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SUPPORT NEEDED

For the Coquille Wood Products Co. It is to be Located Here

The investigation by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the project of the organization and establishment here of the Coquille Wood Products Co. has resulted in the Chamber giving full endorsement of the project.

Some of the main features of the project promoting this action are as follows: The City of Coquille is the center of a large district supplying the highest grade Fir, Oregon Cedar suitable for manufacture of heavy structural lumber, thus giving adequate supplies of raw materials at prices that allow profitable operation.

The equipment and machinery for this factory can be purchased just at this time at an exceptionally low price due to the transfer of the equipment of the old pulp factory at North Bend. The committee who went from Coquille last Friday to inspect the machinery and equipment, reported that the price of \$200,000 offered is a real bargain.

The site secured by Mr. Howe for the plant is exceptionally well located. The building has large floor space and with railroad track frontage and stiffs already in, with more than ample water frontage, and on the highway and with all the ground that would ever be needed for expansion and future development. This site and buildings are ideal and are secured at a low rental charge on a long term lease.

The site of the output of the factory has been arranged for by Mr. Howe in a plan that will allow the factory and profitable prices. The features about products produced by such a factory in that term contracts can be secured for the output, thus giving stability to the operation.

The organization of the company as worked out by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Howe is a plan that will allow the factory to be operated on a basis that will allow Mr. Howe to be the general manager of the plant. It is Mr. Howe's idea that the several features as set forth above give an opportunity for the establishment at Coquille of a very profitable business and a business that can be developed and extended into a large industry at this place. This idea is endorsed by the members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The benefits to Coquille and vicinity of this additional payroll are evident to all.

To finance the project will require united co-operative support of everyone interested in the development of our city and district. Progress is being made along these lines but if we are to secure this industry every one must assist.

Will Return October 1

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Carrier left this morning for Granger, Indiana, where they will remain for the next six months, expecting to return to Coquille October 1. Mr. Carrier is developing quite a business here with his Coos county best grade seed and finds a ready market for the seed with golf associations all over the country.

One fine thing about his business is that it brings money into this section for a product that has never before paid the farmer anything.

He has also shown the faith in the stability of the business by entering a \$5,000 warehouse on Hill street, where he threshes and stores his seed.

Lots of Catfish Now

Several years ago the State Game Commission sent a quantity of catfish here for planting in the various streams and sloughs along the Coquille river and for the past month the fishermen have been reaping an abundant harvest of these very tasty, some fish. Some splendid catches have been made and many are reported to have been caught weighing several pounds. Up to the present time there has been quite a demand for catfish all the year round but beginning next month they will come under the same regulations as trout and other game fish.

Enlighten New Headlight Law

Traffic Officer Williams has arranged for a meeting to be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the basement of the Hotel Coquille for the purpose of demonstrating the new automobile headlight adjusting law. State Traffic Officer T. A. Rafferty will be in charge of the meeting and will have a lecturer with him who will show by screen, device and actual demonstration how the work is to be done.

All police officers, sheriff's officers, mechanics and dealers are especially requested to attend and automobile owners are invited.

Another meeting of the same kind will be held Saturday evening at the Cass Bay Service Station at 8 o'clock.

Was Entertaining the Ladies

Elmer Hall, a young man from Myrtle Creek, in Douglas county, was giving a couple of school mates a thrill last Monday by hitting his car up to 45 miles an hour. Traffic Officer Williams followed him from the Northern place to Delmar before he could stop him. Justice Stanley thought \$20 and each was about the price he should pay for his fun. He paid.

NEW AND OLD POSTAL RATES

With the inaugurating of new postal rates Wednesday, the 1-12 cent stamp made its appearance at the local post office. Its use is confined to postage on printed matter and for newspapers, under eight ounces, for which the rate is a cent and a half for each two ounces. It is light brown in color and carries a likeness of former President Harding.

Private mailing cards and post cards (other than government postals) now require a two cent stamp. Letter postage has not changed. Enveloping, except first class mail, over eight ounces is hereafter to be considered parcel post on which the rate is 15 cents, and over ten pounds, 20 cents.

