

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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## HIGHWAY HQQTRS.

### Coquille Chosen for Southwest Oregon--Site Has Been Purchased

Coquille is to be Division Headquarters for the State Highway Department in southwest Oregon, from the California line north on the Roosevelt Highway and to the Pacific Highway on the east. This was made certain Wednesday evening when J. E. Norton closed deals with Mrs. Viola Collier and W. L. Kistner for a tract of land 160 feet wide by 500 or 600 feet long, and made them the first payment.

The land purchased by the department is that lying between the Collier Apartments and the Kistner home, and it extends north past the west side of the myrtle grove to the W. C. Krantz property.

The deal was made by Mr. Norton after L. P. Campbell, chief of the equipment department, had spent a day here looking over available sites and another day at Bandon.

When Mr. Campbell could not locate just what suited him, Mr. Norton last Friday asked for permission to make a deal for him. It was granted and after securing the prices from the owners he submitted his proposition to Mr. Campbell. The site and the prices were satisfactory and Wednesday he received checks for first payment and authority to close the deal.

At first thought it might not be considered that the establishment of headquarters here would mean much, but when it is known that all highway supplies will be shipped here, that a repair shop for all equipment will be maintained here and that all trucks and other machinery will be brought here when not in use, it will be seen that it will mean quite a payroll in Coquille.

At the start there may not be more than two or three men permanently located here, but in Klamath Falls, where a similar headquarters is maintained, the number of employees has grown from two to thirteen. And there will be a certain amount of prestige accruing to a highway headquarters.

The main equipment plant of the Highway Commission is at Salem and this is the third branch to be established in the state, the others being at Klamath Falls and in eastern Oregon.

Just how many buildings will be constructed was not mentioned, but there will be at least an office and warehouse and repair shop.

Access will be obtained by grading down to the street level on the west side of the tract. A tight fence will be built on both sides and the building and fences are always kept well painted. It is impossible that two entrances to the lot will be required.

The purchase includes the bunch of myrtle trees on the hillside to the northwest of the city's myrtle grove, and it seems to assure that that smaller grove will be kept intact, for the department could not possibly use that northern slope.

That Mr. Norton performed an excellent service for Coquille when he arranged this deal goes without saying, and he is again entitled to the thanks of all our citizens.

### About Bond Election

On the fifth page of this issue will be found a reproduction of the county clerk's notices sent out for the special election, July 30. From that it can be ascertained where every dollar of the proposed \$700,000 bond issue would be spent. It is to be hoped that every voter will carefully consider the merits of the various projects before deciding whether to vote for or against that issue.

As to the \$280,000 issue, it should be made practically unanimous, for the state will be paid in any event—bonds or no bonds.

### City Hall Needs New Furnace

J. S. Lawrence called to the council's attention Monday evening the fact that the furnace in the city hall, which never was large enough to properly heat the building, is cracked and that a new furnace or stoves and flues will have to be provided before winter.

The chairman of the water committee, C. L. Willey, was asked to ascertain the cost of a new furnace, large enough to heat the building, and report to the council as soon as possible.

### Overland and Ford Tangle

An Overland touring and a Ford coupe tangled at the intersection by the Nosler grocery at five o'clock last evening. The coupe was traveling east on First and attempted to go around the dummy and return west. The Overland was heading south toward the Myrtle Point road and apparently had the right of way. The coupe suffered a bent axle and tire rod and other damages.

Considerable discussion arose as to who was to blame for the accident, as both drivers claimed to be in the right. They were not Coquille cars.

### Contractors Want Men

The United Contracting Company, which has the contract for street work in Coquille this summer, wishes as far as possible to employ local labor. About a dozen men, in addition to their present force, will be needed next week, and anyone desiring a job should apply to the plant foreman on Spurgeon street tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Laying of the bituminous concrete is expected to start Monday morning.

### STREET WORK IS IN PROGRESS

The work on Spurgeon Hill, getting Spurgeon Street ready to receive a dressing of bituminous concrete, has been in progress for the past two weeks and it is expected to start laying the covering next week. As far as possible it is Mr. Vinton's intention to keep one side of the street open so not to interfere with traffic but he anticipates that west of the Phillip Johnson residence the entire street will be closed the latter part of next week.

Workmen began Wednesday taking up the planking on Willard street leading to the city dock, and here again it is hoped to keep a driveway open but the concrete requires so much longer a time to set than does the bituminous covering that it may be found necessary to close it in order that the paving crew may proceed with the work.

### Game Warden Removed

Local sportsmen are quite indignant over the summary removal of Capt. A. E. Burghdoff as game warden for Oregon. At this distance it looks to be simply a case of politics.

