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ELECT TEACHERS

School Board Selects Those Who Will Teach Here Next Year

The Coquille school board met Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing teachers for next year, with Chairman Young, Directors Parr and Morrison, Clerk Sanford and Superintendent Parr present.

The resignations of Misses Jennie Carlson, Louise Mattheyer and May Helen Hellier were read and filed. They have made other arrangements for next year.

The following is a list of those to whom contracts will be presented, with the salaries they will be paid. Mr. Parr's name is not included for there remains two years of his three year contract yet to run.

J. F. Cramer, H. S. principal, \$2000
Ruth Nissen, \$1425.
Gertrude Ellis, \$1275.
Bertha Atkinson, \$1275.
Mary Druley, \$1275.
Carolyn Wilson, \$1275.
Esther Roeder, \$1300.
Keith Leslie, \$650.

Grades
Rosa Glossop, grade principal, \$1600.

LaVerne Lamb, \$1275.
Freda Cumming, \$1125.
Anne Lewis, \$1225.
Martha Seebaum, \$1175.
Launee Miller, \$1120.
Bertha Ditto, \$1225.
Anne S. Hendrickson, \$1175.
Vina L. Cronk, \$1150.
Belva F. Gage, \$1225.
Inez R. Chase, \$1200.
Jessie Cypher, \$1175.
Lena Crump, \$1125.

There are four in the list, Mrs. Bertha Ditto, Misses La Verne Lamb, Anne Lewis, and Jessie Cypher, who did not file declaration but who have announced that they would not teach next year. Miss Lamb and Miss Lewis expect to attend U. of O. while Mrs. Ditto is giving up teaching as a profession, as is also Miss Cypher.

The following is the salary schedule, as adopted for this year, which places Coquille teachers on the same basis as the teachers in other towns about the same size as this city.

High School
Minimum salary \$1200
Maximum salary 1500
Yearly increase 75

Normal Graduates in Grades
Minimum salary \$1000
Maximum salary 1000
Yearly Increase 75

Experience in other schools may be counted equal to one-half the same time spent in the Coquille schools, provided that not more than four years such experience shall be considered.

The salaries of superintendent, principals and special teachers are fixed by the board and do not come under the above schedule of salaries.

Cheese Making to Start

J. H. McCloskey announces that beginning next Monday, the Coquille Valley Creamery will begin manufacturing cheese at the local creamery, thus resuming an industry that has not been active in Coquille since the Oregon Dairymen's League days.

Mr. McCloskey has secured as cheesemaker, Geo. McDonald, who was with him for several years prior to his sale of the Norway Creamery about the same time he sold the local plant to the League. The latter has been in Bremerton, Wash., lately and Mr. McCloskey considers himself very fortunate in being able to secure McDonald's services, for the latter is one of the high grade cheese makers of the Pacific coast.

Elsewhere Mr. McCloskey is requesting dairymen to send their milk to the Coquille plant.

To Localize Juice Trouble

Last Friday night the electric lights were off for a couple of hours but it didn't bother many people in the Coquille valley for it was after one o'clock when the wires were cut.

Manager C. C. Archibald and crew were busy at that time installing sectionizing switches, of which there are now seven between Coquille and Marshfield, and five between here and Powers.

The purpose of these switches is to facilitate the ascertaining of where trouble is located when the juice goes off. With only seven poles to examine in trying to localize the trouble point, instead of several hundred, it will enable the workmen to more quickly repair breaks.

Contract for M. P. Bridge

The contract for surfacing the Bandon-Sixes river section of the Roosevelt coast highway in Coos and Curry counties was Wednesday awarded by the state highway commission to Simonson & Hefty, at \$74,212. The contract calls for 11.2 miles of resurfacing between Bandon and the Curry county line, 4.8 miles of surfacing between the Curry county line and Denmark, and 5 miles of resurfacing between Denmark and the Sixes river.

A contract also was awarded for the construction of a bridge over the north fork of the Coquille river near Myrtle Point on the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway. This contract went to Fet Hennessey of Marshfield, at \$50,260. Bids on both of these projects were received on February 26 at a meeting held in Portland.

Bargains Offered by Merchants

On page nine of this issue appears the regular monthly advertisement of Coquille merchants who are following the plan, practiced so successfully in other cities, of making bargain day prices on some one article in their stores. The special sales dates are tomorrow and Monday—March 14 and 15. By looking over these ads the housewife, or rancher, laborer or business man, will find many opportunities to save money on those two days.

OUR NEW COUNTY AGENT

Clyde B. Richards, for three years county agent in Idaho, and recently of Teton county, was this week named county agent in Coos county, according to an announcement given out by F. L. Ballard, County Agent Leader.

