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## FIRE MARSHALS

### Investigate Conditions in Coquille and Report to Mayor Johnson

Messrs. Stokes and Gisan, two deputy state fire marshals, who have been investigating conditions in Coos county, had a conference with Mayor Johnson last Friday evening regarding conditions in Coquille. They made many recommendations but stated that conditions here are better than they are over at the Bay.

They called particular attention to the new law, requiring an electric gong on each floor of a hotel or rooming house of more than ten rooms. This will apply in Coquille to the Hotel Coquille, the Machon Hotel, and the Bledsoe Rooming House.

They also were very particular in regard to two means of egress from every rooming or apartment house, having in mind the Noble building fire in Marshfield where five persons lost their lives.

The fire marshals are asking the city to enact an ordinance giving them the authority to condemn buildings which they consider a fire menace, and the city may do something along that line, although there is no intention to permit anything which might result in confiscation of property.

### Tap Till for \$5.25

Two Gypsy women made a quick get-away Monday. They had been canvassing the town, telling fortunes, and stepped into W. A. Darling's restaurant during his absence. One of them engaged Mrs. Dibblee in conversation while the other stood near the front. When a customer wanted to settle his bill, Mrs. Dibblee went to the cash register and left the drawer open while she was taking three steps with his change. She then shut the drawer without noticing that it had been tapped, but when the proprietor came in he found that \$5.25 was missing. While Mrs. Dibblee's back was turned for two seconds the thief got her practiced fingers into the till. They were not caught as they left town immediately.

### Better Let Fawns Alone

Some people do not appear to know the law in regard to capturing fawns. It is just as much a violation of the statutes to take a fawn as to kill a deer. And a doe, after its offspring has been touched by human hands, will have nothing more to do with it. Recently a couple of fawns were presented to Dr. Roy S. Scofield, who accepted them with the idea of turning them loose on a ranch belonging to his people as soon as they were old enough.

Game Warden Art Fish heard of it and after learning of the doctor's innocence in capturing them, put the whole matter up to the game commission for a decision, without recommendation of any kind.

### Highway Arch in Doubt

Judge R. H. Mast has delayed signing a contract for the construction of the Coos county arch at Dillard, until after District Attorney Beddingfield has passed on the legality of such action, and the latter has been so busy in circuit court he has not been able to meet with the county court.

The law authorizes an expenditure for advertising pamphlets, state and county fairs and such matters but whether the erection of an advertising arch would come under the head of permissible expenditures is something the court desires a legal opinion on.

### Cut-Up Plant Ready

Frank A. Rowe, manager of the Coquille Wood Products Co., says that the plant is practically set up and ready for operation. In fact, if the bolts had been on hand they could have started cutting yesterday afternoon. There is no trouble in securing timber for enough has been offered the plant to run it for several months.

Unless something unforeseen develops the first car will be shipped to Kansas City in about three weeks.

### Baby Clinic Next Tuesday

Mothers are again reminded of the Baby Clinic to be held in the city hall here next Tuesday, June 9, between 1 and 4 p. m. All babies and preschool children are eligible for attendance. Blankets should be brought for the babies as they are not provided.

## Three Coquille Girls Graduate

Coquille will be represented by three women students in the University of Oregon graduating class this month. They are Mary Donaldson, Helen Sherwood and Camilla Lorenz. Miss Donaldson and Miss Sherwood will receive degrees in Education, and Miss Lorenz will receive a degree in music.

Miss Donaldson has been prominent in student affairs in her senior year. She was president of the Y. M. C. A. and president of the Pi Lambda Theta, women's national honorary education fraternity. In her junior year she was president of the Oregon Normal School club. She is a member of Etaxian, honorary literary society. Miss Donaldson is affiliated with the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Miss Sherwood is a member of El Circulo Castellano Spanish Club, and served on the Junior Week-end committee last year and the senior ball committee this year. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Miss Lorenz is affiliated with Chi Omega sorority.

It's a strange thing that early yesterday morning all the prisoners in the county jail were yelling lustily for water. Maybe they have had a change of heart since being incarcerated.

## WOODEN PIPE SPRINGS A LEAK

Wednesday afternoon a leak in the main water line, just in front of the C. L. Willey residence, began to make itself evident and it was not till noon yesterday that Water Superintendent Epperson and a crew of four men had it repaired.

The leak was evidently an old one, occurring where two sections of wood pipe were joined, and the end of the pipe was honeycombed, so that when the men had dug down to it, they found it impossible to plug the hole. The pipe there was fourteen feet under the surface and they had to remove 70 feet of the line before repairs could be made by laying a new section of pipe.

