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MONTHLY DINNER

Of the Chamber of Commerce Very Interesting and Pleasant

"You have as fine a hotel here as I have seen in any city of its size anywhere in my travels over the country," said Rev. O. L. Martin at the Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday evening. "And I believe you have the best hotel manager this side of New York, Chicago and St. Louis," was the compliment he extended to the genial proprietor of the Hotel Coquille—Lafe Compton.

Mr. Martin was present on invitation of President Skeels and he expressed praise for the material advancement Coquille has made in the 27 years since his last visit here, but he warned his hearers that they were backward in supporting the church; that Coquille had not progressed at all in that way in the past quarter of a century. Basing his argument on the statement that property would not be worth 25 cents on the dollar without the uplifting influence of the church, he declared that business men, from a cold-blooded business point of view could not afford to neglect the church.

Several others made short talks at the meeting which was somewhat smaller than the ones which preceded it this spring.

President Skeels introduced several of the newer members—S. R. Svendsgaard, G. E. Trott, I. A. Elrod and Orville Gant—all of whom responded with a few remarks. Mr. Trott said that no stranger in town ever entered his shoe shop without hearing from him (Trott) that Coquille was the finest place on earth in which to live.

In calling on Geo. Oerding for a short talk on the myrtlewood business, Mr. Skeels said he had but recently learned what a large amount of money the Oerding Manufacturing Co. was monthly bringing into the Coquille through the sale of their myrtlewood novelties, and it is doubtful if there is another agency in town which advertises Coquille so extensively, and with the exception of returns from dairy products and lumber, brings as much outside capital into the Coquille marts of trade.

Mr. Skeels had one matter on his mind Wednesday evening which he mentioned often. It is one to which Coquille should give immediate consideration. As long as the grass and weeds grow on the business and main streets of any town as high as they are here in spots, it will be nothing but a high-grass town. Mr. Skeels said he intended to take it up with the city council and endeavor to have the city ordinance enforced which permits the city to cut the grass and charge it up to the property where the owner refuses or fails to do it.

G. Russell Morgan asked the Chamber for advice as to whether it would be possible to raise Coquille's quota of \$600 for the endowment fund which is being raised in Oregon this week for crippled children of ex-soldiers. The members seemed to think the quota out of all proportion, when compared with that of other towns and that such a sum could not be raised here now.

Secretary Kelley reported that in the month preceding he had answered 82 inquiries in regard to Coquille and the surrounding territory. These were of a direct nature and not the usual type, "I am coming to Oregon and want information," letter.

The music for the dinner was furnished by the Wampus Cat orchestra of four pieces, and this added no small measure to the evening's enjoyment.

It was voted not to hold another entire membership meeting until September, although the board of directors will continue their weekly sessions in the interim. The reason for calling off a month earlier than usual is that the Chautauqua will be here on the fourth Wednesday in June.

County Court In Session

The county court this week has passed on several matters, granting licenses to haul logs on county roads, authorizing payment to indigents and selling property owned by the county for delinquent taxes.

The resignation of Constable S. A. Griswold, at Powers, was accepted by the court. No successor has yet been appointed.

The salary of John W. Leneve as bookkeeper in the county clerk's office was advanced from \$150 to \$175 a month.

Receiver Not to Operate

H. L. Kelley, as receiver for John L. Aasen, has been commanded by court order, signed by Judge Kendall last week, to discharge all employees except a watchman and cease all operations in logging or mill operation. The order was made when Mr. Kelley reported to the court that the parties holding claims and liens against the machinery and equipment necessary to use upon the timber owned by J. E. Norton, had failed to agree upon charges to be made for the equipment's use.

It was also ordered that the receiver proceed at once to collect moneys due Mr. Aasen, and the unpaid balance owing by the Stout Lumber Co., and retain all such funds until further order from the court.

Just what effect this order will have in the matter of settlement with Mr. Aasen's creditors is not entirely apparent, but if the receiver is not able to operate, it will eventually mean the sale of the property and payment to the creditors at a greatly reduced percentage of their claims.

First Market Road Bridges

Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert says the Fairview quarry will be set up next week and that construction of two market road bridges on the Fairview-Lee road will start next week. These will be the first market road bridges constructed in the county.

FIRST BASE BALL GAME

A Coos county baseball league has not been organized this year, but at least two cities of the county—Coquille and Marshfield—will be represented by independent teams. These two will meet here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. for the first game of the season. The game will be played at Athletic Park.

Bill Fortier says that Coquille has a stronger line-up than represented this city last year and that a rattling good game can be expected. Carl Gilbert and Wm. Ziesel will be on the firing line with Fortier doing the receiving.

The merchants of Coquille have furnished an added interest to this as prizes to members of the home team only:

Each base hit—2 tickets to Liberty Theatre.

