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## PLANT IS ASSURED

**Coquille Wood Products Co. Completely Financed Wednesday Evening**

The establishment of The Coquille Wood Products Co., the cut-up plant on which Frank A. Rowe has been working for the past three weeks, was made certain Wednesday evening, at a meeting of the stockholders held in the dining room of the hotel. Prior to that time only \$500 had been subscribed and the project was in doubt, but all possibility of failure was removed when Dr. G. Earl Low took another block of six shares, Mr. Rowe five shares, O. C. Sanford and J. E. Norton two shares additional and four others increased their holdings by one share.

Messrs. Rowe, Low and Norton were designated to file articles of incorporation with the county clerk, and a meeting of all the stockholders has been called for next Tuesday evening, May 5, at the city hall, when permanent organization will be effected by the election of five directors.

Half of the \$15,000 capital is now subscribed and the balance is to be held in the treasury for a year or more before being issued. Not a cent goes for promotion.

The machinery for the plant will be shipped over here immediately and set up in the Collier Warehouse, on which a 5-year lease is held by Mr. Rowe, and he hopes to have it in operation by June 1.

Never was a manufacturing industry started under more auspicious circumstances. The equipment was purchased for less than half its actual value, the timber for cutting into battery stock is plentiful and can be secured, a contract for the first year's operation has already been secured, and it provides for a very fair margin of profit.

While the payroll at the start will be small, with only five men employed, the possibilities of enlarging and increasing the output are only limited by the management and capital, and the latter can be increased when operation proves successful.

Coquille is to be congratulated on securing this industry.

## Japs Buying Up Cedar

It is a fact not generally known that the Japanese are quietly buying up all the Port Orford cedar in Coos and Curry counties. One of their latest and largest purchases is of sixteen or more quarter sections of this timber on the Middle Fork of Sixes river, and their total outlay already approaches \$2,000,000.

They give out no information as to how or when the timber is to be cut, but the deals are being made through a San Francisco broker.

Some day Uncle Sam will wake up to the need of conserving his aeroplane timber and find that the wily Japanese has beaten him to it.

Not a tract is purchased until a Japanese representative has inspected the timber and passed favorably upon the deal.

## New Motor Installed

With the installation of the 300 h. p. electric motor at Johnson's mill here the whole plant is now electrically driven except the hoist and the turner. Steam is also used as a blower on the slab pile, but only one boiler is now kept working, where formerly two were required.

The new motor was tried out Sunday and its operation proved successful.

## ABOUT COOS' ROAD BONDS

Elsewhere on this page appears the statement prepared by County Auditor W. H. Wann, of all money heretofore expended by the county for principal and interest on road bonds each year, and also what will be required for the next fifteen years should the \$770,000 bond issue carry this month.

From that it appears that the peak was passed last year, when \$114,465 was raised to meet bonded indebtedness, provided the bonds are not voted this year, and if they are voted the peak will be reached next year, when \$148,345 will be needed.

Of the \$662,000 bonds authorized in 1922, 1921 and 1920, \$485,000 has been retired at the beginning of this year, and \$182,870 has been paid in interest.

When those three issues are fully paid, which will occur by the end of 1925, the county will have paid \$171,950 interest on the 1916 issue of \$362,000; \$40,500 on the 1920 issue of \$362,000; and \$40,500 on the 1921, 1922 and 1923 issues of \$150,000 each.

Should the \$770,000 issue be approved, the county would pay \$385,750 in interest, scattered over a period of 15 years.

The total payment on the four issues from 1916 to 1938 will amount to \$2,050,700, of which \$1,432,000 will be on the principal and the balance of \$518,700 as interest.

In twenty-four years that is not too much to pay for the road system Coos county will possess when the \$770,000 is spent in making highways.

Russell Hogan, of Bandon, was placed in jail here last Saturday, having been fined \$500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Justice Radley for possession of mash.

## Court of Honor Held

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the city hall Wednesday evening, at which time three scouts were advanced to a higher class and two demonstrated their right to receive merit badges.

Willie Gaslin and Stanley Pulford, of Troop No. 2, were advanced to the second class from the tenderfoot rank, and Geo. Pankey, of Troop No. 1, was advanced to a first class Scout.