Just ten years ago that wooden pipe was laid and it is very probable that from this time on there will be trouble all along the line. The first cost of wooden pipe is less, but in the long run iron pipe is far more economical.

Fortunately no fire started during the shut down and the heavy rain of Wednesday night and yesterday morning was most timely, had a fire started.

The men worked till 1:30 yesterday morning, when the heavy rain drove them off the job.

## School Law Unconstitutional

The Oregon compulsory school attendance law, which was appealed to the United States supreme court last year, was declared unconstitutional by that body in an opinion handed down the first of this week. Since it was first adversely reported by the Oregon supreme court no other outcome has been anticipated for it by the friends of the law.

The decision practically asserts that the state has no authority whatsoever in directing a child's education.

## To Place Seats in Balcony

At the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening, the secretary was instructed to secure estimates of the cost of placing seats in the balcony of the Community Building. He had done so and finds that room for 200 spectators can be provided at a cost of \$125. The Chamber plans to loan the funds at once with the understanding that it will be returned from future celebration subscriptions, or from rentals of the building.

## To Start Street Work

City Engineer Vinton stated at the council meeting Monday evening that the street improving equipment of the United Contracting Co. was expected to arrive here the last of this week and that the improvement of Spurgeon and resurfacing of Second streets would soon be under way.

## Quarter Shows \$550 Gain

The report of Recorder J. S. Lawrence to the city council shows that water receipts for the first four months of 1924, were \$3,583.50 and for the first four of this year \$4,138.10, an increase of \$554.60 this year. The total water receipts last year were \$10,939.10.

## WITH OR WITHOUT STATE CHAMPIONS

### Conflicting Interests Delay Bond Election—Bridge It or Not?

The greater part of the day yesterday was taken up in County court with delegations from Eastside, North Bend and Marshfield, who were arguing on the matter of a bridge across Coos Bay.

North Bend doesn't want the bridge built on the present ferry site for fear the Roosevelt Highway will be directed that way and that city left off to one side.

Marshfield and Eastside both want it built on the most direct route, which would be from the Marshfield waterfront to Eastside.

The whole thing in a nutshell is that no bridge is possible unless all the elements on the Bay can unite on one program and Judge Mast told them pointedly that harmony of action must prevail.

There is a petition before the court now asking that an election be called to vote on a \$770,000 bond issue—\$280,000 to match state funds, \$400,000 for county road work, and \$90,000 as start for a bridge. And that is the only proposition now before the court.

Next Monday, however, the Marshfield delegation notified the court, a petition would be submitted calling for a \$980,000 bond election—\$300,000 for the bridge to be located over the ferry route.

One or neither of these propositions only, can be accepted by the court.

But while Coos county is arguing about the bridge, the highway commission has given notice that state road work in the county will be stopped, except for the Myrtle Point bridge, until the \$280,000 is voted. That means the highway north from Hauser will not be built this summer, nor the highway through Bandon, nor through Myrtle Point.

To us on this side it seems this loss is more important than anything else right now and that the bridge—much as it is needed—should be left out of this year's program.

It is almost a certainty that no large bond proposition will carry this year. The \$280,000 match money would no doubt carry, but the people do not seem to be in a mood for finishing the road program which has been started, and the highway commission is not in a mood to do it for us unless we will pay what we are morally and legally obligated to.

## A State Highway Meeting

The statewide meeting to formulate plans for the completion of the Roosevelt highway will be held at Gearhart the afternoon of June 13, according to the decision today at a conference of leaders in the movement held in the chamber of commerce.

Representatives of the state highway commission, Multnomah county officials and prominent business men and city officials of several coast counties were present.

It was announced that California had designated a section of the Redwood highway from Crescent City north to the Oregon line as a highway project. This will connect with a section of the Roosevelt highway now under construction in Curry county. It will be arranged for all present at the Columbia river naval base meeting in Astoria on June 12 and 13 to attend the highway meeting at Gearhart, says a Portland press dispatch.

## Reedsport Here Sunday

With one victory tucked away in the percentage column, the Coquille Independents will meet the fast Reedsport team at Athletic field here Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Sharkey Perkins is managing the Reedsport team and it's a cipeh that a player of his ability will have gotten together a team that will make any of them go some. The game should be a fast one, provided rain doesn't prevent. King, of Bandon, the game-loving shortstopper, who cavorted in that position last Sunday, will be here again Sunday.

## Soaking Rains This Week

June started in with soaking rains here the first of this week and it is still cool enough to keep our furnace going, though 64 deaths from heat and lightning have been reported already this month on the eastern coast and in the middle west.

### Coquille Gun Club Makes Great Record at Eugene Last Saturday

Hail to the champion trapshooters of the state!

The Coquille team for the next year will hold this enviable position.

