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## THE CHAUTAUQUA

Starts Next Friday and Continues Five Days--Admission Free

The programs for the Chautauqua which starts next Friday afternoon in the Community Building, have been mailed out this week to the subscribers for reserved seats and on Monday morning four teams of two members each will begin delivering the reserved seats coupons and collecting the pledges.

A meeting of the guarantors of the Chautauqua was held in the city hall last Tuesday evening, and organization effected by the selection of the following chairmen:

N. C. Kelley, general chairman.

Mrs. C. C. Farr, finance and reserved seats.

Paul Ramsey, housing and seating.

L. E. Alexander, seating and ushering.

Mrs. C. T. Skeels, decoration.

Mrs. Paul Ramsey, Junior seating.

The reserved seats will be grouped on the main floor of the Community Building while the bleacher seats and those in the gallery will be free to anyone.

The advance program carries the impression that this year's Chautauqua will be high grade in every respect. Following is the schedule of entertainment for the ten sessions:

First Day

Afternoon

Broadway Hits--Hart Jenks and Co.

Stage Stars in a Dramatic Offering

Evening

Thrilling Mystery drama 'The Gorilla'

Most exciting mystery play since 'The Bat'

Second Day

Afternoon

Merry Minstrelles from Pacific Isles

Zapata's Novelty Troubadors

Evening

Musical Oddities

Zapata's Novelty Troubadors

Address 'Trough Five Republics on Horseback'

G. Whitfield Ray

Internationally famous explorer relating his adventures

Third Day

Afternoon

Harp Symphony Concert

De Marco Harp Ensemble

Lecture

Evening

Highline Musical Program

De Marco Harp Ensemble

Three wonderful concert harps, five people--in an amazingly attractive program

Fourth Day

Afternoon

Light Farce and Musical Comedy

Madame Mabelle Wagner-Shank and Company

Evening

Popular Musical Prelude

Madame Mabelle Wagner-Shank and Company

Oration

Raymond B. Tolbert

'Inspirational Climax of the Year'

Fifth Day

Afternoon

The Kiddies Own Circus

Home Town Youngsters

'Odds and Ends from the Stage'

First Year Company

Evening

New York Success 'The First Year'

Laughs and Tears from Married Life

Buy Coquille Heights Lots

C. L. Willey and Paul Walker last Saturday completed a deal for seven lots in Coquille Heights Addition, adjoining Mr. Willey's residence. The land was purchased from Mrs. Hattie I. Bledsoe. The new owners expect to petition the city for a gravelled street from the end of the present planking and after that is in will begin the development of that section.

There is no more slightly a location for a home in Coquille and they expect either to sell the lots to others who wish to build homes there or they may erect some moderate priced residences themselves.

Amundsen Returns

Press dispatches yesterday brought the information that Roald Amundsen and his five companions had returned safely to Spitzbergen in one of the planes by which they left 27 days previous. They had reached a point 200 miles from the pole when they discovered that nearly half their gasoline was gone. Landing in a lane in the ice, their planes immediately froze in and it required 24 days to free it so they could start for home. They abandoned one of the planes and much of their equipment.

## A New Grand Jury

A new grand jury was drawn yesterday which immediately went into session and heard two cases, those against Wm. E. Lingo and Arthur Hart for possession and operation of a still. Indictments were returned against both men. The grand jury is composed of the following:

E. L. Vinton, Coquille.

Clyde W. Elliott, Powers.

Geo. C. Huggins, Marshfield.

A. W. Jensen, North Bend.

L. G. Gardner, North Bend.

Go. P. Stewart, Powers.

Clark Fensler, Myrtle Point.

Arrivals at the county jail this week were all brought in Wednesday. They were:

W. H. Gordon, sentenced at North Bend to pay \$100 and serve 30 days for larceny. He was also held to the grand jury on a burglary charge.

Sherman Stage was given the same punishment by Justice Maybee at North Bend on the same charge.

J. A. Strong, for passing worthless paper at Myrtle Point and Bandon, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice L. J. Radley.

Financial Statement

Cash on hand at time of making last annual report, June 15, 1924, \$1023.49.

Receipts

Received from County Treasurer

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## SCHOOL PLANS ARE HERE

With the adoption of the budget by the voters of this school district Monday evening the last possible hindrance to the erection of a new grade building this summer and fall was removed and assurance made that the \$24,000 or \$25,000 necessary for its construction and equipment would be available.

The plans for the new building are at hand, having been received from the architect, Chas. Burgraff, last week, and it only remains now for the school board to call for bids and award a contract.

One of the features of the new structure will be the elimination of stairways, access to the second floor or to the basement from the first floor being by ramp or inclined floor with a rise of one foot in five.