Clarence Barton and James Galbraith, both of Troop No. 1, were awarded merit badges, Clarence on the subject of Civics, Personal Health and Public Health; and James for Personal Health, Public Health, Firemanship and Automobile.

A. T. Morrison, N. C. Kelley and Scout Executive Harris Ricksecker sat on the court.

## ELECTION HALTED FOR MORE CHEESE

**New Date Will Probably Be Thursday, May 28--Injunction Granted**

County Clerk Robert R. Watson yesterday morning received a telephone call from Jas. T. Brand, at Gold Beach, that Judge Kendall, who was holding court in Curry county, had just signed a permanent injunction, restraining the county clerk from issuing, and the sheriff from delivering ballots and election supplies for the road bond election which was to have been held on Tuesday, May 12.

The friendly suit, started by J. E. Norton, then president of the Coos County Good Roads Association, was directed against the officers mentioned, their deputies and all election board officials and the injunction applies to all of them.

The complaint, which was prepared by Peck & Brand, at Marshfield, alleged that the order calling the election did not conform to the petitions for the election, that the maturities stated for the proposed bond issue did not conform to the prayer of the petition; that any election held pursuant to the petitions would be null and void and the bonds authorized thereby would be null and void.

With this proposed election definitely stopped the next step will be the calling of an election to be held about May 28, and Judge Mast says the county court will without doubt do it next Wednesday.

Entire new proceedings—petition and call—have been prepared and these have been submitted to District Attorney Bedingfield for his approval before the former are circulated and the latter made.

At least 20 days must elapse between the date of the call and that of holding the election.

**A Heavy Deputy Penalty**

Last Friday Deputy Sheriff Meferson secured a search warrant to investigate the premises of T. J. Schroeder, who lived on the Jos. Donaldson place, a mile and a half below Riverton on this side of the river. That evening Malehorn went down there and found a still and 100 gallons of mash just ready to run.

Saturday morning Schroeder pleaded guilty in Justice Stanley's court and was sentenced to six months in jail. He was also fined \$1500.

**Ask for Free Delivery**

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening a resolution from the Woman's Club was read in which the ladies went on record in favor of an immediate application to the postoffice department for free mail delivery in Coquille.

Action by the male organization was postponed for a week but as the sentiment among many business men is against free delivery, it is doubtful if the Chamber endorses the plan. It would double the postage on drop letters here, raising it from one to two cents.

**Coquille Valley Creamery Will Increase Output 800 Pounds Daily**

Beginning today the Nestle's Food Co. boat, John-Wildi, is taken off its regular run to Bandon and all the milk up the river from Coquille will come to the Coquille Valley Creamery. The condensary will still buy milk on the lower river but the other boats can handle it.

J. H. McCloskey, of the creamery, is installing a truck line to gather the milk, on the opposite side of the river, as far up as Norway.

He figures that the additional milk he will receive will run 7,000 or 8,000 pounds a day when the flush of the season arrives, which will mean about 800 pounds of cheese more each day. His estimate is for 20,000 pounds of milk, total, which will run somewhere about 2,200 pounds of cheese daily.

To take care of the increased milk shipments Mr. McCloskey has purchased a third vat, which will soon be installed, and he says that the creamery is one of the busiest places in Coquille.

A ready market has taken all of his product up to the present time and he anticipates that the increased production will sell just as quickly as the product he has been turning out.

The Sentinel folks are under obligations to Mr. McCloskey for one of the five-pound "longhorns" made at the local plant this spring, put up in a cardboard container, and a more delicious specimen of the cheese-makers' craft it has never been our privilege to taste.

**Open House by Power Co.**

The Mountain States Power Co. is keeping open house at their new plant on the Bay today and tomorrow. This new \$700,000 plant is located on the waterfront in North Bandon and the people of the Coquille valley are especially invited to visit it tomorrow, after 10:30. It will also be Students' Day. Guides will be in attendance to show the visitors through this large and splendidly equipped plant, which the Byllesby Corporation has erected to take care of the power and lighting needs of Coos county. Not only the present requirements of this section but those for years to come can be taken care of by the present equipment.

## TRACK MEET NEXT WEEK

Coquille high school's chance of adding another championship in athletics to the two already won this year, were considerably diminished Wednesday evening when Harold Simmons was struck in the face by a bat while watching a ball game. Although only a spectator, he was near enough that when the bat flew from a batter's hand it caught him on the cheek and shoulder.

