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TO OPEN JULY 10

Chancy's Camp Will Begin Delivering Logs on That Date

Gen. H. Chancy announced this week that one side of his camp on the Alsea creek would be opened July 10. At least that is the date on which he will begin shipping logs to the Stout Lumber Co. at North Bend, which he has a contract for logs to deliver the mill in its operation.

Mr. Chancy says that about 20 men will be employed in the camp this summer.

The cook house and camp headquarters will be moved at once from their location on the highway just above Johnson's Mill, to the site of the logging road by the creek about two miles.

At that point work on a cut is now in progress, which will be completed in six weeks and permit the extension of the railroad farther up the creek.

Mr. Chancy's contract with the Stout people is such that the price received can vary with the market on short notice, and is for an indefinite length of time, whenever the mill is operating.

The re-opening of this camp will be a source of gratification in Coquille and it seems also to be welcome to Mr. Chancy.

The timber which his logging road and the Coos Bay Logging Co. road are cutting, can be cut and shipped to Coos county. It is conservatively estimated that ten million feet of timber will eventually be brought out over these two lines when they have been extended to their final destinations. With a quarter of a billion—250,000,000—feet as the capacity of the Coos Bay Lumber Co. mill, this means that 60 years would be required to log out and cut up what timber these two roads will tap.

But the Stout people are going to have a large share of that timber, even after they begin operating their new railroad into their extensive holdings back from South Slough, and that will shorten the time required to remove this vast storage of natural wealth.

It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Mr. Chancy may also operate on some of the South Slough holdings further up the creek this fall. The Coos Bay Lumber Co. has still a surplus of about 12,000,000 feet, having reduced it in the past two months by four million feet.

Lots of Water This Year

Water Superintendent Epperson said yesterday that the first of this week the water was still running over the spillway at the big dam on Rink creek, and not until yesterday was connection made with the flow line below the dam to collect what is running under it.

If the dam with the original spillway impounded 40,000,000 gallons of water as the engineers claimed, the two feet addition made to the spillway during the past year must add four or five millions of gallons more to the capacity. With this amount of water at hand the first of July, and as much water still running in from the two creeks as the city uses, there should be no question about having sufficient water this summer for all domestic and irrigation purposes.

Denies Being a Book Agent

Some of the rumors in this section are quite indignant at a book agent who was calling on them this week claiming to be a government man. At one ranch where he took an hour of valuable time he claimed to be connected with the government's bureau of education, while at this day's ranch he claimed to be connected with the government's bureau of education. He denied at the outset that he was a book agent, but eventually admitted that he took orders where people wanted the set.

Temporary License Tomorrow

Sheriff Ellinger announces that beginning tomorrow, June 27, and until the Fourth of July, his office will issue temporary licenses for automobiles which have not been licensed for this year. This, of course, applies only if application is made at the same time for a six months' license. The dollar for temporary license will be refunded when the tags are returned.

Chautauqua Starts Today

Coquille this evening assumed a gala air with "Chautauqua" presents, flags and lanterns displayed on the streets and in front of the stores. The Chautauqua starts this afternoon and will continue with afternoon and evening sessions until Thursday night.

The thinking machine on the Community Building and stage were being applied this morning, setting most everything was in readiness for presenting the most attractive Chautauqua program. Coquille has had its year.

The Sentinel will not repeat the program, which was published in full last week, but urges everyone to attend this free Chautauqua. It is a five day season of entertainment and will provide excellent music, lectures by well known speakers, drama and comedy.

Only the seats on the main floor are reserved for those who have attended the Chautauqua.

The troupe came here from North Bend where they presented their first performance in Coos county last evening.

Tonight that mystery play "The Golem," will be the attraction.

IT WAS HOT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was the hottest day in Coquille this winter can recall in over eleven years' residence here. There are no registered thermometers in Coquille, but the most generally accepted as to accuracy place the thermometer at 100 to 110 degrees. The latter figure is that recorded by C. Vernon Smith at the home on South Slough.