Following is the parcel post rate for the several zones:

1st B. Add. lbs.	2nd B. Add. lbs.	3rd B. Add. lbs.
1st and 2nd	3c	4c
3rd and 4th	4c	5c
5th and 6th	5c	6c
7th and 8th	6c	7c
9th and 10th	7c	8c
11th and 12th	8c	9c

"Buck" Led to Coach Again

The directors for the Coquille district, at an informal meeting yesterday morning, decided to re-engage Keith Ledie as football and basketball coach at a salary of \$700. "Buck" has said he would take the position at that figure as this action will put to rest the rumors that he would not direct high school athletic activities another year.

He made a splendid record last year, the team under his guidance winning the county championship in both fields, and although there was another applicant for the position, the directors thought they were making no mistake in employing a proven winner. This was also the opinion of the fans in town who are interested in the high school athletics.

Election Notices Out

The county clerk's office flooded the Coquille postoffice Wednesday with election notices sent to all the judges and clerks of the 50 precincts in Coos county. The notices were of the special local election to be held May 22, and each judge and clerk is required by law to post the two sent him or her within their precincts.

Fishing Licenses to Be Required

For six weeks longer the fair sex may enjoy the privilege of fishing without license, but after May 28, when the statutes passed by the last legislature go into effect a woman must possess a license just the same as a man does now.

FIVE LOSE LIVES SCHOOL BONDS

Whole Family Burned to Death in Marshfield Fire Early This Morning

An early morning fire at Marshfield this morning resulted in the wiping out of a family of five persons and a property loss of \$50,000 or more.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hopps, Herman Hopps, aged 10, Ruth Hopps, 13, Vernon Hopps, 17.

They were trapped in their rooms in the Broadway Apartments next to the Going Furniture Co. and when the fire was discovered both stairways were cut off by the flames.

Mr. Hopps was a painter who had lived over at the Bay for some time. The fire started about two o'clock this morning in the kitchen of the Broadway Cafe, one of Marshfield's leading restaurants, but no one was in the cafe at the time and it is not known just how it started.

The Powers Grocery store is located in the same building, the only frame one left in the block fronting on Broadway.

Both the restaurant and grocery were a total loss.

The Motor Inn to the south was somewhat damaged on the roof, while the Going Furniture store, on the other side, which is brick veneer, lost practically all of its roof and the store was flooded with water.

Only the prompt and efficient work of the fire department, which quickly arrived after the alarm was sounded, prevented the spread of the flames with a much larger loss.

The John Hagdahl family, which occupies the front rooms over the Going store, had a thrilling escape by coming down over the awning at the front. Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Mrs. Hagdahl's mother, an elderly lady, was quite seriously injured, in falling from the building.

There was a report that another lady, who was ill in the rooming house yesterday, had also perished, but this report was not verified by the Southwest Oregon News, to whom we are indebted for a story of the fire.

The loss of property is estimated as follows: Going and Furniture Co., \$25,000; Broadway Cafe and Apartments, \$25,000 to \$45,000; Powers Grocery Store, \$7,000 to \$20,000.

The Motor Inn company began yesterday moving from the concrete building alongside the burned structure into its new quarters at Curtis and Broadway. The old quarters are to be remodelled for a motion picture house.

Rifle Expert's Exhibition

Ad. Topperwein, world's most famous rifle shot, gave a wonderful exhibition at the Coquille Rod & Gun Club grounds of fancy shooting last Tuesday.

Mr. Topperwein represents the Winchester people, and the fact that this city has a live gun club and a Winchester store—the Coquille Hardware Co.—were the determining factors in his being sent here.

Almost impossible feats of marksmanship were performed by the shooter with an ease that made them appear ridiculously simple. Such things as throwing five eggs in the air, then seizing the rifle and turning it clear around, muzzle over butt, and cracking all five eggs; plugging a barrel in front of him and one at his rear, at the same time; and drawing an Indian head with bullets on a piece of tin were only a few of the items in his marvelous exhibition.

From here Mr. Topperwein went north to the Puget Sound country.

Kelley's Bond Accepted

Harry L. Kelley on Tuesday filed his bond in the sum of \$25,000, with the American Surety Co., as guarantor, as received for John L. Aasen. His appointment as received was made on behalf of the Coquille Valley Mercantile Co., their claim being for \$25,000, out of Mr. Aasen's listed debts of \$52,000. He claims his assets, consisting of timber, machinery, mill, railroad, logging equipment, etc., to be worth \$104,250.

The Sentinel and the Oregon Farmer can be obtained for \$2.25 for one year.