Whether more than six rooms will be fitted up for the coming year will, of course, depend on the needs, but the building will be of eight rooms and principal's office on the two upper floors, with playrooms, furnace room, toilets, etc., in the basement.

The furnace in the new building will be large enough to heat the present grade building, underground conduits being used to transfer the heat to the old building.

The plans are in the hands of the clerk, O. C. Sanford, in the First National Bank, where they can be inspected by those interested.

## Making Pictures on North Fork

Three stunt artists from Hollywood were added to Director Willati's troupe here yesterday. They were Bill Porter, Bob Edwards and Jeffie Rae, making about a dozen in all now working on the North Fork. The actors, including Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, and the other stars are not expected in until some time early next month.

The Famous Players-Lasky Corporation sent the troupe in here after having received an invitation from A. H. Powers to use the Coos Bay Logging Co. camps, log drives and logging scenes for scenes of 'The Ancient Highway.' However, complications arose, which necessitated a removal during Mr. Powers' absence and the pictures this week have been taken in the Baxter & Barker camp, with a big log jam on the North Fork. When the necessity for a change in location was put up to Hal Baxter by Clyde Gage and Life Compton, he replied with: "Yes, they can have the camp, the cook house, the log rafts and the whole river."

## Cut-Up Plant is Operating

All the machinery has not yet been installed at the cut-up plant of the Coquille Wood Products Co., but the head rig and the resaw have been in operation. Battery stock was cut last week and again yesterday, the lack of sufficient bolts alone delaying continuous operation.

Two or three other machines will be installed as the men find time, but everything is in readiness to operate now if the loggers furnish the bolts.

## Whittier Wrote of Coos

Oregon weather for Coos county appears to have reached the set fair stage--the sort that inspires one to exclaim: "What is so rare as a day in June."

## SCHOOL ELECTION IS OFF

D. F. Thompson Chosen Director; O. C. Sanford Clerk; Budget Adopted

There were about sixty voters in attendance at the annual school meeting for District No. 8 at the high school Monday evening, and the decision on the four matters which came up for consideration was nearly unanimous in each case.

For director, to serve three years, and clerk to serve one year, the election was entirely unanimous, but one candidate being nominated for each office.

D. F. Thompson, who lives about a mile above Coquille, was chosen for director, and O. C. Sanford was re-elected to the position which he has so efficiently held for the past four years--that of clerk.

Fifty-four votes were cast on the two measures which came before the taxpayer voters. The first resulted 41 to 13 in favor of increasing the tax for this year by more than 6 per cent over last year's levy. This was necessary to provide \$6000 for completing the new grade school this summer.

The vote on the adoption of the budget stood at 45 to 9 for approval. The amount of special tax levied was \$40,203.88.

Following is a synopsis of the High School Report for District No. 8, as read by Clerk Sanford at the meeting:

Total no. high school pupils enrolled during the year, 170.

Total no. of "new" high school pupils enrolled during the year, 168.

The high school has been standardized for the year 1924-1925 by the State Board of Education.

Average daily attendance in high school, 137.2

Total days' attendance in high school, 22,900.5.

No. teachers giving full time in the high school, 9.

No. teachers giving part time in the high school, 1.

The following course of instruction was pursued: Four courses, Classical, Scientific, Commercial, and General, all following the prescribed State Course of Study.

The following textbooks were used in the high school: The texts prescribed by the State Textbook Commission.

Following is an itemized statement of the cost of maintaining the high school during the year:

Salaries	\$11,941.67
Salary of janitor	1,125.00
Supplies	1,145.39
Fuel	578.27
Light	156.05
Power	17.90
Telephone	56.16
Water	62.50
Printing	65.39
Stationery	65.40
Repairs	870.32
Total cost	\$15,083.15

Cost of educating each high school pupil during the year, \$137.20.

Included in the report were the names of 33 pupils who attended the Coquille high school from districts in which no high school is maintained.

One of the items to be noted in the above report is the cost per pupil of operating the high school. Last year this was \$105.39 and for the year just closed it was \$117.22. This increased cost has gone into making the high school a better and more efficient school and one which is attracting a larger number of students each year from outside the district.

Following is the clerk's annual report for both schools as read and submitted to the county school superintendent:

No. of persons over four and under twenty years residing in district, Oct. 25, 1924: male, 375; female, 429; total 804.

No. of teachers employed: male, 3; female, 22.

No. of school rooms in operation, 23.

No. of school houses in district, 2.

No. of months public school taught during past year, 9.

No. of legal voters in district, about 730.

Total no. of library books on hand, 1120.

Total no. of library books purchased during past year, 60.

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## ELECTION IS OFF

\$680,000 Bond Issue Not to Be Submitted--Match Money Only to Be Voted

There will be no bond election July 14.

