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1925 THE YEAR

FATHERS & SONS

Banquet Was Unqualified Success—Two Hundred Fifty Present

According to many expressions heard next day the Father and Son's Banquet, held at the Community Building last Friday evening was just about the finest get-together affair ever held in Coquille. There were nearly 250 men and boys who sat down to the tables which were in the shape of a U running down the two sides and across the rear, with a short table in the center, and every seat was occupied.

The men who didn't have boys to take, borrowed one for the occasion and there were well over a hundred boys present.

To the mothers of Boy Scouts and other ladies who assisted in preparing and serving the banquet, under such handicaps as they were required to work, unlimited credit is due for the excellent manner in which they performed their tasks. The building is not equipped for serving meals—there is not even water in the building—and an improvised kitchen was made to serve. But every guest received his share of attention and no one went away hungry.

The program started with the singing of a number of Scout songs, to familiar tunes, and was both congregational and competitive. Rev. C. S. Bergner led this feature. When the toastmaster, J. Lee Smith, was called upon to decide which side of the hall had won, when the two were singing different songs, he declared, "I guess it was a draw, but it was a howling success."

Mr. Smith was in a very felicitous mood in introducing the speakers of the evening and kept the banqueters amused with his humorous quips.

Of the speakers, we must confine ourselves to a eulogy of their efforts, for every one of the four was delivered in the best manner possible and all were full of thought-provoking ideas, causing many a father to reflect on how far short he had come of being a pal to his son.

Clarence Barton was the first speaker and he delivered a ten minute talk, which would have been a credit to most of the men present. Like Layton Nosler, who followed him, his manner was easy, his delivery good, and his ideas well developed.

Layton brought in to his talk personal reminiscences of parental direction, but the fine part was that he agreed his father was right. Both young men declared their father to have been the kind of a pal they would have.

Mayor E. E. Johnson probably never made a better speech in his life, and although he was humorously introduced, he plunged into his talk with a seriousness and earnestness from which the previous levity in no wise detracted.

Dr. J. E. Snyder, pastor of the Presbyterian church and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at North Bend, was the last speaker and his remarks were listened to with undivided attention. He gave his answer to a former schoolmate, grown wealthy in his business, to what he had accomplished in life, by producing a picture of his wife and three sons, all grown to young manhood and splendid specimens of what a young man should be. He had raised and educated them, and the wealthy friend frankly admitted that the doctor had made a greater success in life than he had. The other had no children.

All of the doctor's address was in the highest degree, pertinent, patriotic and interesting.

Preceding the talks, the Cornfed Canaries sang several numbers and were most heartily applauded.

Following the program a number of games, participated in by both men and boys were played, this feature ending the evening and lasting for an hour and a half.

One game was mirth-provoking in the extreme. It consisted in passing a basketball down the line and then each player in turn throwing it through the hoop for a basket. It developed that if there is anything in heredity, George Tracy Leach will never make a basketball star, for Tracy had an awful time with his attempts. And it also makes one wonder where Art Pulford gets his skill in the game, for his father, S. D. Pulford, had as strenuous a time

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Monthly Meeting Feb. 25

Next Wednesday, Feb. 25, will be the regular monthly meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. All members are requested to turn out for the 6:30 dinner.

Dr. J. E. Snyder, secretary of the North Bend chamber, will be present to talk about the proposition to erect an arch at the intersection of the Coos Bay Highway with the Pacific Highway.

Talks by members, songs by the Canaries, in everything, will insure a most enjoyable evening.

The building committee of the Community Building has suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that two committees be named to arrange for shows, one of them a minstrel, for the benefit of the new hall. A stage is greatly needed there, as well as seats for the main section of the floor, two or three rooms are to be provided across the east end and there is very little in the way of funds to provide all these necessities.

The matter will be brought up at the monthly meeting of the Chamber next Wednesday.

BROKE EVEN IN THE DEBATE

The Coquille high school broke even on the debate last Friday night, its negative team winning at Bandon, while the affirmative team lost to North Bend here.

The following is the record made by the six schools entering the contest:

North Bend negative over Coquille affirmative.

Coquille negative over Bandon affirmative.

North Bend affirmative over Coos River negative.

Myrtle Point affirmative over Bandon negative.

Myrtle Point negative over Marshfield affirmative.

Marshfield negative over Coos River affirmative.

Many of those who attended the debates did not know what a severance tax—the subject of the debate—really is.

Should such a system of taxation be adopted in Oregon the yearly tax on standing timber, which is assessed the first of March each year, would cease, and instead a tax would be levied on the timber as it was cut.