First 2-base hit—One gal. Cream Co. Coos ice cream.

First 3-base hit—pocket knife, Coquille Edw.

First home run—\$6.00 box candy, Holycross.

First home run—1 carton cigarettes, Cow Bell Dairy.

First sacrifice—1 necktie, Variety Shop.

First stolen base—Red necktie, I. A. Elrod Men's Wear.

First put out—2 lbs. Home Coffee, Chapin & Son.

First caught fly—1 lb. box candy Rainbow.

First caught foul—5 lb. beef or veal roast, People's Market.

First assist—\$1.50 box Stationery, Hudson's Drug Store.

First Base on ball—2 lbs. H. B. Coffee, Busy Corner.

Player making most hits—5 gal. gas, Taylor & Ditto, and bottle of Shaving Lotion, Fuhrman's Pharmacy.

Player making most put-outs—One tie, Lorenz.

Players making most assists—1 pr. silk hose, Robinson's.

Player making most runs—5 lb. roast, City Meat Market.

Last put-out—1 pr. silk hose, Ladies or Gents, Hub Clothing.

Player having most bases on ball—1 carton Campbells, Casey Jones.

Booby for first error—Hair cut and shave, Butch.

Port Orford's New Theatre

The huge truck load of chairs that passed through here on Saturday looked as if a circus were coming to town—but was only some theatre seats for H. M. Axtell's new movie theatre at Port Orford. Axtell's theatre which he will call the "Welcome West," is the farthest west movie house in the United States and is being built from driftwood and timbers from a ship that was wrecked on the beach there.

Cars Wanted Tomorrow

Anyone who has an auto and is willing to carry those attending the ceremonies at the cemetery tomorrow, is requested to notify C. C. Archibald or J. F. Cramer, the Legion transportation committee, at once so that they may know how many cars will be available.

18 TRUE BILLS

Those Indicted By the Grand Jury In Session This Week

The grand jury, which had been in session here since Monday morning made a report to Judge Kendall at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Eighteen true bills were found, of which nine are secret until the sheriff has had an opportunity to arrest those against whom they were rendered.

Those who were indicted were:

Ray Hill, forgery on two counts. Arraigned, pleaded guilty and sentenced to two years on each in the pen, the sentences to run concurrently. He was taken to Salem at once.

Ed Sutton—Pointing a gun at another. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned.

T. A. Johnston—Assault with intent to commit rape. Pleading not guilty.

Pete Klaudes—Assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. He will plead at nine o'clock Monday morning. He is the Greek who shot his sweetheart in front of Dr. Richmond's office door a few weeks ago. She recovered and they have since been married. He is out on bail.

Clarence Derr—Perjury. He swore that liquor in his possession belonged to W. Burke but at the latter's trial refused to give the evidence he had sworn to. He will plead at nine o'clock Monday morning.

Oscar Starrott—Larceny by bailer. He also will plead Monday.

Don Adams—Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Monday morning.

Russell Foster and Margaret Simms—Lewd cohabitation. They will plead Monday.

Not true bills were returned in the cases charged against the following:

Ed Biske, rape.

Walter Worthington, contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Herbert Harper, for the same offense.

Louis Morris, pointing a gun at another.

C. T. McKern, non-support.

Walter F. Cairns, assault with a dangerous weapon.

Nels Peterson and Harvey Taylor, larceny.

To Make Last Appeal

The statement on the second page of this issue regarding the Mayse case is not entirely correct. Several months ago the U. C. Court of Appeals ruled that Mayse's title to the land on the East Fork was good, and the government thereupon dropped the case.

Perry and Leatherman, however, asked to be heard as their position, and it was their appeal which has just been denied at San Francisco.

They have now announced their intention of taking the case before the U. S. Supreme court but it may be one, two or three years before it will be decided there, and the federal government will not be one of the plaintiffs in this final appeal.

Slapped By a Cable

Frank Hyford says no one believes him when he tells how he received the two wide and deep scratches which adorn his right cheek, and that he's tired of telling the story. But a flying end of a cable struck him, at the Cedar Point loading boom Wednesday, and cut deep gashes in his cheek. The cable slipped from a point twelve feet above him and he had time to dodge enough to save his eye.

Two Weddings Performed

Justice J. J. Stanley, says that the law violation business in his court the past week has been slow, the only public matters attended to being weddings. He performed the ceremonies for Edgar Walter Grow and Marguerite Beryl Van Auker, of North Bend, last Saturday; and for Theodore Burr and Irma Smith, on Tuesday.

Right of Way Cases Up

Among the cases set for trial next week by Judge Kendall are the condemnation proceedings instituted by the State Highway Commission to secure right of way. The defendants are Mrs. Catherine A. McAdams, of Coquille, and J. T. Sullivan, and Rebecca Adams, of Myrtle Point.

