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SECO THE YEAR.

A CHEESE WEEK

To Be Observed in June—Planning for Co-operation of All Factories

There were nearly fifty in attendance at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in the Hotel Coquille dining room Wednesday evening at which time the subject of "cheese" was the main topic of discussion.

The visitors included Neil Jamieson, of the dairy department at O. A. C., who is now organizing a cow testing association on Coos River; Jos. A. Larson, of the Coos Bay Mutual Creamery; C. R. Richards, county agent; Thos. Reed and Chris Nelson, of the Lundy factory at Myrtle Point, and Robert De Boer, of the Gravel Ford plant. J. H. McCloskey, of the Coquille and Lee factories, was also present as a member.

Talks were made by all those gentlemen, approving the plan for a cheese week, and the plan was explained by President C. T. Skeels, John E. Ross, O. C. Sanford, J. J. Stanley, R. H. Mast and G. Russell Morgan also made remarks.

The outstanding idea expressed in the talks was that Coos county cheese should all be put out under one brand, so that in a campaign of education such as the one contemplated, the public would get the one idea of buying Coos county cheese.

It was agreed that "cheese week" should be observed in June and the industries and publicity committee of the Chamber was authorized to make the necessary plans, in co-operation with the manufacturers and with the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which has agreed to help in making the week's campaign statewide.

Mr. DeBoer struck a sound note of warning when he urged that cleaner and better milk be furnished the factories. When he had attempted to do so, he had been threatened with a discontinuance of his patrons.

C. R. Richards made a very interesting talk, during which he lauded the county agent work performed by his two predecessors in Coos county, and then told of conditions in Idaho from which state he has recently come. Two years ago there were 14 cheese factories in Idaho and in fifteen months the number had been increased to 58, but they do not yet produce as good a product as the Oregon plants turn out. And Oregon has also an advantage in freight rates.

He pleaded for the co-operation of all dairymen, farmers, and business men in making his efforts as county agent a success.

N. C. Jamieson stated that Oregon is the third state in the U. S. in cheese production. Approving the advertising program contemplated, he stated that Tillamook sold 65 per cent of its product outside this state, due to the advertising campaign they conduct, and in competition with Wisconsin cheese and at a higher price.

Showing what cow testing associations do for the dairymen, he stated that the average production for 1400 cows in one testing association in Tillamook was 379 pounds of butterfat last year, one of the banner associations in the country.

It was agreed that no combination under one selling brand could be perfected for this year's cheese sales, but the hope was frequently expressed that by next year a single brand, with the necessary inspection and uniformity of product would be an actual result of this year's campaign.

O. C. Sanford passed on to a J. A. Larson a high compliment paid to Melowest cheese, when he told of the praise his brother had expressed for a small cheese which the local banker had sent him at Christmas. The brother had heretofore sworn by Tillamook cheese, but after tasting Melowest he wanted that hereafter.

Curfew to Ring Again

A petition from the W. C. T. U. was read at council Monday evening asking for a more strict enforcement of the curfew law. Mayor Johnson stated that the marshal had been instructed to enforce the statute, even though some parents were inclined to object when their children were ordered off the streets. The council went further and instructed the marshal to ring the curfew bell at nine o'clock and this custom will be resumed tomorrow night.

J. Hildreth's Relatives Here

H. Hildreth and his daughter, Miss Edna Hildreth, of Portland, arrived in Coquille this morning and will leave this afternoon with the body of their cousin, John Hildreth, who committed suicide at the Bledsoe House here the fore part of last week. His body will be taken east for burial.

Hildreth left Portland two weeks ago today and evidently came almost directly to Coquille for he registered here Sunday afternoon.

He had always been a hard worker and could secure employment in Portland when other men were being laid off. He had suffered considerably with stomach trouble.

The Hildreths were notified of their cousin's death by Arthur Ellingson, who found their address in the dead man's effects. None of his family in the east knew anything about him except what they learned through Miss Hildreth, who kept in touch with him.