In Eggle's Confectionery, where collected heat from the street had an effect, the thermometer stood at 100. As W. Laird's instrument, at his home north of the old Academy, showed 100 degrees.

Coquille has experienced warmer days in the past, according to old time residents. Back in 1885 or 1886 there was a hot day which cooled apples on the trees, and Judge H. E. Mast says that back in the twenties—more than 40 years ago—there was another hot cooling day when he lay in the creek all day to keep cool.

At Mansfield the recorded temperature was 100 straight up, while over at Rosburg and Medford it was 105 and 106.5. Portland reported under 100 degrees.

There were no fatalities connected with the wave, but two of the prisoners, working on the road at Grand Fork, had to quit work on the Myrtle Point bridge.

At the Johnson mill here about a dozen became sick and quit work. With the sun lower yesterday it was practically back to normal summer weather, while this morning it was very cool with considerable fog and light drizzle.

Concert and Dance July 1

The Harmon Concert Band will appear in Coquille next Wednesday evening, July 1, at Graham's Hall, where they will render a concert and play a few dance numbers. The Harmon band is an excellent one and Mr. Graham is fortunate in securing them for a private to his dance.

After a few minutes on the street, the band will play a concert in the hall.

The dance will follow the concert and everything will be included in the one admission price—45c.

Must Pay For Sprinkling Now

Finally some water users have recognized the provision in the water ordinance which requires that notice be given the recorder of intention to sprinkle or irrigate. Violation of the provision may result in doubling the first month's water rental.

During the four months of June, July, August and September, the irrigation charge is one dollar per month. This is in addition to the charge for domestic use.

Dr. J. A. Burket Opens Office

Dr. J. A. Burket, who returned Saturday evening from San Francisco, where he took a month's post graduate work in Lettman Hospital, has opened the office in the southeast corner of the S. E. Hooper building. As soon as the office equipment arrives he will fit it up for an office and begin the practice of medicine.

MISTARDLY CRIME FAVOR THE BRIDGE

Class Christiansen Held Under \$200,000 Bonds the Charge of Rape

Shut out to the grand jury by Justice J. H. Epperson Tuesday morning, Class Christiansen, a Dane, 28 years of age, is held in the county jail on bond of \$200,000 bonds.

The crime with which Christiansen is charged is that of assault and rape. The victim of the distinctly criminal act was Miss Mary Christianen, 19 years of age, who lives with her parents at the Norwegian road, near South Slough.

Last Sunday morning with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Hartman, and two sisters and a nephew, she had started out to look for blackberries. Just the side of the mountain near the Norwegian road, they met a man in a dark coat, apparently making a pass at her, apparently making a pass at her.

As they passed her he crossed and seized her by the neck of the dress.

"I don't care with strangers," she replied.

He insisted and her mother intervened.

Heading on gas, the fellow threatened the older lady and demanded that she get into his Ford coupe.

Thinking to save her mother, Miss Christiansen stepped out and would not get into the car and then jumped out of the car and ran home near the logging camp.

She called to her father at her home, but the house was empty, although continually calling for her would come for her out.

Arrived on the highway he turned up the road to the Norway cemetery and stopped at the gate.

When she got out the girl, who was terrified, refused to enter the coupe and the creature left. He continued to call for her about 150 yards from the car into the brush.

From that on she told the justice the incident and what happened. But even afterward the girl has not seen the Norway road since and she would not name him.

The mother and grandchild that called the number of this car and the sheriff was notified of the abduction after Miss Christiansen.

Ownership of the Ford was traced to Christiansen, who is a logger on the coast at Grand Fork.

He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff William Mast evening. The car was hidden in the brush, but the person known as "Ray" it belonged to Christiansen to take him for a ride, and eventually he fled in his automobile to the north of the mountain road at the house he claimed it was at the beach, this only reply was:

"I don't know."