There is one good feature of such a plan for under it the companies which buy their timber from the government, cut it and dispose of it, between the first day of March one year and the succeeding March first, would no longer escape paying any tax on that product.

Gene Laird and Myrtle Clayton, who handled the affirmative side here last Friday, both had excellent delivery and their arguments were good, but where they lost out was in not answering the arguments of their negative opponents in a more thorough manner.

The vote of the judges here stood two to one for the negative as it did at Bandon, where Coquille had the negative side.

There was a very fair attendance at the M. E. South Church, where the debate was held here, and close attention was given to the speakers.

Simpson Sells His Two Lots

A. L. Simpson yesterday sold the two lots on Hall street, north of the Christian Science church, on which he had expected to erect a modern laundry home. The north lot was purchased by Lyman Carrier, who is erecting a \$3,000 warehouse on the lot just north of it to house his creeping bent seed business and machinery.

Cecil Elwood bought the south lot, which adjoins his home place.

Mr. Simpson has a deal made, but not completed, for the purchase of another 100x100 foot tract, on which he expects to soon begin the construction of a home for the Coquille Laundry.

Coquille Service Station Sign

The new electric sign of the Coquille Service Station was erected and connected up last Saturday and it is a very fine addition to the lighting system at this end of the Marshfield highway. Mr. Walker had it made here in town by Dad & Mac, the painters, and it is just as good looking a sign and just as effective an advertisement as though he had sent away for it and spent three times the money.

More and more are fine looking electric signs giving Coquille a metropolitan night appearance.

GRADE BUILDING OVER 1000 CATTLE

Directors of School District No. 8 Would Welcome Suggestions from Taxpayers

Last year School District No. 8—the Coquille district—voted a special tax amounting to \$600, which was to be used this year in building a gymnasium and cutting up the assembly room in the high school into six class rooms.

Since that time the Community Building has been built, thus providing a standard basketball floor, and the district has provided seats there.

With this change in conditions, the school board has begun to discuss the advisability of cutting the hall in the high school up into class rooms, which would only relieve the congestion at the grade school by moving more and more of the lower classes into the high school building. Nearly everyone will agree that the high school and grades should not be housed in the same building.

With the imperative need thus alleviated for a time, the board members have been discussing the advisability of leaving the assembly hall as it is, and beginning the erection of a grade school unit. Six or eight rooms would probably be necessary at the start.

Whether such a unit should be started on the east side of the high school grounds or along the south side of the block at the grade building is also a matter of discussion.

In many ways the grade school location seems to be the most desirable. For one thing, a complete segregation of the high and grade schools would be best. Another point is that the furnace in the grade school has just about passed its period of usefulness and a new furnace, in a separate building, could be used to heat both the present building and the new unit.

A one story structure, 68x80 feet, along the southern line of the block, would provide six rooms and hallways and leave room for eight more rooms to be added on that side of the block when needed.

The directors have not decided yet on any plan to be submitted to the voters, but they would welcome suggestions as to how best the rapidly increasing school population of the district can be accommodated, and this publicity is offered that they may get some idea of the taxpayers' desires in the matter.

It is estimated that with another special tax this year of \$6,000, the \$10,000 for which the district can bond or issue time warrants, and other funds available, there would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to be used on a unit this year.

Oppose Another Commission

At the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the hotel Wednesday evening, a strong resolution was adopted condemning the bill introduced in the legislature last week, which would provide for the appointment by the governor of a tax supervising commission. It is very similar to the law declared unconstitutional by the supreme court a year ago.

The Coquille Chamber feels that it would pile up taxes for a duplication of work that the county court is elected to handle. The bill provides a \$2500 salary for the clerk and \$7 a day salary for the commissioners for the time they put in.

With the county court and citizens budget committee pruning everything to the bone each year there is really little need for a governor-appointed board to manage the affairs of a county. It seems to be a pet scheme of Gov. Pierce to get his hands on to every tax levying body in the state.

A letter from Senator Chas. Hall this morning in reply to the copy of the resolution sent him conveyed the information that he was opposed to the bill.

Salary Bill Passed

The King bill for raising the salaries of Coos county officials, which had previously passed the house, was approved by the senate Wednesday and only awaits the governor's signature to become a law. The following shows the old and new salaries of officials affected by the bill:

County judge, \$2,000 to \$2,400.
County treasurer, \$1,800 to \$2,000.
County clerk, \$1,800 to \$2,400.
Sheriff, \$2,600 to \$3,000.
Assessor, \$1,800 to \$2,400.
County school superintendent, \$1,800 to \$2,400.