Simmons is a runner and had been counted on to win many points at the track meet at Myrtle Point a week from tomorrow. It is yet uncertain whether he will be able to participate.

Rev. M. F. Hill, who has been coaching the Coquille squad, says there will be a Coquille entry in every contest and he is satisfied that they will give a good account of themselves.

The committee in charge of the track meet are endeavoring to get Ralph Spearrow, famous Oregon pole vaulter to act as manager of the day's events.

Officials of the track events will be Wayne W. Wells, Geo. C. Huggins, Wm. E. Coleman and Chas. Low. For the pole vault, broad and high jump, A. J. Krist and Dr. R. H. Mast will act as officials; while C. C. Archibald and J. S. Tomlinson will handle the javelin, discus and shot events. Dr. A. B. Peacock has been appointed to act as starter.

**Bring in Varmint Pelts**

M. H. Dement yesterday brought in the hides of four wild cats and a coyote killed near Powers. J. E. Haines this week also brought in a coyote pelt from Norway. The county pays \$2 for wild cats, \$3 for male coyotes and \$4 for female.

**Myrtle Point Will Celebrate**

The Myrtle Point Chamber of Commerce is sending out advance notices of their intention to hold a Fourth of July celebration this year, and invites all Coos county to celebrate with them.

A loggers' congress, with a number of sports in connection, is featured as one part of the program, and a rodeo with twenty wild horses and bulls is another. Complete details will be announced later.

Have your Sunday dinner at the new Coquille Hotel. Per plate \$1.25.

## Settling Highway Difficulties

There is a strong probability that the highway troubles at Myrtle Point will soon be smoothed away and a possibility that from Spruce street south to the Carter railroad will be paved with concrete.

Engineer W. E. Chandler has agreed to recommend that a 53-foot highway down that north and south street will be sufficient except at the southern end, where the turn will require a wider right of way.

Many of the property owners along that street are asking that the street be paved, rather than have a macadam surface and it is possible that the highway commission will be willing to assist in putting down hard surface.

**New Vulcanizing Shop**

E. J. Wallace, recently of Moscow, Idaho, where he has been located for the past two years, has rented the Hersey building, three doors east of the postoffice and about the middle of May will open a vulcanizing plant where complete tire service can be obtained. Mr. Wallace has had years of experience in his line and as he does all the work himself, he is in a position to positively guarantee every repair job he handles.

## VOTE TO BUILD

**Taxpayers Authorize the Erection of a New Grade School Building**

There was a singular lack of interest in so important a matter as are the public schools Monday afternoon, when only 64 votes were cast on the proposal to issue \$10,500 worth of bonds for a new grade building. The issue was authorized by a vote of 44 to 20, but it was not much more than a 12 per cent vote. It is estimated that there are something over 500 qualified voters on school matters in the district.

With the \$10,500 thus assured, together with the \$2500 more the district will receive from the county tuition fund and the \$6,000 special tax voted last year, the amount needed for the construction and equipment of the new grade building is still \$6000 short of the estimated requirement.

To raise this, the voters are to be asked to vote another special tax this year of the same amount they did last—\$6,000—and until this is done the board if directors will not be assured that their plans can be carried out. If it is voted, as it probably will be, a contract for erecting the building will be let as soon as possible in order that it can be ready for use when school opens next fall.

**State Foregoes Its "Drag"**

Judge R. H. Mast and Commissioner Matt H. Klockers returned yesterday morning from a trip to Salem in the interest of roads.

There is a law on the statute books that the state must be paid ten cents a yard for all gravel taken from the beds of navigable streams. This is an old law, which has never been enforced, but Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, notified the county courts of Coos and Douglas counties that there was a movement on foot to start collection.

The money received would go into the state school fund.

It was estimated that at 10 cents per yard, what has been used and what would be required for the Roosevelt Highway, the Reedsport-Drain road and the market roads leading into them, would amount to \$30,000, for gravel taken from the Umpqua river.

Coos county's two members of the court and the three from Douglas, met with the board of control in Salem Wednesday, and were rewarded by a resolution passed by that body remitting the state's 10 cents per yard for the gravel needed for the highways mentioned. Gov. Pierce and Treasurer T. B. Kay were agreeable to the proposition at the start, and Secretary of State Koser finally agreed and made it unanimous.