Dr. H. H. Shultz, county health officer, examined the man Monday and pronounced him sane.

Justice Shultz, who went up the road Sunday morning with the family, passed the coupe near the Coos Bay logging camp, and was one of the first to hear of the crime. From the spot where it was at the beach, this only reply was:

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Meeting Here Wednesday Endorses \$950,000 Bond Issue in Two Separate Items

The Coos River and Eastside people made a strategic move this week in their effort to secure a bridge across Coos Bay, when they came over here Wednesday in such numbers as to dominate the meeting called by J. T. Brand, president of the Coos County Good Roads Association.

The meeting was not of association members only, but was a public meeting which filled both hotel dining rooms.

In the absence of Mr. Brand, the vice president, Dr. S. C. Eppicott, of Rosburg, presided, and his rulings were such that neither side to the controversy could complain.

After outlining the attempted bond issue in Coos county for the past thirteen months, Dr. Eppicott stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a recommendation to the county court as to what bond issues should be attempted this year.

Each speaker only made the self-evident fact that Coos county must pay the \$280,000 to the state, more numerous and there was no dissenting voice to this dictum.

With this unanimity of purpose, the first motion adopted was that a bond of \$280,000, which Coos county owes the state, should be placed on the ballot election as a separate item. If this could be done legally, and Judge Mast assured them that bond attorneys said it could be.

With this matter of vital importance to Coos county so amicably settled the bone of contention was thrown into the meeting by Wm. E. Coleman, attorney for the people of Rosburg, with the motion that another item of \$700,000 be lumped on the ballot, \$400,000 for county roads and \$300,000 for the Eastside bridge.

Arguments pro and con, but in most cases with the best of feeling manifested, were given by speaker after speaker, and all who dared had the opportunity to get everything off his chest which was bothering him.

Probably the most cogent and forceful speech in opposition to combining the \$280,000 and the \$400,000 items was made by J. E. Norton, who has been president of the good roads association for two years and knows all phases of Coos county's road problems.

He favored the original \$680,000 issue, declaring that that sum was approved by the voters at two elections last year, which was later declared to be illegal because of a technicality.

The \$400,000 program was prepared by what Mr. Norton declared, was the most representative body which had ever worked on a road proposition in the county, and he objected to enlarging that program by the inclusion of the bridge when so little is known as to what its ultimate cost will be. It would also seriously endanger the \$125,000 which Coos river would receive from the \$400,000 if voted.

Other speakers who opposed Mr. Coleman's motion were Peter Leggie, Dr. J. E. Snyder and H. G. Kern, of North Bend; E. R. Peterson, of West of the bay; and F. L. Young, of Bandon.

Those approving the lumping of the two items W. E. Coleman, A. O. Rogers, John Gillis, Alex. Austin, and E. W. Murphy, secretary of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, who stated that his organization had endorsed the bridge proposition and wanted to see bonds issued for its construction.

When all was said and done, the Coos River and Eastside people had a majority of the citizens present and the \$700,000 as a single item was approved by a vote of 21 to 15.

As was frequently pointed out, this meeting could act in no capacity except in an advisory manner, and it is still up to the county court to decide what bond matters shall be submitted.

New petitions for any bond election will have to be circulated and presented to the court before any election can be called, unless the court should proceed to call on the \$680,000 and \$300,000 petitions, for all others have been denied by the court.

At the end of the meeting it appeared that Coos county is no nearer reaching state funds, to the amount of \$280,000, than it was in May, 1924, and C. W. Fisher quoted the commission as not desiring to dictate how a bond issue should be submitted, but as declaring that the state must be paid before Coos county can hope to have its state highways completed.

Call For Bids on Bonds

The directors for school district No. 8 have held two meetings during the past week to consider the plans and specifications for the new grade school building.

At the one held last Friday D. F. Thompson was sworn in as director, succeeding H. A. Young. C. C. Farr automatically became chairman of the board.