According to reports from Portland, Gov. Pierce promised his friends in the senate last winter that nothing would be done to disturb Burghdoff's tenure in office. But the first act of one of the governor's new appointees on the Fish and Game Commission was to remove the game warden.

E. F. Averill, of Pendleton, the new warden, is probably as capable a man as his friends in eastern Oregon claim, but the hostility of local sportsmen is aroused over the manner in which Burghdoff was deposed.

### Sitka Mill May Be Sold

There is a possibility that the lower mill—the Sitka—will be put into operation before long. S. S. Fair, a mill man from Seattle, who was here Tuesday with his wife, has a deal made with the Hibernia Bank at Portland, for its purchase. The deal had not been closed when he was here, but all the terms had been agreed upon.

It would be an excellent thing for Coquille if some one with the capital to operate it would buy the plant.

### Special Edition of P. O. Tribune

The Port Orford Tribune comes to us in its last week's issue as a fourteen page number filled with articles about Curry county and those sections of Coos that furnish advertising for its columns. It is well illustrated throughout, and altogether creditable to the publishers, who seem to have been well rewarded by the advertising they secured.

### Depot to Be Started Soon

Assurances have been received recently from Southern Pacific officials that the new depot project is moving and that as soon as certain formalities are complied with, actual construction will start at once. These formalities will be performed but it is taking a little longer time than anticipated.

C. McC. Johnson has been elected president of the First National Bank of Reedsport.

## 4 3-4% INTEREST \$100 AND 10 DAYS

### School Board Bonds Bearing That Rate Sold at \$100.125 per \$100 by Board

Nine bids were opened at the meeting of the school board Monday evening for the purchase of the \$10,500 worth of bonds which the district voted to apply on the erection of the new grade school.

Ralph Schneelock & Co., of Portland, was found to have submitted the best bid for their offer was \$100.125 for each \$100 bond, to bear 4 3-4%, and the bonds were sold to them, providing the State Land Board did not care to purchase them at that price.

They were the only bid submitted for a bond bearing less than 5% interest. For bids in the 5% class, the First National Bank of this city submitted the best proposal—\$100.525 for the entire issue, or \$100.21 for each bond.

The other 5% interest bids were: Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., of Portland, \$100.091.

Hugh B. McGuire Co., Portland, \$100.11.

Clark, Kendall & Co., Portland, \$100.11.

Bank of Southwestern Oregon, Marshfield, \$100.07.

Still other bidders wanted a 5 1-4% bond and the following were their bids:

A. D. Waleman & Co., Portland, \$100.475.

Lumberman's Trust Co., Portland, \$100.78.

Western Bond & Mortgage Co., Portland, \$100.305.

When the directors first considered issuing bonds it was not thought possible that they could be sold for less than 5%, but the Schneelock offer means a saving of \$26.25 a year in interest and a premium of \$14.25. With the assurance that all funds needed for the building were available, the directors met again Wednesday evening and approved the revised plans for the building and ordered a call for bids for its construction advertised. The bids call for proposals for construction and also for a heating plant. They will be opened July 27.

Bids for supplying wood and coal for the 1925-26 school year have also been called for.

H. L. Johnson, as janitor of the high school building, and T. F. Dunne for the grade building were re-engaged at a salary of \$110 a month each, for an eleven-month year.

The following new teachers were employed and their contracts signed: Helen Roseman, high school, \$1200. Geo. R. Moorhead, high school, graduate of Willamette university, \$1200.

W. F. Van Pelt, upper grades, \$1150.

Helen A. Fish, intermediate grades, \$1140.

Hazel Adams, primary, graduate of Bellingham Normal, \$1110.

Alice Prensall, primary, \$1105.

Geraldine Windes, primary, \$1000.

Bessie J. Moore, grades, \$1105.

From the above list it will be noted that the Coquille schools will have four male instructors the coming year, beside Keith Leslie, athletic coach.

### Must Install an Engine

The county court has decided that an engine will be required on the South Slough bridge to open it as a matter of economy. It requires the efforts of two men to operate it by hand and with the logging operations of the Stout company at the head of the slough it will have to be frequently opened.

### Addressed the Lions Club

County Agent C. R. Richards and three professors from the experiment station at O. A. C., were present at the weekly dinner of the Lions Club yesterday. The three were C. E. Engbertson, G. R. Hyslop, and E. L. Potter, who have been making a survey in Coos county. Their talks were on the future possibilities of Coos and dealt with dairying, seeding and reforestation.

### Injured at Chaney's Camp

A man called "Scotty" was brought in from Chaney's camp Tuesday suffering from badly bruised legs. He was caught in a line and whirled end over end several times. No bones were broken.