This was practically decided this morning after Judge Mast had conferred with the three members of the State Highway Commission at the hotel here this morning and with Jas. T. Brand, president of the Good Roads Association.

The commissioners urged the judge not to endanger the \$280,000 issue which the county owes the state by linking any other bond issue up with it.

Later Mr. Brand called the judge and stated he was receiving phone calls from all over the county opposing an election to vote on a \$680,000 issue, and urged the judge to stop action if possible.

Judge Mast ascertained that the order adopted by the court yesterday had not yet been recorded, so he recalled the order and will hold it until the court meets when a rescinding action can be taken.

The court has not the authority to call a special bond election on its own volition, so the next step will probably be the circulation of petitions asking for an election to vote on a bond issue of \$280,000 to repay the state and warrant the highway commission in proceeding with state work in this county.

It may be possible to have these petitions ready for the court by their July meeting.

The order recalled this morning was decided upon by the county court last Friday when the decision was to call an election to vote on \$680,000--\$280,000 for the state and \$400,000 for county roads. Another proposition was also to be submitted, that of voting \$90,000 for a Marshfield-Eastside bridge on the site of the present ferry but that has also been stopped for the present.

This morning's action appears to be the only logical solution of the turmoil in which the bridge and bond election have been plunged for the past two months. So much bitter feeling has been engendered that it is doubtful if anything more than the \$280,000 would be approved at this time. This must be paid by the county and we have yet to hear of anyone who opposes it if it is submitted on its own merits.

## Delinquency Case Dismissed

A case was heard in juvenile court yesterday by Judge Mast and dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Some years ago a man named A. W. West deserted his wife and two children on their ranch way up in the hills this side of Langlois.

Mrs. West secured one Chas. Shores to assist her in running the ranch, and West now claims that they have been living together, making and drinking booze, and are not fit persons to have the care of the children.

When brought into court Mrs. West showed that she had started suit for divorce which places the children in the hands of the circuit court, so Judge Mast left them in their mother's charge.

Juvenile Officer Morrison, who served the summons on Mrs. West, says that the trip up from Langlois over a rough trail, presented a scene of beauty which was indescribable, with the rarest kind of wild flowers growing in great profusion.

## Mail Bids Wanted

The postoffice department has called for bids, to be opened July 7, for carrying mail on the star route between Coquille and Bandon. The intermediate points touched are River-ton, Prosper and Bullards. Bids will also be received for transporting mail to Leneve.

The Myrtle Point Transportation Co. is now carrying these routes by truck, but the change from boat to truck service necessitated the letting of a new contract.

## Not Before August 1

E. D. McKeown, superintendent of Camp 3 on Cunningham, says that although he has no definite information on the subject he does not expect that camp to open before August 1, and it may not that soon. The camps in the Powers section will be closed down for a week for the Fourth.

## Robt. M. LaFollette Is Dead

Robert M. LaFollette, for half a lifetime the stormy petrel of American politics, died at Washington, D. C., yesterday. His candidacy for the presidency last year no doubt hastened his end. The vote he received then was a great personal compliment, but as he ran only as a bolting republican, he leaves no one to inherit his following.

The Sentinel's senior used to be a great admirer of La Follette and about fourteen years ago voted for him at the republican primary here in Oregon. His opposition to the participation of this country in the world war against Germany and her allies, however, finished him so far as this writer was concerned.

He was a wonderful fighter and nobody in Wisconsin could even touch him as a candidate for United States senate. His was a magnetic personality and we had the pleasure of hearing him twice in Kansas about 25 years ago and also at Salem in this state when he was a candidate for the republican nomination for president. We never questioned his honesty, but like many other distinguished Americans including Daniel Webster, his ambition to be president made him a reckless politician at the last.

## LIKES BEING A TARGET

This bird, Bill Lingo, must enjoy the sensation of being shot at. A little after ten o'clock this morning Deputy Geo. Bohrer had brought him down to the sheriff's office preparatory to taking him to the circuit court room to plead. With Bohrer not ten feet from him, Lingo darted around the corner and down stairs, passed the Shelley home to Hall street, down Hall and across the bridge and thence to the river.

Bohrer fired five shots in the air as he gave chase but Lingo sped on. Deputy Marshal Epperson joined the chase at No. 1's store where Lingo passed him, and Ray Teub, who had stopped his car near the bridge, pointed out the fugitive as he stood in the water, under some brush, waiting to get his wind before attempting to swim the river.

Upon being captured and taken before the judge, Hart and Lingo both pleaded not guilty.

"I don't think we'll take any more chances," was the judicial utterance and Lingo's bail was increased from \$1500 to \$2000.