Postoffice Is Brightened

The postoffice lobby has received a thorough renovating the past week and looks vastly better. The cobwebs and dust were removed, all the windows cleaned, and the woodwork brightened up with a coat of varnish. The walls were also calcimined, making the whole room a much more attractive place.

DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

J. E. Norton received word Monday afternoon from San Francisco that his mother, Mrs. Frances F. Norton, had died there that morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. McEwen. The cause of her death was not stated but it was quite sudden, although her health had not been good for several years.

Mr. Norton left that evening to attend the funeral which was held in San Francisco yesterday.

She was born in Little Wolf, Wis., Feb. 24, 1853. On July 3, 1871, she was married at the same place to Geo. W. Norton and the following year they moved to Nebraska.

In 1887 the subject of this sketch was down with typhoid fever at about the time the family moved to California. In 1888 they came north to Grants Pass, Ore., and in September that year drove over to Coquille, coming by wagon over the Coos Bay Wagon road with the Wm. Rich family, that of Mrs. A. N. Gould and Mrs. W. C. Chase.

They lived in Coquille until 1890 and after that in Grand Junction, Colo., and various points in California. Her husband died in 1912 and since 1915 the deceased has made her home a part of each year with her son here. She left here in January thinking the warmer California weather might benefit her health.

She leaves three children—S. S. Norton, of Redding, Calif.; J. E. Norton, of this city; and Mrs. Frances E. McEwen, of San Francisco. Two daughters died in infancy—one in Nebraska and one who was buried here.

She also leaves four brothers and two sisters, all living in the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Norton was one of the charter members of the Women's Relief Corps in Coquille, as well as in their home in Nebraska and she was always a very ardent worker in that organization.

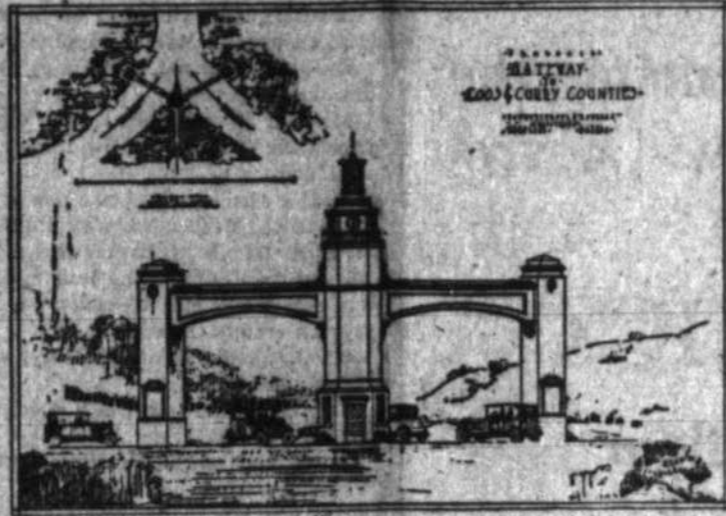
Mr. Norton expects to come back from San Francisco by Tuesday of next week.

"20th Century" Enters Coquille

The Twentieth Century Co., which operates a chain of fifty grocery stores in the northwest, will enter the Coquille district about May 1. They have rented the Hersey building, next door to the Odd Fellows building occupied by the postoffice and M. J. Hartson, and have a five year lease on it. Mrs. Hersey is going to put a plate glass front in the building and remodel it for the new concern.

Burst a Barrel of His Gun

Dr. R. V. Leep, of Bandon, pretty nearly ruined a \$150 gun at the traps across the river Sunday. He cleaned his gun out with a jointed rod and the end piece came loose and lodged in the barrel. The next shot he made caused that barrel to explode, but fortunately he was on the end and no one was injured. Irs Johnson sent it in to the factory to be repaired.



View of the proposed arch at the intersection of the Pacific and Coos Bay Highways which the Coos County Good Roads Association is asking the county courts of Coos and Curry counties to erect this year. It will cost about \$3600.