Last Saturday, against the professionals which made up so great a percentage of the other teams, they walked off with the big event of the three day shoot, against five other teams, dropping a total of 244 birds out of a possible 250.

The individual Coquille records for the event were:

J. W. Miller, 49  
Earl Graham, 49  
Pete Miller, 48  
A. W. Chapin, 48  
Ray Long, 50

Of other teams competing Portland's hit 240, Eugene 238, Salem 235, Corvallis 233, and Roseburg 230.

It was a big day for the Coquille Gun Club marksmen at Eugene and they had a big percentage of the four thousand spectators rooting for them. The advertising, also, which Coquille receives as a result of this shoot, will spread far and wide.

Ray Long, who was shooting right at the top, gave Frank Troeb, of Portland, a race for individual championship honors, and only lost out by three birds.

John Miller, who was not present on the day the shoot opened, could not compete in the individual championship contest but for the two days he was there outshot Troeb, and did the same as he did last year, tied Troeb for the Oregon State Association event, hitting every one of the 50 targets.

One of the scorers asked, "Where is J. W. Miller from? Portland?" "No," replied O. N. Ford, famous Portland trapshooter, "he's one of those — Coos county hill billies who came up to Portland last year and showed us all up."

Portland had expected to enter two squads for the team shoot, but when they found out that Coquille was coming they concentrated all their experts in one squad, but even then they couldn't equal the deadly accuracy with which the local men were breaking the clay pigeons.

At the business session Saturday evening, Earl D. Graham was elected one of the directors of the Oregon State Trapshooters Association.

Two Coquille men, names to be announced later, are to be invited to accompany the Oregon team of ten men who will go to Dayton, Ohio, some time in August for the Grand American Handicap. Some honor for Coquille and its Gun Club.

Wednesday afternoon a card was received from Roy Oppie, himself a marksman of note, addressed to the Oregon Team Shoot Champions, and individually to the following:

Ray Long—"The Corner."  
John Miller—"Dead Eye."  
Earl Graham—"Pull (Snappy) Dead."

Pete Miller—"Pinch Hitter."  
A. W. Chapin—"Old Reliable."

The message was, "Now boys, come on up to Portland and win the Elks' Team Shoot. We will all pull for you."

One of the most enthusiastic rooters the Coquille team had was Rev. F. G. Jennings, who was razzed considerably because he was not pulling for his home town team—Eugene.

Another fine part of the boys' exhibition was the uniformity of their shooting. Each target was smashed to bits at about the same distance from the trap, there being no "dusters," or targets hit by a single shot, in 244.

The team has every reason to be jubilant, and everyone in Coquille is proud of the way in which they led the field among so many notable shots.

## School Meeting June 15

A week from next Monday—June 15—is the date for the annual school election at which time the 1924-25 budget will be passed on and a new director elected to succeed H. A. Young, whose term expires. A \$6,000 special tax for the new school building contemplated is in the budget, and authority is asked to increase this year's tax more than 6 per cent over last year's.

T. H. Youkam, in jail since April 13, was released from custody yesterday. He had served his time and paid his fine.

## Criminal Cases in Court

Clarence Darr, indicted for perjury for swearing falsely in a Lakeside liquor case, pleaded guilty in Circuit court this week and was sentenced to two years in the pen.

Peter Klaudes pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. He was sentenced to ten years at Salem, but will not have to serve it if he behaves himself. He must report to the court every 90 days and cannot leave the county without Judge Kendall's permission.

Russell Foster and Margaret Sims pleaded guilty to lewd cohabitation and were each sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

Andy Erickson was finally found guilty on the bootlegging charge against him by a jury Tuesday, although they reported several times to the judge that they were unable to agree. He told them that they hadn't begun to consider the case yet and advised the bailiff to get the case ready for a night session. The prospect was not pleasing and after court adjourned they brought in a sealed verdict of guilty.

Judge Kendall sentenced him to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve six months in jail. In granting a ten days' stay of execution while his attorneys prepared to ask for a new trial, the judge set his bail at \$3,000, remarking that he didn't want any more "leg bail."

## TO OPEN NAT AT BANDON

Next Sunday at one o'clock, the Weetoma Baths, at Bandon, will be formally opened to the public. This is the new salt water natatorium which Jack Kronenberg has just finished on the bluff, north of the Queen Anne cottage, and which will do considerable to make Bandon a popular resort, both summer and winter.

A band concert and fancy diving and swimming exhibitions will form a part of the afternoon's program.

The ocean water for the nat is pumped in from a cup-shaped rock well out in the surf and precludes the possibility of sand getting into the tank. The water is warmed to a temperature of 75 or 80 degrees by steam just before it enters the pool.