Coquille's Schools Will Be Seriously Handicapped If They Do Not Carry

Legally qualified voters in the Coquille district are again reminded of the school bond election to be held on Monday, April 27. Only taxpayers are allowed to vote at this election, which will be held in the city hall.

As heretofore stated the question to be decided is whether District No. 8 shall issue \$10,500 worth of bonds for the construction of a grade school building on the south side of the block now occupied by the old grade building.

Some voters may not like the proposal to erect it on that site, but what the district do? It will take the \$10,500 and an additional tax of at least as much as was voted last year—\$6,000—to build and equip the necessary rooms and where the funds could come from for the purchase of another site is a nut the directors have been unable to crack.

Locating it on the same grounds as the present grade school will serve another purpose, also, and save \$4,000 or more in the purchase of a new furnace for the present building. Both new and old can be heated from one plant.

But the question of room for grades below the high school is a very serious one in Coquille now. Every possible space in the high school building, both on the ground floor and in the basement, has been utilized and the rooms are nearly all crowded. If next year should show the increase that the past year has, there would be no place in either building to accommodate the pupils.

It is an acute situation, which the directors are facing and unless the taxpayers are ready to build more school rooms there is nothing they can do to relieve the situation.

Coquille has always supported its schools loyally, and there is every reason to suppose that the people will continue to do so, but this article was written to present a little more forcibly the necessity for favorable support at this time.

Pending the decision of this election, the plan to build a gymnasium has been abandoned for the present, but should the bond issue not be approved the directors would have no other recourse than to cut up the high school assembly hall into class rooms, which would cost \$5,000 or \$6,000 and would be a best makeshift. It would continue, too, the present undesirable situation of housing the grade pupils in the high school building.

Chance for New Department

E. E. Elliott, of the vocational educational department of the state superintendent of schools' office is down here from Salem today. The state has for two years desired to establish an agricultural department in one of the high schools of Coos county, and Mr. Elliott says that Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon are being considered at this time.

The expense connected with its installation is \$2400, of which the state pays half and the district half.

The board of directors of this district would be very glad to put this department into our high school, as well as manual training, but with the prospect of erecting a new school building this year, and taxes for school purposes over 30 mills, it does not seem possible to do it now.

Only one high school in a county can secure this state-assisted department.

Dr. J. B. Gillis Locates Here

Dr. J. B. Gillis, whom the Sentinel mentioned last week as being here on a visit, has decided to locate in Coquille for the practice of medicine and has opened an office in the Farmers & Merchants Bank Building. While he has begun practicing, his office is not yet fully equipped, all his furniture, library and medical necessities being now enroute from Milton, Oregon.

Dr. Gillis is a graduate of U. of O. medical school and has had several years of practice, the last ten being located in Milton. His wife and son are still there and will not join him here until school is out the first of June.

Dairymen—Ship your Cream to the Coquille Ice Cream Co. for best results.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been moved forward a week and will be held in the Hotel Coquille next Wednesday evening, April 18, at 6:30. The special order of business at that time will be the consideration of The Coquille Wood Products Co., and its desirability as a Coquille asset.

Monthly Dinner Next Week

It is hoped that a man who knows the lumber game as well as anyone in the Northwest will be here to give a talk on that subject.

Clint Archibald said he would have the Canaries on hand also, even though they are short one of their leading warblers.

Receiver for Bandon Bank

On recommendation of Senator McNary, T. C. Smith, a Salem dentist, has been appointed receiver for the First National bank at Bandon, which recently failed.

NEW SIDEWALK AND H. S. LAWN

D. W. Robinson, whose bid was the lowest for building the ten-foot concrete sidewalk from the front of the high school building to the highway, has the forms in and expects to begin pouring concrete soon. His bid for the work was \$421.65, being just \$1.35 lower than the next higher.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to have charge of the seeding of the terraces and ground west of the building, and work has been started on that by discing the ground. Lyman Carrier donated 75 pounds of Coos creeps bent which the boys will sow.

The senior class of 1925 is preparing to erect two pillars at the main entrance on the west similar to those at the southern portal. These pillars will be cylindrical, eight feet high, and surmounted with electric light globes. The funds for their construction will be derived from the \$50 left by the class of 1924 as a memorial fund, from \$50 given by this year's graduating class and from funds donated by the junior class. Brass plates will be attached to the columns telling by which classes the pillars were presented.

