftain States Co Enlarges

The following announcement of the extension of the H. M. Byllesby company's interests on the Oregon coast is of especial interest as the Mountain States Power company, which supplies electric light and power in this county, is under the same ownership:

H. M. Byllesby & Company announces the purchase of the Coast Power company, which serves a territory extending 80 miles along the Pacific coast in Tillamook county, Oregon, including important dairymen, lumbering and fish packing sections. Electric energy is supplied to the towns of Tillamook, Bay City, Garibaldi, Rockaway, Brighton, Bar View, Wheeler and Nehalem. The company has 200 miles of high-tension transmission and distributing lines. The newly-acquired company will be operated as a division of the Mountain States Power company, and operated as a utility of the Standard Gas and Electric company.

## Slide Stops Traffic

Another slide on the Norway-Lee road at the Foots place, just this side of Shuck hill this morning, has pretty nearly stopped all traffic to the highway from the Lee and East Fork sections.

## DR. MAST BACK TO COOS CO.

Dr. Reuben H. Mast, Jr., has returned to Coos county to begin the practice of medicine, after having spent the past nine years at the U. of O. school, as hospital attendant during the war and at the Good Samaritan hospital and Emergency hospital in Portland.

Dr. Mast is a former Coquille boy, son of Judge and Mrs. R. H. Mast, and that he has decided to locate at Myrtle Point is a matter of satisfaction to them and his many friends.

He has purchased of Dr. D. W. Davis there what was formerly the Pemberton hospital, as well as the doctor's practice, and took possession Tuesday.

Miss Helene Hughes, for many years a nurse in Coquille, but lately at La Grande, Ore., has been secured to have charge of the hospital and she is now there.

While attending the medical college, Dr. Mast quit to enlist the day after the United States entered the war and he was on duty in the hospital at Vancouver Barracks for two years.

After his graduation he was doctor and head of the internes at Good Samaritan hospital for many months and for the past year has been surgeon for the Emergency hospital of the Portland police departments.

He has had experience enough in the latter position, especially, to fit a man to handle any kind of a case that may ever arise and the departure of Dr. Davis from Myrtle Point leaves him an excellent field to begin private practice.

## C. & C. Fair Officials

The stockholders of the Coos & Curry Fair Association met at Myrtle Point last Saturday afternoon and elected the following directors of the corporation for this year: E. S. Dement, J. M. Bledsoe, W. T. Dement, K. H. Hanson, H. A. Schroeder, Clark Fensler and Jess D. Clinton.

E. S. Dement was elected president of the board, H. A. Schroeder, vice president; Jess D. Clinton, secretary and J. M. Bledsoe, treasurer.

The following committees were chosen by the president:

Advertising—J. M. Bledsoe, K. H. Hansen and Clark Fensler.

Exhibits—K. H. Hansen, H. A. Schroeder, W. T. Dement.

Races—Jess D. Clinton, J. M. Bledsoe, W. T. Dement.

Amusements and concessions—H. A. Schroeder, K. H. Hansen, Clark Fensler.

## May Revise Some Rates

The city council was called for a special session Wednesday evening to discuss with the rooming house operators the question whether the 25 cent water charge per month for each room in their houses was equitable. Only three councilmen were in attendance and the conference was postponed. There seems to be a doubt in the officials' minds that the charge should be two bits a month (occupied or vacant) when there is not running water in the room.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

## THE BIG GAME

### Of the Season To Be Played Here With Arago Saturday Night

The "big basketball game of the year" is that scheduled to be played in the Community Building here tomorrow night. Coquille and Arago, the two undefeated teams of the Coos County High School conference will meet, and on the result of this game will hang the championship. Coquille has won five games thus far and Arago four, but a loss will put either one out of the running.

Arago defeated Coquille at the beginning of the season in a practice game but the boys there had been at work since September, while Coquille had just started training, so that contest cannot be taken as a criterion in estimating their respective strengths.

Both teams have strong adherents who have sound reasons for their faith. Arago may win the title, but Coquille has the strongest, fastest and huskiest quintet it has had in years and the players all know the game.

An unfortunate contemps arose when Mr. Cooper, coach of the Arago quint, refused to let "Chuck" Low referee the game. There is not a more square official in Coos county or the state than Mr. Low, but Mr. Cooper claims that the local boys, having played under his rulings all year, know just how he interprets the rules, and his choice would give Coquille some advantage. On the other hand, "Chuck" calls them pretty close, which makes good basketball, and this may have something to do with Cooper's decision.

Coach Leslie agreed last night to the naming of Coleman, from Corvallis, for referee, if he can be secured. It will cost the local school \$50 to bring him in, but the visitors tomorrow night will have been shown that everything possible was done to give them what they want.

That the Community Building will be packed goes without saying for Arago is backing its team to a man and the fans from there will be here in full force. Nor is Coquille at all backward in supporting the local quintet.

"Briek" has his boys trained to the minute and should Arago win it will be because the boys there are a better team. They are both home teams in a way, but tomorrow night the hopes of this city will be centered on the squad composed of Earl Rice, Layton Nosler, Lester Wilson, Arthur Pufford, Gene Laird, Royce Richmond, Hadley Curtis and Harold Simmons.

A girls' game between Bandon and Coquille will be the preliminary, which will start at 7:30.

It has been promised that the bleacher seats will all be finished by the time the game starts. They will seat over 850 people.

## Service Station Men Organize

Permanent organization of the Coos & Curry Gas and Oil Dealers Association was perfected at a meeting of the service men at the Hotel Coquille Wednesday evening. Between 35 and 40 dealers were present. The election of officers resulted in the following being chosen:

- President—L. H. Pearce, Myrtle Point.
- Vice Presidents—A. O. Walker, Coquille; Harvey Gurnea, North Bend.
- Secretary—J. A. Whitacre, Marshfield.
- Treasurer—Ed Capps, Bandon.

## His Parole Revoked

Traffic Officer C. C. Williams left yesterday morning for Salem with Alfred Butler, of Bandon, to place him in the pen. Butler was convicted last year of stealing a car belonging to E. C. Finley. He was paroled on condition that he make good Finley's loss but when taken into court Tuesday was unable to prove that he had made any attempt to do so, and Judge Kendall revoked his parole.

## Scout Executive to Broadcast

James E. West, of New York City, prominent scout executive, will be in Portland next Sunday where he will broadcast some Scout talks from the Portland Oregonian station, KGW. His talks will be from 6 to 6:45. As many local boys as can do so are requested to tune in on the worthwhile address.