Mr. Richards was appointed after careful survey had been made of the entire northwest for a qualified man for the position. His appointment was made by the Agricultural Congress Extension Service, after discussing candidates for the position with the Coos County Court. Mr. Richards was reared on a farm, and has had several years experience on a two thousand acre cattle ranch, on a dairy farm, and on a three hundred acre grain and hay farm. He comes to Coos county highly recommended by both the Idaho state officials and the people in the counties in which he has been employed as agricultural agent.

In addition to his background of practical experience, he is a graduate of the dairy department of the University of Idaho. Together with his wife and two children, he will arrive in Coquille today or tomorrow. His office will be in the court house at Coquille, the former office of the county treasurer, just west of the stairway in the old building.

To Manage Hardware Store

Harry M. Ross, a hardware man of 18 years' experience, has been secured by the Radio Electric Hardware Co. as manager. This store, which has been doing a very successful business since its opening a few months ago, is owned by the seven Oerding Brothers, to whom the fact is gratifying that the business requires and is able to acquire a man of Mr. Ross' calibre.

For several years past Mr. Ross had been in the hardware department of a large Montana store, which finally went to the wall with so large a percentage of the big business concerns in that state.

It speaks well for Mr. Ross that during the 18 years he has been with just two business houses.

He assumed the duties of his position last Monday, and as soon as he finds a house will bring his wife and three children down from Powers where they are at present visiting his mother.

Laundry Buys a Site

Arthur L. Simpson has completed his deal for the purchase of the lots, 100 feet square, in the northwest corner of the block in which the Sentinel office is located. They were purchased from Thos. D. White, who has owned them for several years.

Mr. Simpson expects to construct a modern laundry plant, one which will cover both lots, in the very near future. The Coquille Laundry Co. is being incorporated, and as soon as the financial end of the program is completed, work on the structure will begin.

PRINCE OF PILSEN FOUR MILLIONS

Comic Opera Wednesday Evening Was Greatly Appreciated

The "Prince of Pilsen" staged by Marshfield performers in the Community Building here Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Beulah Chapter No. 6, was one of the best home talent comic operas ever presented here. Universal praise has been accorded the members of the cast; its directors, Frank B. Hoelshoff, Mrs. Sophie Messenger, Mrs. Constance Pinney and L. Picard; pianist, Mrs. H. A. Buserud; and the orchestra.

One Coquille citizen says he has seen the show five times, and by good professional troupe, and he gives it as his opinion that this was the best presentation he had yet seen.

The reserved section, which contained over 300 chairs, was filled and there was a good sprinkling of the audience on the Mosher seats. The receipts were nearly \$450 which was divided 50-50 between the producers and the Eastern Star, the latter paying all the local expenses.

The chorus singing was one of the features of the evening and it was excellent. H. A. Buserud, from "Skinaknatt," was the real card of the show and he took his part, whether in comedy or singing, with a whole heartedness that stamped him an actor of real merit.

Clare Gordon, the English lord, was another who surprised all his friends by the naturalness with which he played the part. His singing was good and his character representation excellent.

Perhaps the one who created the most comment was Mrs. Ben S. Fisher who, with Miss Ethel Hazen, had most of the solo parts. Miss Fisher's singing was especially captivating with the vivacity, leadership and singing of Mrs. Fisher. She would have "made" the show had the rest of the cast been mediocre, which it emphatically was not.

G. Russell Morgan, as usual, delighted the audience with his singing, but he was suffering from a cold the first of the week, which prevented the display of his best musical talent.

While the Apache dance may not appeal to everyone its presentation by Misses Nona Hildenbrand and Gladys Willis was of a high order and compared very favorably with the same scene put on elsewhere by professional actors. The waltz to dance by Miss Helen Pinney was another delightful feature.

Lack of space prevents our giving a synopsis of the opera, nor can we mention all the artists who helped make the affair a huge success, but all are deserving of the congratulations being extended to them.

First Paint Gun Here

Anyone desiring to know how uniformly and rapidly an air paint gun works should step into C. W. Gardner's Coquille Machine Shop, where Jas. D. Bell is using the first one brought into southwestern Oregon.

Not only is the paint applied much more rapidly than with brush, but it is smoother and less paint is required. The pump will use anything from whitewash to enamel with equal effectiveness.

Mr. Gardner has made a truck on which the whole outfit is mounted and which will enable Mr. Bell to move his equipment anywhere in the country, and enable many ranchers to have their barns painted who have not previously felt that they could stand the expense.

F. E. McKenna Promoted

Frank E. McKenna, for several years manager of the Coquille office of the Oregon Power Co., has just been named as assistant general manager of the company in the state of Oregon with headquarters at Albany. This will necessitate his moving from Corvallis, where he has been located for the past four or five years.

Another Horse Sale Monday

Phil Scutter, of Portland, is elsewhere advertising the sale of 25 good work horses, next Monday, at the Rogers barn here. The animals are all good animals, well broken, and suitable for farm work or logging.