G. Russell Morgan, whom the men had attempted to secure as attorney stated that he would have nothing more to do with the case, after Lingo's break.

## More About Moonshiners

The hearing for the examination of W. E. Lingo and Arthur Hart for operating a still in a cave near the Coos City bridge was held in Justice Stanley's court Wednesday morning at which time they both waived examination. The judge bound them over to the grand jury and set their bail at \$1500 each, which they have not so far furnished.

Hart who was not arrested at the still, claimed to the officers that he was not mixed up in it, but in telling the whole story of their operations Lingo told the sheriff that Hart had been with him all the time.

Lingo says that he paid \$200 to the fellow who dug the cave and from whom he bought it.

The statement in the Coos Bay Times that convicted moonshiners may be fined from \$1000 to \$3000 is incorrect. Under the new law moonshining is a felony and is punishable by a penitentiary sentence of from one to five years. A justice of the peace cannot receive a plea of guilty nor impose a sentence.

Another statement by the Times was probably made to reflect on the Sentinel. That was that Lingo was employed on this paper. He had worked on the Sentinel for possibly fifteen days in the past four months but he never had been a steady employee here as he was on the Times for years. The Sentinel has been a firm supporter of prohibition, and the employment of a bootlegger or moonshiner may look like a reflection to the Times, but Lingo never sold a drop of "shine" to any of the Sentinel's force. What say, Mike?

J. E. Paulson and associates have just completed a deal for a tract of redwood timber on the Klamath river in northern California. There are about 50 million feet in the tract.

## ROAD, RAIL & SAIL

Banquet at Marshfield Last Night--Prominent Speakers Present--Large Gathering

The Road, Rail and Sail Banquet of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, in the army there last evening, was one of those big events which people of this section have so little opportunity to attend. It was so much more noteworthy than most of the banquets of the past in that all the speakers were prominent in the official and public life of Oregon. They all had a message to deliver and were eagerly listened to by the 400 or 500 people who were present. The list included H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the State Highway Commission; J. H. Mulchay, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific; H. H. Corey, chairman of the Public Service Commission; Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian; J. C. Ainsworth, president of the newly organized Roosevelt Highway Association; Roderick Macleay, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal; and Bill Hanley, who was representing Gov. Pierce. Besides these there were Wm. Doby, of the Highway Commission; Roy Klein, secretary and engineer of the commission, the mayors of Marshfield, Lakeside, Reedsport, North Bend, Myrtle Point and Coquille, and several county officials present at the speakers' table.

Chas. Hall, who presided as toastmaster, performed those duties with an ease and pertinency that proved him again to be the proper man in the right place.

Limited time this morning prevented the Sentinel giving any detailed report of all the excellent addresses given.

Probably the most touching was that of B. Frank Irvine, the blind editor of the Oregon Journal. During his talk you could have heard a pin drop anywhere in the large building, as he glorified the wonders and possibilities of Coos county, stamping its citizenship with a rare tribute of sincere praise, and occasionally paying his respects to "Ted" Piper, who had preceded him. Frank Irvine touched the hearts of his hearers as no one else did last night and as few speakers can.

Edgar B. Piper, likewise gave a splendid talk, touching on many subjects--the Roosevelt Highway, Coos county progress, the desirability of such exploits as that of Amundson and other hardy explorers, and his friend, Frank Irvine. Mr. Piper has a deep fund of humor and he alternately had the audience roaring with mirth, and listening with closest attention as he dealt with real eloquence on the wonders of Oregon.

Roderick Macleay was another who made a splendid talk. Chamber of Commerce activities was his theme and he covered the subject in a most practical manner. Among other things he told the statement by Los Angeles automobile association officials that when the Roosevelt Highway is finished their organization will send at least 3,000 cars a day from their section up over that highway.

H. H. Corey, in a talk of more than half an hour, told of all the various actions taken by the Public Service Commission in trying to secure an east and west transcontinental railway for Oregon. His figures were astounding. Who of us that did not know would have believed that the large mills at Bend, Oregon, could be kept running for 700 years on the timber standing in Coos and Lane counties? His remarks were meant to show that there is potential railroad tonnage in western Oregon which would require scores of years for the railroads to move, and at an annual freight charge of \$350,000,000.

J. C. Ainsworth suggested as a slogan for the coast counties, "The Roosevelt Highway completed in the next three years," and it was adopted.

J. H. Mulchay pleaded for fairness in dealing with railroad problems. As an industry the Southern Pacific spent \$16,000,000 building to Coos Bay; it annually pays \$251,000 for wages in Coos county; \$137,000 for supplies, and its taxes from 1913 to 1924 totalled \$426,000. His was a most interesting speech.

H. B. Van Duzer, in a few moments' talk, said the Highway Commission considered the Roosevelt

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