Signed Up for Coquille Valley Cow Testing Association

Coos county dairymen are getting solidly behind the move to organize a cow testing association through which they can determine the relative merit of their cows. This is shown through the fact that by Tuesday night 35 dairymen had signed up 1083 cows in the association. One tester at least is assured for Coquille valley and an effort will be made to sign up 1800 cows to be handled by two testers.

Of the 1083 cows which have been signed all but 155 are in herds located below Coquille. If an equal number can be signed in the territory above Coquille two testers will be assured, it is pointed out. Already more cows have been signed up than can be cared for by one tester.

The movement started only a week ago when representative dairymen from various sections of the valley met in the City Hall here and voted unanimously to organize a cow testing association this year. That such progress has been made in a single week establishes definitely the fact that local dairymen recognize the value of having production records kept on their cows as Tillamook and Humboldt county dairymen are doing.

Wm. L. Teutsch and N. C. Pamison, both of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, are assisting in the organization work and during the past week have visited more than 65 dairymen. In each division they have been accompanied by the various farms by a local dairyman and active in this connection have been H. E. Hess, Joe Nilsen, L. P. Trigg, W. E. Cross, E. H. Harnden, S. S. Reed, Joe Nilsen and John P. Devereux.

The men who have sponsored the organization have pointed out that it is not so much large numbers of dairymen that are wanted and several associations, but one association made up of men who are permanently in the dairy business and who recognize the value of knowing which cows are "boarders" and what every cow in the herd is producing. No effort is being made to sign men who do not believe in cow testing, associations, such as are now functioning in practically every important dairying district. It has been pointed out that an association made up of interested men will be successful and that a successful association, as an example, will be the best way to expand the idea in the county.

Both Teutsch and Jamison are in the county because by employing an agricultural agent, Coos county is again co-operating with the agricultural college extension service and the United States department of agriculture. They hope to have the testing associations functioning by the time the new county agent gets on the job.

In discussing the county agent Teutsch indicated that there are plenty of applicants for the place but that the extension service recognizes the importance of getting the best man available for Coos county. For this reason, he declared, no appointment has as yet been made. We are canvassing the entire country for a man who has had practical experience, thorough agricultural training, and who has been a successful county agent. Such a man, we believe, can be of real service to Coos county, as is the case of 2200 counties in the United States which now employ agricultural agents.

A. T. Morrison Takes Three Out

Juvenile Officer Morrison left this morning with three boys who have been committed to the Boys Training School at Salem. They are Cornelius Super, aged 15, and John Spence, 14, both of Marshfield; and Howard Ohman, aged 17, of Bandon. All of them have been before the juvenile court before and have been given every opportunity to mend their ways. Their offense has usually been larceny.

The Marshfield youths have engaged dwellings and stolen jewelry, clothing, etc., while Ohman for a long time made a specialty of robbing autos parked on the street at Bandon. Mr. Morrison says he is hardly responsible for his depredations for infantile paralysis when a small child left him crippled physically, and mentally he does not inherit much gray matter.

Myrtle Point Here Tonight

Having cleared the highest hurdle in the race for county championship, the Coquille basketball team now holds undisputed first place in the league standing, but they have two more hard games to play. The first occurs here tonight when Myrtle Point will be down to attempt to mar the locals' perfect record. But the boys see another championship pent just ahead and they will be right in the game from the first whistle.

The Coquille girls will meet the Myrtle Point young ladies tonight in the preliminary and if they can defeat that husky sextette they will be entitled to all the praise and congratulations due a champion. The Myrtle Point girls are a wonderful combination.

Next Friday Coquille will finish its schedule in the game with North Bend at the army in Marshfield. Another hard one, for North Bend has improved a lot since the beginning of the season.

That fraudulent stock schemes take \$600,000,000 a year from the American people is declared by L. D. Holland, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

MAKING MORE ROOM IN JAIL

Geo. W. Zerr, of Portland, is here now and on Monday began the work of remodeling the jail on the top floor of the Hall of Records. If the funds are available to do all the sheriff has in mind there, when he finishes the county bastille will accommodate forty inmates as comfortably as it now houses twenty.

He began first on the padded cell in the southwest corner. This cell is only used a few times a year, so it will be taken down by the contractor and set up there. Violent insane are only kept in it a few days, anyway.

Where this cell is removed there is room for several bunks, which will be installed. Also, by moving partitions on the east front, more bunks can be added and more prisoners cared for.