It was evident that the highways needed the gravel as much as the school fund needed the revenue.

**Once Too Often**

There seems to have been a free-for-all fight at the Ralph Davis place last Sunday night, and the neighbors, who have endured these weekly celebrations for weeks, telephoned for the marshal.

The urgent need of the police signal lights was emphasized, for the central operator was unable to reach the marshal by phone. She finally called Deputy Sheriff Malehorn, who with Marshal Hollenbeck and Sheriff Ellingsen went out to Davis' place, which is on the Fairview road not far from Geo. Chaney's residence.

They found but two men there—Davis and Joe Anderson—who had badly mauled each other. "Rabbit" Waits, who was said to have furnished the liquor, had skipped when the fight started.

Anderson was brought to town but Davis was told to go to bed. He did not do so and the officers were again called. When they arrived they found Waits sitting in a car there and arrested him. He jumped out, started to run and was finally overtaken by Malehorn. When the "Rabbit" showed fight, Sam pulled out his "sap" and started to work the young fellow over. He did a good job of it, too. Waits was charged with disorderly conduct, but on his promise to leave the country, he was released on his own recognition.

Davis was fined \$20 by Recorder Lawrence Monday morning, and Anderson, who had a bottle in his pocket, \$25. Both fines were paid.

Calling cards, 100 for \$1.50.

## Statement of Coos County Road Bond Issues Including Contemplated Issue of \$770,000

Year	July 1, 1916 5% \$362,000.00		November 1, 1921 6% \$150,000.00		July 1, 1922 6% \$150,000.00		Contemplated 5% \$770,000.00		Total Annual Payment	Year
	Interest Required	Principal Required	Interest Required	Principal Required	Interest Required	Principal Required	Interest Required	Principal Required		
1916	\$ 9,050.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9,050.00	1916
1917	18,100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18,100.00	1917
1918	18,100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18,100.00	1918
1919	18,100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18,100.00	1919
1920	18,100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18,100.00	1920
1921	17,195.00	36,200.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	53,395.00	1921
1922	15,385.00	36,200.00	9,000.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	60,585.00	1922
1923	13,575.00	36,200.00	9,000.00	25,000.00	9,000.00	25,000.00	-----	-----	92,775.00	1923
1924	11,765.00	36,200.00	7,500.00	25,000.00	9,000.00	25,000.00	-----	-----	114,465.00	1924
1925	9,955.00	36,200.00	6,000.00	25,000.00	7,500.00	25,000.00	19,250.00	-----	128,905.00	1925
1926	8,145.00	36,200.00	4,500.00	25,000.00	6,000.00	25,000.00	38,500.00	-----	143,345.00	1926
1927	6,335.00	36,200.00	3,000.00	25,000.00	4,500.00	25,000.00	38,500.00	-----	138,535.00	1927
1928	4,525.00	36,200.00	1,500.00	25,000.00	3,000.00	25,000.00	38,500.00	-----	133,725.00	1928
1929	2,715.00	36,200.00	-----	-----	1,500.00	25,000.00	38,500.00	20,000.00	130,915.00	1929
1930	905.00	36,200.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	36,575.00	50,000.00	123,680.00	1930
1931	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	32,725.00	77,000.00	109,725.00	1931
1932	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28,575.00	77,000.00	105,875.00	1932
1933	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25,025.00	77,000.00	102,025.00	1933
1934	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	21,175.00	77,000.00	98,175.00	1934
1935	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17,325.00	77,000.00	94,325.00	1935
1936	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13,475.00	77,000.00	90,475.00	1936
1937	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9,625.00	77,000.00	86,625.00	1937
1938	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,775.00	77,000.00	82,775.00	1938
1939	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,925.00	77,000.00	78,925.00	1939
	\$171,950.00	\$362,000.00	\$40,500.00	\$150,000.00	\$40,500.00	\$150,000.00	\$365,750.00	\$770,000.00	\$2,050,700.00	

NOTE: The peak load of annual payments will be reduced somewhat if the Bonds are sold only as funds are required, which is the plan of the County Court, as I understand it.

W. H. Wann, County Auditor.