Passing of a Pioneer

Mrs. J. W. Offield, who has been in poor health for the past 12 or 14 years, passed away at the Richmond hospital yesterday afternoon following an operation a couple of days before for cancer of the liver. It was not until within the past week that she gave up and went to bed.

The funeral services will be conducted at the Ellingson Chapel tomorrow (Saturday) at two o'clock, and will be conducted by E. A. Palmer, of the Christian church, of which she was a member. The interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Offield was the daughter of Mrs. Martha Goodman, who had made her home with the daughter since Mr. Goodman's death eight years ago, at their ranch home directly across the river from the city wharf. She was born in Idaho while her parents were enroute to Oregon by wagon train, August 30, 1865.

The family came to Coos in 1874 and is one of the pioneers of this section.

They lived for several years on what is now the Miller place on Cunningham and it was here she deceased was married March 24, 1890, to J. W. Offield, who survives her. To this union three children were born—Mrs. B. L. Hollenbeck, Chas. Offield, and a daughter, Mattie, who died many years ago at the age of seven.

Besides her mother she leaves two brothers, Lee Goodman, of this city, and Francis E. Goodman, whose last known place of residence was Weed, Calif.

For years, until ten years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Offield lived on their ranch on Beaver Slough, four miles below Coquille. Since that time they have lived opposite Coquille, just east of the river bridge.

Mrs. Gimlin Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Sarah Gimlin, wife of R. L. Gimlin, died here quite suddenly Wednesday noon, the cause of her death being acute indigestion. She was stricken but a few moments before her passing.

The funeral services were held from the Ellingson Chapel at Bandon this afternoon at two o'clock and were under the auspices of Occidental Chapter, O. E. S., of which she was a member. She was also a member of the Ladies of Woodcraft at Bandon.

Mrs. Gimlin was born in South City, Missouri, in 1872 and was 53 years, two months and eleven days of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Hunt and Mrs. Jos. McDonald, of Bandon. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters who reside in Missouri.

The family has lived in Bandon and Coquille for the past 25 years, the last eight of them here.

County Fair April 3

The High School students have set Friday evening, April 3, as the date for holding the Country Fair at the high school this year. The proceeds of the Fair will go to help pay for the 1925 edition of the Laurel which will be a larger book, with finer cover and paper than has ever been published heretofore.

The Fair will be along the same lines as was that of last spring, with fortune-telling booths, 'ghostly' grottoes, refreshments booths, wheels of fortune, music, dancing and a short program. Everyone had a good time last year and the students are planning to make this year's affair just as interesting.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

Lorn O. Young Buried Here

The funeral services for Lorn O. Young, who died at Norway last Sunday, were held in the Ellingson Chapel here Tuesday at two o'clock and were attended by a large concourse of his relatives and friends, of whom he had a great number. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

His death was due to an infection following a cut from a saw tooth, just twelve hours after the accident, and occurred at ten o'clock last Sunday morning.

Lorn Young was born in Durham, Arkansas, April 13, 1886, and moved to Ohio with his parents when two years of age. They later lived in Oklahoma and came to Oregon in 1912.

In 1921 he was married to Miss Clara Moser in Coos county and he is survived by the widow and two small sons.

He leaves besides his aged father, James A. Young; two sisters, Mrs. L. A. Pinkston of this city, and Mrs. J. A. Mason, of Myrtle Point; and four brothers, Calvin and Reuben Young, of Coquille; Harvey Young, of Hillsboro, Ohio; and Elwood Young, of Douglas, Ariz.

In 1916 he was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church South and has since been a member of that denomination.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Milton F. Hill, of Coquille, and Rev. E. E. Finley, of Marshfield.

He has been associated with his brother-in-law, L. A. Pinkston, for several years in conducting the Pinkston & Young ranch at Norway and later at Gravel Ford.