## PUNISHMENT GIVEN STANLEY VOWELL FOR COLLISION--WAS ON WRONG SIDE

Stanley Vowell was tried in Justice Stanley's court Wednesday on the charge of reckless driving, preferred by Traffic Officer Williams, and after the jury had brought in a verdict of guilty he was fined \$100 and costs, sentenced to spend ten days in the county jail and his driver's license suspended for nine months.

The accident which caused his arrest occurred just beyond the sharp turn below Riverton about nine o'clock last Sunday evening, when he hit M. M. Claphaw's Ford coupe, head on. With the latter was his wife and grandson. The boy was slightly cut when he was thrown through the windshield. The front of the coupe was a total wreck, the radiator smashed and laid back on the engine and the framework of the body broken off.

The tracks showed that Vowell, in his Ford touring had been hugging the inside of the road for some distance, and his claim was that he couldn't get over because of the loose gravel. He also claimed that the lights from the coupe blinded him.

Although both cars were traveling about 20 miles an hour when they struck, Vowell admitted on the stand that he saw the approaching coupe when it was 125 feet away and had attempted to stop it. His car was not so badly damaged as Mr. Claphaw's. It was the car formerly owned by Deputy Sheriff Malehorn, which was capable of going 55 miles an hour.

With Vowell were two other boys and they had been down at Port Orford the night before. After resting at home Sunday, Vowell had started for Bandon to visit the nat when the smash-up occurred.

### Bestal Ranch Sale Completed

J. S. Barton this morning recorded the deed which transferred ownership of the finest ranch on the Coquille river from A. T. Bestal to Willis A. and Walter M. Tway, of the Alberta country. This 240-acre ranch sold for \$72,000 and although not the largest, is the most valuable on the river.

The new owners expect to come down here and live on the place; they will not operate the ranch. M. P. Jacobsen, who has a lease on it, will continue the dairy business there.

### Cutting Off the Corners

An improvement in Coquille streets is being made at the corner of Front and Willard streets where the curbs are being set back two to three feet from their former position on the three corners.

It makes for safety in driving and would serve the same purpose could it be done at the four corners of the intersection where the Marshfield highway crosses Second street and enters Taylor—in front of the Sentinel office.

### Graveling Above Gravel Ford

Al Besozky, road patrolman on the Myrtle Point-Sitkum market road, was in Coquille yesterday. He says that the four trucks are dumping gravel on the Gravel Ford-Dora section at the rate of 150 to 200 yards a day and that three miles and a half of that section has been gravelled in the past month. That road should be in first class condition this coming winter.

### Buy Ansen Equipment

J. E. Norton this week, under authority of an order signed by Judge Kendall, purchased the donkey engines at the Ansen camp above Norway, and thus made sure that they would not be moved until the forty acres of government timber he recently purchased there had been logged.

### To Sell Coquille Valley Land

J. C. Watson and Frank Snow are starting south today to try to find purchasers for dairy lands in the Coquille Valley among the dairymen of Humboldt county, where river bottom dairy lands command much higher prices than prevail in the Coquille Valley.

U. S. steamboat inspector at Bandon recently pronounced the condition of the bar there the best in ten years.

### City Should Own Athletic Park

The suggestion made at the council meeting Monday evening, that the Lions Club circulate a subscription paper and raise from individuals the \$2500 necessary to purchase Athletic Park, did not particularly appeal to the members of that club when its committee reported yesterday noon.

It is felt by practically everyone that the park is a municipal necessity and that the expense of its acquisition should be borne by the public and not by a few individuals.

Whether the city could budget enough this fall to purchase the six acres without exceeding the six percent limitation is uncertain. A suggestion was made by a Lion that the organization pledge sufficient funds to hold a special election if that means was found to be necessary.

The Lions Club is in earnest in attempting to secure the field for the city and they have secured the names of a large number of citizens to petitions asking the city to purchase it.

Whether by a budget item or by a special election authorizing an increase of more than 6 per cent, some means can be found for making Athletic Park a municipally-owned field, as it should be.

### AXTELL HAS A LUMBER MINE

H. M. Axtell, of Port Orford, was in town yesterday, and says that in addition to the hotel at Beaver Hill which he recently purchased, he also bought the store building.

The hotel, which is now in the process of demolition, contained about 150,000 feet of lumber, and elsewhere in this issue he is advertising it for sale. Three stories high, 215 feet long and built of fir and Port Orford cedar when lumber was not worth what it is today, he is offering some great bargains to anyone who is contemplating building.

Part of the lumber he is taking to Port Orford to cover the theatre building he built last winter. That is probably the most solidly built frame building in Oregon. The side walls were constructed out of 8x8 timbers, laid flat, which he secured from a vessel which went ashore there, and it made an absolutely sound proof theatre.