Another change, which will be made as completely as the county court has the funds available, is the lining of all the walls with steel. At present the plaster walls between pens are of lath and plaster and many a hole has been picked in it by these incarcerated. The casings around the windows will also be steel jacketed.

Would Laminated the Bridge

J. E. Norton reported to the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening that he had a talk with resident engineer, W. E. Chandler, regarding state participation in the improvement of the street and highway at the intersection of Hall and Front streets.

Mr. Chandler was of the opinion that the piling of the bridge was all in good condition and that by cutting off the tops of the piles and putting laminated decking (planking turned on edge) in place that the structure would last for two or three years. By that time the highway department would probably be cutting off points along the highway to Myrtle Point and would have lots of dirt which could be used for filling the hole now crossed by the bridge.

A conference between the city's street committee and Mr. Chandler might result in early action in making that gateway to the city a little more attractive.

The intersection could be widened and the citizens generally could help by not using the hole for a dumping ground. The appearance of that intersection is a disgrace now, and tourists cannot help seeing its disagreeable appearance.

Mt. States Power Co. Has One

Still another electric sign was added to Coquille's downtown illumination Wednesday, when the large sign of the Mountain States Power Co. was attached to the wall front over their office. It weighs about 750 pounds and the ten watt lamps, which will stud the lettering of the four words, number 168 on each side of the sign. It is similar to the one erected over the Marshfield office of the company, each costing about \$300.

Shipping Out Myrtle Logs

Of two myrtle logs recently brought up from Rogue river, one is being shipped to Tacoma and the other to Knappton City. The fame of our finest wood is gradually spreading.

NEW FIRE LIMITS

Recommended by City Council—Slight Modification of Water Rates

Under the committee plan of handling city business, under which the present council is working, all business was attended to and adjournment taken in an hour at the regular session last Monday evening.

The various standing committees, to which most business coming up is referred, making their investigations previously, report their recommendations to the whole council and in three minutes the business is disposed of which might have required a couple of hours if the whole council had entered into a discussion of it.

Take, for instance, the report of the fire committee as made by C. C. Farr, Monday night. The committee had met with the fire department and offered the following recommendations:

That the city purchase up to 600 feet of new 2 1/2-inch hose, to be paid for: \$2.50 from the fire department budget; \$2.50 from the water fund; \$100 from the street department, and \$100 from the general fund.

That the fire department turn over 200 feet of hose to the street department for cleaning the streets, and that the department keep it hung up when not in use. That a public meeting be called to consider the advisability of extending the fire limits to include the following district:

From the corner of Second and Moulton—the Mrs. Ida Owen corner—north one block, thence east on Third to Elliott—the west side of the court house—thence south to Front street—thence west to an intersection with the present limit at Hall street.

The committee's report was promptly adopted but the date for the public hearing has not been set. The light committee recommended the installation of a street light, 200 feet north of the present light at the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Report adopted and light ordered.

That committee also reported that installation of one police signal light would cost \$45. As no cost of operation was reported the matter was referred back to them for further investigation.

The street committee recommended that the 200 feet slide in Spurgeon street, in front of the Ira Johnson, P. E. Drane and W. H. Wimer places, be repaired at the expense of the property benefited. A resolution in conformity to this recommendation was adopted, instructing the city engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the repair.

G. E. Trost, as representative of the rooming house keepers, asked the council what he could report back to his principals on water rates for rooming houses. The water committee thereupon went into executive session and a few moments later returned with the report that inasmuch as the water schedule ordinance was indefinite on that point, they would recommend that the 25 cents per month for each room in a rooming house apply only to those rooms in which there was running water. The council accepted and adopted the report and the rates are so fixed.

This plan of conducting the city affairs does away with the late night sessions which have sometimes caused a man to refuse to serve on the council and it also centralizes responsibility.

Dairymen's Meeting Feb. 24

There will be a meeting of all dairymen who have signed up as members of the cow testing association in the City Hall here Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 1:00 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect permanent officers. The temporary officers who are now functioning are: L. P. Trigg, president; E. H. Harnden, vice president; H. E. Hess, secretary-treasurer; S. S. Reed, John P. Devereux, Carl Jensen, Joe Nilsen, directors.

County Would Get Half Increase

Judge R. H. Mast received a letter from Hon. B. P. Peirce yesterday informing him that the committee on roads and highways in the house had reported out H. R. No. 378, amended so that of the one cent additional gas tax the counties would receive half of it. He went further, though, and said it was doubtful if the bill would become a law.