An "Alcohol Rub" Drunk

Coquille had an "alcohol rub" drunk in town last Sunday. Marshal Hollenbeck observed the fellow, as he was coming down town in the evening and from the squeals he was emitting decided to take him in charge. The fellow came peacefully enough, although claiming he was on his way to church.

Arrived at the jail the marshal remarked he had better search his captive, so that latter pulled out a bottle of rubbing alcohol and handed it over. Search revealed another bottle.

"But I need that," replied the inebriate.

"Where you're going you won't," was Bert's answer.

He only had a dollar in his pocket so when he became sober next morning he was taken to the city limits and ordered to keep moving.

Another Contract at Fairview

C. R. Dean, of Marshfield, was last Saturday awarded a contract by the county court for grading another section of the Fairview-Lee market road, at his bid of \$8393.

The first section, contracted a few weeks ago to Peart Bros., of Coquille, was 8200 feet in length, while Dean's contract is for 3200 feet from the end of the Peart contract. This provides for the grading of a little over two miles, from Fairview to the gravel pit where rock is to be excavated for all the roads in the North Fork country, and leaves about a mile and a quarter still to contract. The latter is not to be done this year on account of lack of funds.

Perry Lawrence Sells Chev's

Perry Lawrence, Chevrolet dealer. This means that Perry has secured the agency for this popular car from Mariscal Keith, at the Bay, for Coquille and Myrtle Point, and he has already begun making sales.

First National Buys Bonds

Mayor Johnson and Recorder Lawrence last Saturday sold \$11,594.41 worth of Coquille improvement bonds to the First National Bank for the face of the bonds, 956 premium and \$352.30 accrued interest. On the \$4463.94 of First street sewer bonds there was an offer of \$25 premium and \$14.97 accrued interest, and on the Second and Third streets improvement bonds the offer was \$1 premium and \$20.43 accrued interest, for the \$7130.47 worth.

Only one other bid was received that of the bond house of Ralph Schoelck, at Portland. Their offer was a premium of \$1.62 on each \$100 worth of bonds, which would have amounted to \$139.13, but no certified check accompanied their offer, which was made subject to the approval of their examining attorneys. This might have cost the city \$50 more, which would have left not more than \$25 in excess of what the First National offered. And the experience of the city has usually been that the bonding houses figured out some means of reducing their payments so that less than par has been netted to the city. The bank knows that the proceedings are regular and pays just what it offers.

TO VOTE ON A NEW BUILDING

At a meeting of the directors of school district No. 8 last evening it was decided to hold an election on Monday, April 27, to vote on the question of erecting a grade school building this summer.

The plan submitted will be for a building of four, six or eight rooms—whatever the \$26,000 which it is possible to raise, will pay for. The structure will be located along Second street on the present grade school grounds and will be approximately 60x100 feet, one story with brick or tile.

It is planned to issue \$10,500 worth of bonds, which will also be submitted at the same election, and the polls will be open in the city hall from 2 to 7 p. m. on April 27.

The bond limit for the district is \$64,941, and the present bonds outstanding amount to \$54,000.

It is also expected, if the proposal to issue carries, that another \$5,000 special tax will be voted this year for building purposes, and those two items—bonds and special tax—with the \$5200 left from last year's special building tax and what can be counted on from the county high school fund, will make about \$26,000 available for the new building.

All of this sum cannot go into the building proper because a heating plant, large enough to warm the new as well as the present grade building, will have to be installed. Heating and plumbing will reduce the amount which can be used for building purposes to less than \$20,000, so the size of the building will be limited to what the district has to spend.

Six rooms are needed for next year, so that to provide anything at all for natural growth, an eight room building should be provided. But space more room is imperative. Our schools are crowded to capacity and the most efficient work cannot be accomplished under existing conditions.