BOY SCOUTS' TRIP

Thirty-five to Make a Month's Tour of the Northwest

The Coos county executive council for Boy Scouts met in the hotel here last evening for their regular monthly meeting.

Reports submitted showed that on March 1, 1924, there were 50 Scouts in the county, not one of whom was first class.

On May 1, this year, there were 220 Scouts, 23 per cent of whom were first class, and 27 per cent, second class scouts.

Nine troops are now functioning in the county—three in Marshfield, two in Coquille, and one each in Myrtle Point, Broadbent, Bandon and North Bend.

At the meeting last evening arrangements were completed for the Gypsy Caravan, which will make a tour of the Pacific Northwest covering six states.

A high class vaudeville show of an hour's duration has been arranged by the boys, which will be presented at Marshfield June 4 to get their hand in. On June 8th they will leave for Portland and show successively in the Rose City, Pendleton, Boise, Ogden, Salt Lake, Yellowstone Park, Butte, Missoula, Glacier Park, Spokane, Seattle and Ranier Park, arriving home July 11.

About 35 Scouts and six adults will make the trip, which will cost the boys about \$30 apiece. The balance of \$85 per boy will be made up by the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and individuals at the Bay after the receipts from all shows are in. Only first class Scouts, with five merit badges are eligible to make the trip.

Memorial Day Services

The Union Memorial day services at the Liberty Theatre last Sunday morning were in charge of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. C. Vernon Smith conducting them and Mrs. M. F. Hill presiding at the organ. The Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic songs were sung by the large audience present.

The Memorial day address by Rev. Milton F. Hill, of the M. E. Church South, abounded in patriotic sentiment, but insisted on the fundamentals of religion as the basis of everything worth while for the future of our national life.

Rev. J. S. Penix, of the M. E. Church, E. O. Palmer, minister of the Church of Christ, and Rev. E. N. Turner, of the Baptist church, all took part in the services.

C. W. Gardner, Fire Chief

The plans and specifications for the improvement of First and Coulter streets were not ready for the adjourned session of the city council Monday evening. The matter will come up again at the regular session next Monday.

Only one item of business was transacted last Monday and that was the appointment of Chas. W. Gardner as fire chief to succeed J. E. Perrott, who is now employed at the county farm.

Mr. Gardner's appointment was recommended by the fire department and will prove a very satisfactory one for Charley is a "fighting fool," when the siren summons the department.

Vegetation Refreshed

Early this week gardens were beginning to look thirsty and it really looked as if a long, dry, summer drouth was in prospect; but again it is the unexpected that has happened and a fine rain yesterday morning obviated the necessity of getting our sprinklers in operation. So far this year the rainfall has far exceeded expectations and the prospect for spring and summer crops is excellent.

To Recall Bandon Justice

A petition, containing over 225 names, for the recall of L. J. Radley as justice of the peace for district No. 5—Bandon—was filed with the county clerk this week. Should Mr. Radley decide not to resign the office within five days an election will be called to decide whether the incumbent or the recall candidate shall hold the office.

Little Eva, Eliza, Topsy and Uncle Tom played to a crowd in the tent show here Wednesday evening that filled the tent.

All Licenses Revoked

The licenses of all dance halls, outside of incorporated cities, were yesterday cancelled by the county court, to take effect June 1. The reason was that the new law, which went into effect this week, provides more stringent control for such places. Among other things it provides that the petitions for granting licenses must be signed by several free holders residing in the school district where the halls are located. The cancellation will not prevent the court granting new licenses on presentation of proper petitions.

Those whose licenses were cancelled were:

Clara M. Bell, at Bridge.

Alton Clausen, at Riverton.

George W. Cox, at Bandon.

Moore Hall, at Powers.

C. S. Murphy, at Bridge.

H. T. Miller, at Broadbent.

M. C. Bohn, at Charleston.

B. H. Lawhorn, at McKelley.

Summer Community Hall, at Summer.

Stockholders Assessed

In yesterday's Bandon World appears official notice from the acting comptroller of the currency in Washington, D. C., notifying all stockholders of the First National Bank of Bandon that they must pay a 100 per cent assessment for the benefit of the depositors.

COQUILLE MAY HAVE HOSPITAL

It was reported at the Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday evening that Mrs. Mary Smedburg is seeking a new location for her hospital, now located in Marshfield, and had expressed a wish to move to Coquille.

As a matter of fact, she has decided to leave the Bay, and will come to Coquille if her hospital is desired here.

That such a move would be welcomed here goes without saying. Coquille has urgent need of a hospital sufficiently large to accommodate the cases which naturally belong here, and the ability of Mrs. Smedburg to conduct a hospital is beyond question.

Her ultimate aim is to erect a modern fire-proof building, but just now she will bring her equipment here if suitable quarters can be secured and she has the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce and the business men, and she will do it at once.