When Mr. Axtell gets through shipping out his purchases from Beaver Hill there won't be much left of that city but the incorporation and the city authorities may ask the state to abolish that. There are still four or five families making their homes there, but most of the 45 or 50 houses are untenanted.

### Use Clay for Base

Judge R. H. Mast, Commissioner M. H. Klockers and Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert went over to Lakeside Tuesday to inspect the road from that point to the highway—less than a mile. The court had expected to use plank, discarded by the state, for a surface for the short stretch this year, but after talking to the contractor found that it would cost as much to lay the plank as it would to lay a clay blanket. The clay would not only provide a fair driving surface for the present, but would act as a base for gravel. It will cost \$1000 or \$1100 to lay it. The highway department is using clay on the section of the Roosevelt Highway through the sand, and finds it will serve the purpose. Judge Mast says he believes the court will order the clay laid rather than the plank.

### Want Name for New School

The school board is seeking a name for the new grade building to be erected on east Second street this fall, and the directors are asking for suggestions from the school patrons. The names of presidents are most frequently used for such purposes, so why not be among the first to have a "Coolidge School?"

### Hotel Telephone System In

The new switchboard in the Hotel Coquille went into use Wednesday and now each guest room in the hotel is equipped with telephone service. This is an improvement which Manager Compton has wished to install for the past year and it will prove a great convenience to his patrons.

The defense in the case of the State of Tennessee against John T. Scopes, Dayton school teacher, proposes to prove that is more than one account of the creation of man in Genesis and they do not agree.

## PARKING RULES

### White Painted Lines Will Show Position for Cars Along Hotel Block

Only four councilmen—Opperman, Fuhrman, Willey and Chaney—were present for the adjourned session of the city fathers Monday evening.

The matter of the improvement of Moulton street, for a block north from Spurgeon, was acted upon by adopting a resolution declaring the city's intention to establish a grade there and to improve the street by grading it. The cost will be, according to estimates, \$340.20. Surfacing is not to be done this year.

The street committee recommended that the proper city officials be empowered to contract for the removal of the Moulton street or T bridge, both north and south of Spurgeon, as a matter of safety, but when the city attorney reminded the council of the tacit agreement to leave the southern section for pedestrians, the council decided to wait until the mayor and all members were present before taking any action.

Upon recommendation of the ordinance and street committee it was decided not to alter the parking rules. The street commissioner was, however instructed to paint white lines on the pavement on Taylor, between Front and First, ten feet out from the curb. Diagonal lines to indicate the proper angle for parking are to be nine feet apart and at an angle of 30 degrees with the curb.

This plan should prove satisfactory to the state highway department, which was asking for relief, for it will insure a 20-foot driveway down the center of the street entirely free of obstruction, and that is four feet wider than the highway pavement between here and Marshfield.

Licenses were granted to the following pool hall operators: Wm. A. Zosel, with C. A. Gage and F. G. Bunch as sureties on his bond. J. L. Holycross, with Jas. Richmond and Paul Walker as sureties. H. D. Jones, with A. N. Gould and Jas. Richmond as sureties.

Two members of the Lions Club—Dr. F. G. Bunch and S. M. Nosler—were present to advocate the purchase by the city of Athletic Park. Councilman Chaney advanced a counter proposition: that of buying it by popular subscription.

Every city should have an athletic park, but Coquille will lose its present park unless the city can see its way to purchase the six acres. Just now a subscription or donation proposition would not get to first base, and the signers of the note will not hold the property past the maturity date of the note.

### 28 Forest Fire Fighters

Twenty-eight men are employed by the Coos County Fire Patrol association according to the announcement of the 1925 force made by the fire patrol headquarters in Marshfield. The Coos patrol includes all forests in the county and northern part of Curry county. The fire patrol in this county is well equipped for the prevention and fighting of fires. The office here is equipped with a hygrometer, which records the humidity and the temperature. Several of the patrolmen are also equipped with sling psychrometers which record the humidity wherever placed.

### Bruce Fined \$100

Earl Bruce, who was arrested here last Thursday evening by Deputy Game Warden Fish and McClees, pleaded guilty at Port Orford to the charge of assisting in dynamiting fish last March and was fined \$100. He may be called as a witness when the appealed cases of M. H. Moore and Willis Dillworth come before the Curry county circuit court.

### Boy Scout Caravan Home

After travelling 3,000 miles, the Boy Scout caravan returned to Marshfield last Friday evening, dusty and tired and glad to be home. They were gone just a month and adhered to their itinerary but found that without an advance man the idea of presenting their vaudeville show could not be successfully carried out. In all other particulars the trip was a great success.