Makes Dreadful Accusation

Adolph Shildan, whose little son, Paul, only nine years old, was drowned at the Bay while he and Lewis Ross were fishing there last Sunday on the waterfront between Marshfield and North Bend, was in this morning to tell an almost incredible story of the circumstances surrounding that tragedy. We have conferred since by telephone with Editor McDaniel of the Coos Bay Harbor and find that the story Shildan told him did not reflect so seriously on Ross as the one he told us; and see no reason why he should ask us to publish an account of the matter incriminating his fishing companion more directly than the one he furnished the Harbor.

Taxes Being Paid Slowly

Taxes have been coming in very slowly at the sheriff's office this year and although Saturday of next week is the last day for paying the first half, only \$75,000 has been entered up on the records. There is probably another \$50,000 which has been received by mail and not entered yet; but Nels Oumundson says that by tomorrow night the total in will not be much in excess of \$125,000 out of the \$1,596,000 of the 1924 taxes.

LEASE THE DOCKS

City Grants Farr & Elwood Right to Operate Them For a Year or Two

All members of the city council were present at the city hall Monday evening for the mid-monthly session of that body.

The most important matter to come up was the leasing of the city wharves—both high and low dock—to Farr & Elwood. Under the provisions of the lease, the lessee is to pay \$37.50 a quarter in advance, and keep the docks in repair. This means an immediate outlay on their part of several hundred dollars for the docks are both needing extensive repairs at the present time. The city and the lessee figured that \$500 would be required annually for maintenance.

The city has been receiving \$120 a year from Farr & Elwood for a lease on the high dock and about \$25 a month from the passenger boats docking here. But the wharfage charges for freight have been very infrequently collected and considerably reduced for the city has been left thereby.

The schedule adopted for boats is as follows: Vessels 50 feet beam or over, 25 cents a day; under 50 feet beam, 25 cents a day.

Cargo—35 cents a ton or 40c a cubic foot; sand and gravel, 10 cents a yard; brick and tile 50 cents a thousand. But no change shall be made for local merchants or taxpayers for freight received or shipped by them (other than jobbers' lots) nor to local farmers for produce they may ship into Coquille.

The lease is for one year with an option for another year's extension.

The council granted nothing less than to Farr & Elwood for the use of the docks in the former Nick Johnson building.

The council refused to rebate Hersey & Budge for the unused portion of their license to operate a pool and billiard hall in the building a couple of doors from the post office.

An unusual request was made of the city by Judge R. H. Mast. It was for the discontinuance of the street light at his corner on Spurgeon Hill. The children of that neighborhood have congregated under that lamp at night, taking up his lawn and creating such a disturbance that it was almost unbearable. The request was referred to the light committee who may order it moved part way down on the Spurgeon street bridge.

A paint man from Portland, who had examined the city hall roof, told the councilmen that at a cost of \$97 for material he could furnish a roofing product which would absolutely protect that structure. During heavy rains the water pours down in a flood through the engineer's office as well as the recorder's. The recommendations he made were taken under advisement by the council.

Oil Lecture Tuesday Night

John F. Carroll and Victor C. Carter, of Eugene Bible University representing the Christian Americanization movement and the Guaranty Oil Co., were in Coquille Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. They have made arrangements for Dr. David Eugene Olson, president of their company, to speak at the Masonic hall on Tuesday, March 31, at 8 p. m. Dr. Olson is a world renowned evangelist, lecturer, scientist, philosopher, inventor and oil expert. His lecture deals with many phases of a great Christian Americanization program and how this movement is being financed by his scientific invention for locating oil. According to Dr. Olson this is destined to become one of the greatest oil fields in the world in the near future. Practically all of the great oil fields of America have been investigated by Dr. Olson. Those interested and wishing to hear a great speaker should not fail to attend.

"Gypsy Rover" Tonight

The operetta, "The Gypsy Rover," will be presented this evening at the Liberty Theatre by the Glee Clubs of the high school and the advance sale of tickets indicates a good house. The students have been drilling faithfully, under the able direction of Miss Nissen, and according to reports they will make a very creditable showing this evening.