A call for bids for the sale of the \$10,500 worth of bonds, authorized at the election in April, was ordered. The bids will be opened July 13th.

The bonds will bear 5 1/2 per cent interest, and will be retired four each year (\$500 denomination each) beginning July 1, 1928. In 1931 the remaining five will be retired.

The plans have been thoroughly gone over by the board and some changes have been suggested to Chas. Burgraf, the architect. When these are made the bids will be ready to advertise for bids for the construction of the building.

LIONS CLUB ORGANIZED

The preliminary organization of the Coquille branch of the International Lions Clubs was perfected here yesterday noon at the hotel with 20 members. Twenty-five members are required before a charter can be issued, but Eric Merrell, of Eugene, who has organized the club, has assurances from five more men that they will join before the charter meeting the first of August.

2 CARS OFF GRADE

No One Injured After a 20-Foot Drop—Chevrolet Remains on Wheels

Another miraculous escape from serious injury in an auto accident was that last Monday afternoon when two cars went off the fill, a quarter of a mile above the Hall street bridge, one of them rolling over and landing right side up.

J. H. Shields and his partner, C. R. Davis, and the latter's daughter, Hazel, were just leaving Coquille for their home at Bridge in a Studebaker touring car. Just as they reached the bridge on the fill a Chevrolet roadster passed them, but cut in so close that the cars struck. The Studebaker was jammed against the bridge where it lost a front wheel and then plunged sideways down the embankment for a 20 feet drop.

Davis grabbed his daughter and when the car righted, they stepped out to find Shields under 600 pounds of cable. When released he was uninjured as were the others.

The roadster, driven by Mrs. Betty Moison, of Marshfield, bore a Montana license. She was accompanied by a gentleman named Barnes.

After the collision the Chevrolet plunged off the grade, almost nose down, but so carefully, was it guided that it reached the bottom, ran up on the hillside between the bushes and back to the bottom, where it was stopped with no more damage than a burst tire and a bent fender.

Mrs. Moison claimed that her car skidded was the reason for the accident, but what is more likely is that three ladies, against whom her car brushed, when she started around the Shields car, screamed at their danger and she drove back and in front of the other car too quickly.

No arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Bohrer, who visited the scene, the parties getting together on an amicable adjustment of the cost of repair. The Studebaker was pretty well mashed up.

It was well worth while to have our sea breeze lie off for one day this week, to realize just what it does to make life pleasant both summer and winter here on the Oregon coast. It has become like the air we breathe or the daily sunshine, something that is a part of our very lives here on the Pacific coast; and without a day in a decade or two in which we miss it as we did Wednesday, we would be liable to forget this daily benison, which hundreds of thousands—yes, scores of millions—in the interior can only enjoy at the cost of long and expensive journeys. One such day as we had this week is a reminder that here in this favored section we have something few others can have, to be devoutly thankful for. When we read in our youth that at localities on this coast there was only eight degrees difference between the temperatures of January and July, we wondered what it would be like to live in such a region. Now we know.

Director Willat and his crew of motion picture employes left Coquille last Monday noon, having completed all the scenes they were expecting to take.

The last scenes shot were the blowing up of the log jam and the escape of the logs, as arranged by Hal Baxter.

"Bill" and "Winker" Mast had a part in the riding of the logs, but they will appear in the film portrayal as Jack Holt and another movie star.

Messrs. Willat and Blount expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the pictures they secured in this section and as pleased with the treatment accorded them by Mr. Baxter on the North Fork.

The stars who will enact the emotional scenes of "The Ancient Highway" will be here some time between the first and middle of July.

Find a 400-Gallon Still

Deputy Sheriffs Malehorn and Osmond brought in the largest still ever found in Coos county Wednesday evening. It was a 400-gallon affair with coils and other paraphernalia. It did not show any evidence of having been used for the past 30 days. They found it back of Bastendorf beach, within 400 yards of the highway.