In one end of the nat is a large seven-foot fireplace. The dressing rooms which line the side of the building are equipped with all necessary appurtenances, and everything has been done for the convenience and comfort of the patrons.

The tank is 40x80 feet, an additional 20 feet having been added to the length after the project was started. The water varies from two feet at one end to nine at the other.

Lots of people like salt water bathing but not many enjoy the icy fee of surf bathing and Mr. Kronenberg's nat will prove a very popular place for the thousands who will annually visit Bandon's famous beach.

## The Program Last Saturday

At the Decoration Day services held at the Liberty Theatre at 2:30 last Saturday afternoon, Mayor E. E. Johnson presided. "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" were sung by the audience with a great deal of spirit, while a special choir headed by Frank G. Leslie sang other patriotic airs. Mrs. M. F. Hill furnished the organ accompaniment.

Rolen Musgrove recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address with spirit and fervor, and G. Russell Morgan, as orator of the day, made a talk replete with patriotic sentiment which should have been an inspiration to every hearer. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. M. F. Hill.

## Directories Out Next Week

It is expected that the new directory of the Coos & Curry Telephone Co. will be delivered from the Sentinel office to the company in Marshfield some time next week. Its publication has kept the Sentinel force on the jump for the past month.

The directory shows a ten per cent increase in subscribers for the past year and is a good indication of the development taking place in southwestern Oregon at the present time.

## New S. P. Schedule

A new passenger train schedule went into effect here last Monday but the changes were not very great. The morning train for Portland is now leaving at 8:11 instead of 8 a. m., and the afternoon train from Portland arrives at 2:37 instead of 3 p. m.

## TO PAVE FIRST ST.

### Council Declares Intention to Hard Surface Three More Streets

Mayor Johnson and all councilmen except Geo. Chaney were present for the regular session of the city governing body Monday evening. Engineer Vinton reported that he and Highway Engineer W. E. Chandler had examined the bridge at the Front and Hall street intersection here and that they were agreed that a fill there was the only logical conclusion. Mr. Chandler was quoted as saying that he would suggest to the highway commission that the state participate in the cost of making such a fill and surfacing it. They estimated the cost at \$7442.44. Of this amount \$705 is estimated for moving the sewer in Hall street so that it would not be directly under the fill, but at the foot on one side and in this the state would, of course, not participate.

Just how much of the \$6700 the state and the county might be willing to assume cannot be stated, but if Coos county ever gets around to vote the \$280,000 bond issue for the amount due the state, there is little question but that the Highway Commission will assist in improving this section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway.

The street committee reported as its recommendation that cars be required to park within a ten foot strip on either side of Taylor and Front streets—not parallel but at an acute angle—thus leaving twenty feet in the clear for traffic. They also recommended that the traffic ordinance be amended so that the marshal could fix a time limit for parking in the crowded districts whenever it was found necessary.

An amendment embodying these changes will be presented at the next session.

A call for bids was ordered for the resurfacing of Front street from the Busy Corner to Ferry street and for the improvement of Willard from Front down to the city dock.

The estimate of the city engineer for the improvement of First street, from Nosler's Grocery east, for Coulter from Second south to the J. S. Barten place and for Beech street between First and Second, was \$31,123.11. The council passed a resolution declaring the city's intention to establish a grade on Coulter and to improve the streets above mentioned. Twenty days for a remonstrance period must elapse before the council can call for bids for doing the work.

J. J. Stanley reported that the property owners, north from Spurgeon street bridge on Moulton street were desirous of improving a block here, but were not decided as to whether they wanted a bridge or a fill. The street committee and the engineer were requested to meet with the property owners to determine as to the kind of an improvement.

President C. T. Skeels, of the Chamber of Commerce, asked the council what could be done with the weeds and tall grass, and was assured by Mayor Johnson that the marshal would be instructed to enforce the ordinance relating thereto.

The mayor reported that he had had a session with the state fire marshals, in which they made many recommendations for reduction of fire hazard in Coquille. A written report will be filed with the council in the near future.

Actual work is starting at once on the Marshfield Hotel company's nine story structure, the plans having finally been gotten into condition to suit the stockholders. The building is to have 114 guest rooms and will cost \$300,000. There was some talk of reducing the height of the building when the estimated cost ran above the figures the company had in mind. The first contract was let Wednesday to Mulloy and Sons, who are to excavate the basement and have a month in which to do the job. The work to follow that will be the pile driving and this work will be let before the basement is finished—Coos Bay Harbor.

## Tree Down, Pole Instead

The poplar tree, whose roots have been breaking and raising the concrete walk at the southwest corner of the court house block for so many years, was cut down this week. In its place will be erected the 80-foot flag pole which has been lying in the court house yard since last fall.