Terrorized North Coquille

There was a lot of excitement out in the north end of town Sunday and for a time the inhabitants were momentarily expecting murder. Walter F. Cairns was the one who went on a rampage.

His cow had broken into Roy Hultin's garden and after the latter drove her out, Cairns became very abusive, and on invitation got over the fence, where Hultin gave him a thrashing.

He then went into the house and secured a shotgun. Returning he thrust the muzzle of the gun into Mrs. Hultin's side, threatened Mr. Hultin and two Morris brothers, and finally quieted down without pulling the trigger.

He was arrested and put under \$500 bonds by Justice Stanley Wednesday. The date for his hearing has not been set.

Half of Taxes Paid

Nels Osmundson, of the tax collection department, says that he has entered up this year's taxes totalling \$450,000, and that it looks now as though the total receipts paid prior to April 6 would run \$750,000, or half the amount levied. There have been, beside, many delinquent taxes paid.

Highway Engineer Here

Roy A. Klein, secretary and engineer of the State Highway Commission, was a Coquille visitor Monday noon. He had just come in from Roseburg with W. E. Chandler, resident engineer of the commission, and they were on their way down into Curry, to look over the Roosevelt Highway route south to Brookings.

To Install Large Motor

The E. E. Johnson mill may be closed down tomorrow while the new 300 h. p. motor for operation of the head rig is being installed. It is expected that cutting operations will be resumed Monday.

BRIDGE, WHERE?

Marshfield People Desire More Information About Its Cost and Location

There is considerable doubt that the people of Marshfield are going to support the \$90,000 measure, to appear on the ballot—May 12, for a bridge across the bay to Eastside. For one thing they want to know before they cast their vote for that bond issue just what the two projects are estimated to cost. And compared with a bridge across at the ferry site, the people of Marshfield want to know what the Bunker Hill bridge would cost with overhead crossing over the railroad tracks, and paving connecting the highway and the Eastside paved street.

And it appears to the Sentinel that inasmuch as it is a bridge to connect Marshfield proper with a community as near to it as Eastside is, that the people of that city should have something to say about where it shall be located.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce is going to support the other two bond propositions but its members desire more information before they commit themselves to the bridge bonds.

There is another thing, which can be taken into consideration. With a bridge from the Marshfield waterfront, Eastside will be within five minutes' walk of the larger town and increased property valuations will produce sufficient taxes to pay interest on a goodly portion of the cost of such a bridge.

Commencement, May 21

Graduation exercises of the Coquille High School will be held five weeks from last night, May 21, and the baccalaureate services will be held at the M. E. South Church on Sunday, May 17. Rev. Milton F. Hill will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Mr. Parr has written to Dr. Reed, of O. A. C., asking him to deliver the commencement address but has not received an answer and so does not know if he will be free for that date.

Miss Niseth is preparing the musical numbers for both occasions: Baccalaureate

Alleluia
Praise Ye the Father" Gaunod
High School Chorus
Commencement

"Blue Danube" Strauss
Girls Glee Club
"Land of Freedom, Land of Fortune" Paulzetta
High School Chorus
Overture Orchestra

Fire Quickly Extinguished

The fire siren called out the department about 6:30 Wednesday evening, to a blaze in the boiler room of the Johnson mill here, but it had been extinguished before their arrival.

The fire started under the roof in the boiler room, but was quickly extinguished by use of the small hose there and the larger one outside. Dr. F. G. Bunch was one of the first on the scene and while "Butch" Briner was opening the valve "Doc" got the nozzle in position and promptly drenched the outside of the building.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark.

Old Offender Gets His

Fred Brandt, of Beaver Hill, was sentenced to six months in jail by Justice Stanley here Tuesday for possession of a still, and fined \$1500. He had sold five or six quarts of liquor on Sunday and when the officers went to get him on that charge they discovered a small still and 50 gallons of mash.

Brandt is an old offender against the prohibition law and is the one suspected of selling the booze to the party which capsized on the Myrtle Point road one night several months ago, resulting in the death of a woman.

Will Do Postgraduate Work

Dr. J. A. Burkett, who yesterday turned over the county health office to Dr. P. M. Drake, who comes here from Vale, Oregon, is undecided yet as to where he will locate. He intends to leave the first of the month for San Francisco where he will take a month's post graduate course in Letterman General Hospital, one of the largest army hospitals in the United States.