That Is the Amount of Gold and Platinum to Be Obtained in the Madden Mine

Madden mine, one of the most famous operations in the history of Southwestern Oregon, is once more yielding pay ore according to announcement of its owners and operators.

Gold and white metals of the platinum group, averaging in the neighborhood of \$2 per yard of black sand, are being taken from the mine according to Jack Rhrer, mining engineer, in charge of operations at the mine for the Crystal Mining company of Portland.

As soon as machinery now on the way is installed at the mine, situated about one and a half miles north of Sixes river on the Roosevelt highway near Cape Blanco, the company will be equipped to handle about 200 yards of sand a day, making the output approximately \$40 a day, Bohrer estimates.

Pay sand enough to yield \$4,000,000 is in sight, Kohrer said. Madden mine is owned by Clyde Gage, of Coquille, Mrs. Harry Landrith and W. T. Stoll, of Marshfield, and is leased to the Crystal Mining company of which Dr. C. O. Boyer, of Portland, is president.

Dr. Boyer formerly taught metallurgy and has had about 20 years' experience in mining. Bohrer has been engaged in mining work about the same length of time.

According to Kohrer, the platinum group of metals, the average value of which is now approximately \$120 an ounce, makes up about five per cent of the precious metal content of the ore while gold makes up the remaining 95 per cent.

Because of the great difference in the value of gold and the platinum group, the white metal produced is almost equal in value to the gold.

Madden mine was discovered by Cyrus Madden in 1871, and held by Madden until his death nearly 10 years ago, during which time close to \$500,000 is reported to have been taken out of the mine by Madden. At the time of his death the mine was appropriated by a neighbor and after a long legal battle clear title to the original 70 acres and 50 acres additional, was granted.

"In spite of 'black eye' given black sand operations by many mining failures," said Rohrer last week before leaving for Portland on a brief business visit, "the process we have perfected will permit operation at a low cost and will recover a high percentage of the metal. Furthermore, the Crystal Mining company has nothing for sale.

Rohrer has been at work at the mine since May, 1924, preparing for the test run made last week which was declared highly satisfactory.—Port Orford Tribune.

Warren Not Confirmed

It is possible that some of the members of the U. S. senate knew more about the fitness of Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, for attorney general than President Coolidge did; but we hardly think it probable. It looks as if the senators were envious of Coolidge's popularity, but they are doing nothing to re-instate themselves when they give him such an unwarranted slap in the face.

For Booze and Larceny

V. J. Johnson, former chauffeur and booze peddler at North Bend, was arrested at Eugene and returned to the county jail here this week on a larceny complaint. When he arrived the officers found they had a liquor charge standing against him. He was given a hearing in Justice Maybee's court at North Bend, where he was bound over to the grand jury and is being held under \$500 bonds.

Gould & Gould's Annual Sale

On pages four and five of this issue will be found a spread announcement of the annual furniture sale of Gould & Gould, which will begin next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock and continue for 11 days. Everything, except contract goods, have been marked down 10 to 50 per cent.

W. R. Haines, former music dealer at the Bay, was adjudged insane in probate court last Monday, the commitment giving the probable cause as alcoholic.

To Build Walk in Front

At the meeting of the directors of School District No. 8, here Tuesday evening, Geo. Belloni and Ross Kistner presented a proposition to the board that if the district would pay \$250 toward the expense of putting a ten foot concrete walk from the front of the high school building down to the highway, the Junior Chamber of Commerce would endeavor to get the city to contribute \$75, the Chamber of Commerce \$75 and raise \$100 by subscription. The members of the Junior Chamber agreed that they would do the work under the supervision of whomever the board selected.

It is an improvement to the school grounds that is greatly needed, but the directors did not feel that the city, nor the Chamber of Commerce, nor private citizens should be asked to donate, so it was agreed that the \$500 expense should be paid by the district if the Junior Chamber boys were willing to tackle the concrete-laying job.

It will be necessary to borrow this amount from the building fund until it can be budgeted this summer as a part of the next school year's expenses.

The Junior Chamber also is planning, with the co-operation of Lyman Carrier, to seed the ground and terraces on the west side of the school with Cocos Bent. It is important that something be done there soon, for the terraces had a tendency to wash the past winter.

CHANGES IN POSTAL RATES

The new postal law which goes into effect April 15, provides for a slight increase in the cost of money orders for amounts of \$20 or under, according to a Postal Bulletin just received by Postmaster H. C. Getz. For orders of \$5 or under the new fee is 7 cents, and between \$5 and \$10 it is 10 cents. There is a slight increase for money orders over \$40.

There is very little change in the parcel post rate, but a two-cent stamp is now required on a package sent to any zone, as a handling charge. In addition the new law prescribes that by payment of a 25 cent fee a package of any size, up to the legal limit, will be handled as first class mail and receive the same expeditious handling if also marked on the wrapper "Special Handling."