Her equipment is sufficient for twelve beds and a surgical room.

If anyone has a suggestion as to where a hospital could be housed now here or she should make it known at once for Coquille needs a hospital of this size and the opportunity to secure one may not be presented again soon.

This city could well afford to furnish Mrs. Smedburg a site free when she is ready to erect a new building.

Forbes, Absent, to Be Tried

The first case set for trial at the June session of Circuit court which opens next Monday is that of the state of Oregon against Andy Erickson and E. S. (Slim) Forbes. It is a retrial of a bootlegging case, the jury having disagreed at the last term of court.

Notwithstanding the fact that Forbes is reported to now be in Canada, District Attorney Bedingfield says that in a trial for misdemeanor, if the defendant is represented by counsel the case can proceed even though the defendant is not present. Should the defendant be acquitted his bondsmen are released, but should he be convicted they will be required to either produce him or settle the bond, and there is likely to be considerable squirming.

Forbes was the chief witness for Erickson, so considerable interest is anticipated when the case is called for Monday.

McKnight and Giles are the attorneys for the defense.

State Superintendent Here

State Superintendent of Schools J. A. Churchill was a Coquille visitor for a few hours yesterday. The evening before he had delivered the commencement address at the Coos River high school and last evening he performed the same service at Bandon.

Mr. Churchill was most enthusiastic over the setting of the Coos River school. He said he had been in every nook and corner of Oregon and he had never before seen a school in such a beautiful and picturesque location.

DECORATION DAY

How It Will Be Observed Here Tomorrow—Stores All Close

Tomorrow being Decoration Day, practically all of the stores in town will be closed. Some of the business men enjoying the holiday will make a two-day outing of it, but there is a growing sentiment that Decoration Day is a time set apart for honoring the nation's martyred dead, and should be even more zealously observed than any other of our national holidays.

The morning services will start at 9:30. The Community Building is the point of assembly and from there the procession will proceed to the bridge where flowers will be strewn on the waters of the Coquille river.

From there the G. A. R., W. R. C., American Legion and citizens will proceed to the two cemeteries to decorate the graves of soldier dead and fire a salute over their resting places.

At two o'clock tomorrow afternoon the services will be held in the Liberty Theatre. A program of reading, music and an address by G. Russell Morgan has been prepared for presentation at that time.

A committee of the Legion has arranged for cars to take the old soldiers, the ladies of the W. R. C., and those unable to walk out to the Odd Fellows and Masonic cemeteries.

Road Contracts Let

Bids were opened by the county court yesterday on three road projects, for the construction of the highway arch at Dillard, and for the county farm painting job. The latter was left over till the next session of the court, the bids being indefinite and not clear to the court.

Seedy & Phillips were the lower of two bidders for the arch construction job, their bid being \$2288.

For grading 2200 feet of the Bear Creek road, and installing concrete culverts, Frank Flinn, of Bandon, was the lowest of four bidders. His bid figured \$2888.75.

For surfacing six or seven miles of the Myrtle Point-Sitkum market road, Hillstrom Bros. were awarded the contract for hauling 6,000 yards of crushed rock at 20 cents a yard. There were two other bidders.

For grading 4000 feet of county road from Lakeside to the Roosevelt highway, and laying concrete culverts, Wm. Wilkins was awarded the contract for \$5632.60. He was the lowest of seven bidders.

Bridge Estimate Received

Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert returned Tuesday evening from Portland where he conferred with State Market Road Bridge Engineer McCulloch on the probable cost of a bridge across Coos Bay to Eastside.

For the Park street location—from the Marshfield waterfront—the preliminary estimate, for a bridge from new harbor line to harbor line, with a 200 feet opening, is \$300,000.

At the Smith mill site, for a 150 feet opening, the preliminary estimate is \$125,000, and there would still remain a mile and a-half of road to build. Besides there would be that sharp hairpin turn to gain access, coming this way, to the Coquille-Marshfield Highway.

The county court is still waiting developments before making an initial step toward building a bridge across the bay, or making plans for selling a bond election.

Trapshooters to Eugene

The Coquille Gun Club will be well represented at the state shoot at Eugene tomorrow in which several hundred trapshooters from all over Oregon are expected to participate. Yesterday afternoon one carload, with Ira Johnson, Earl Graham, Ray Long, W. A. Chapin and F. C. Hudson aboard, left for Eugene. This evening another load, consisting of John and Pete Miller, Jack McLeod, James W. Laird and Geo. Lorenz, will start, and Ambrose Chapin Jr. is also expected to leave later this evening.

The shoot started today and will continue until Sunday afternoon.

Williams Changes Employ

Traffic Officer Clarence C. Williams has resigned his position as county traffic officer to accept a similar position with the State Highway Traffic Division. He will remain on duty in this county. The county court yesterday accepted his resignation.