The weight limits for parcels post in the first, second and third zones is from eight ounces to 70 pounds, and in the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth zones, from eight ounces to 50 pounds.

Registry fees have been increased 50 per cent, the new rate being 15 cents instead of ten.

Coquille's Trapshooters

Coquille's famous trapshooters will form the nucleus of a team which Marshfield Elks are planning to organize for competition in the trap shoot at Portland, during the national Elks convention this summer. Lafe Compton, chairman of the stunt committee, is making arrangements.

Coquille men have distinguished themselves at all state matches and one or two have been suggested as members of a 10-man Portland team which is planning to invade the east this year.

Many believe that Coos county can produce strong contenders for the silver cup offered the winning trap shooting team during the convention. Earl Graham of Coquille made 99 out of 100 at Corvallis last week and shot 100 straight last year. J. W. Miller lead the big Pacific coast trap shoot in Portland for two days last year and lost out by only a few points.

Other good shots in Coos county include L. L. Thomas, of Marshfield, who made a record of 134 out of 135, Ira Johnson of Coquille, who has shot more than 100 straight; Dr. R. V. Leep, of Bandon, Ray Long, of Coquille and R. F. Miller, of Coquille.—Marshfield News.

Deputy Assessors Named

County Assessor J. P. Beyers has named his assistants in appraising improvements and personal property. They have already started to work and hope to be finished within a month. They are: A. V. Allen, Marshfield; B. C. King, Bandon; J. N. Hoskins, North Bend; Bert Peterson, North Bay; Ben E. Stone, Coos River; R. E. Schroeder, along Coquille river from Myrtle Point to Bandon; E. F. Hoffman, South Fork and Middle Fork.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Convictions and Sentences Numerous the Past Week—Pierce Pleads Guilty

A Greek gambling case was heard in Circuit court yesterday and both defendants were found guilty. One of the trials was conducted with eleven jurors, the trouble being to find men who were willing to convict on evidence secretly procured by the arresting officers.

John Pethoulah, owner of the building in which the games were run, at the Bay, was fined \$350, and Nick Claventia, who ran the games, was fined \$450. Both men adopted the logger style of dress in order to fool the judge, but Judge Evans eventually got the whole story out of them, and then scored them for perjury.

C. C. Wilson, former storekeeper at Coaledo, was found guilty yesterday afternoon of selling liquor. His bondsmen evidently thought their \$500 surety was endangered so they requested the sheriff's office to lock him up. This was done about twelve o'clock last night. He will be sentenced tomorrow morning.

Ray Pierce, on trial last Friday for a statutory crime against a fourteen year old girl, was unwilling to take a chance with a second jury, for he appeared in court Tuesday and pleaded guilty, after the first jury had disagreed. It is reported that it stood 11 to 1 for conviction. The judge gave him five years in the pen.

The case against M. W. Payne, former North Bend contractor, for making false representations in securing a loan, was dismissed in Circuit court yesterday, he having made arrangements to reimburse his creditors.

H. D. Jones, who had pleaded not guilty in circuit court to permitting gambling in a room under his charge, changed his plea on Tuesday, and was fined \$200.

Sid Johnson, taxi driver at Marshfield, was convicted yesterday in Circuit court of selling liquor. Sentence was not pronounced yesterday; He will be sentenced tomorrow morning.

The jury, which heard the case against John Gentry, of Riverport, for pointing a gun at another, found him not guilty last Monday.

One divorce was granted this week by Judge Evans, it being to Ruth E. Mariane separating her from Louis Mariane.

The sheriff's office and District Attorney Beddingfield have been very successful during this term of court in securing convictions of those indicted by the grand jury, the only ones not convicted being minor cases, which should have been settled in Justice court. There remain to be heard at this term the liquor cases against Andy Erickson and E. S. Forbes, J. Lundberg and Mrs. Nels Justason.

To Contest the Law

Geo. W. Bryant, of the Coast Auto Lines, went out to Portland Tuesday to confer with the other stage line operators of the state as to what course they should pursue in testing the stage bus law adopted by the last legislature. This is the law that Gov. Pierce permitted to become such with the authority of his signature.

The stage men intend to contest it in the courts. Taking the local company as an example, it is said that the three-quarter of a mill per mile per passenger seat license fee, would absolutely wipe out all their profits and leave them with a deficit at the end of the year. They would not have objected to a three-eighths mill fee, with protection, but the plan to double that, is more than they can stand.

Inspecting Market Roads

J. H. Scott, state market road engineer, Judge R. H. Mast and Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert were out yesterday inspecting the two new market roads—the one from the W. O. Matthews place at Fairview to Les, and the one from Cooper bridge around the north bank of the North Fork to a connection with the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, a mile this side of Myrtle Point.