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COQUILLE'S LOSS

Two Leading Citizens Lose Life in Auto Wreck Last Sunday

Seldom, if ever, has a tragedy so shocked and stunned the people of this city as did that of last Sunday afternoon when J. B. Sweet was instantly killed and Sheriff E. P. Ellingsen fatally injured when the latter's car turned over in Curry county and rolled 250 feet down the hill side.

The point at which the sheriff's Chrysler left the road is about a mile this side of Arizona Inn, and a short distance below the top of the grade. The road is thirty feet wide all the way down except for forty feet where the head of a small ravine, where a slide has occurred in the past, cut the width down to eighteen feet.

The sheriff had just passed the T. T. Bennett car, driven by E. W. Murphy, of Marshfield, and for some unknown reason did not pull back into the middle of the road immediately. The wheel tracks in the soft clay show the car to have continued in a straight line until the narrowest section was reached when it tipped over sideways and rolled 300 feet, unimpeded by brush or trees until it brought up against a log with both axles against it.

Mr. Sweet was lying under the front wheel when the car stopped and was bruised and mashed in a horrible manner from the waist up. He had been in the front seat with Mr. Ellingsen.

When the car halted against the log the sheriff had been thrown into the rear seat with Neva Hatcher and was lying on his leg.

After Hatcher had extricated his leg, Ellingsen said, "Get me out," but screamed so with pain at the attempt that Hatcher gave it up.

One of the ladies in the Bennett car saw the car go over and Murphy and Bennett returned at once to begin rescue work and one went down to the inn for assistance.

The body and the two men were at once taken down there and medical help summoned. Drs. Loop and Houston, of Bandon, responded quickly and with them were four Portland physicians who were on their way down into Curry for the opening of the deer season.

They found that Mr. Ellingsen's back was broken but they worked over him most of the night.

Mr. Ellingsen, who had been at once summoned, requested Dr. Dix to take charge and he went down Monday morning. After doing all in his power, he ordered the Red Cross ambulance to come from Marshfield. It left the inn with the sheriff, his wife, Dr. Houston and Deputy Malehorn about three o'clock and arrived at the Emergency Hospital in Bandon about seven, after a difficult crossing of the new and old bridge across Floras creek.

Mr. Ellingsen's pulse was so slow when the car arrived in Bandon that the doctor advised against further progress until heart action had been stimulated, but strychnine was unavailing and it ceased to beat at 7:45. The body was then brought to the undertaking parlor here.

Mr. Ellingsen and Mr. Hatcher were on their way to Agness to be on hand for the opening of the season yesterday, and Mr. Sweet, who was Mr. Ellingsen's father-in-law, was on his way to Arizona Inn to see his son, Arthur, on business. Five minutes more would have seen him safe at his destination.

Mr. Sweet's body was brought up by Arthur Ellingsen Sunday night. When her sons urged Mrs. Sweet to come and stay at their home that first night, she told them with the utmost faith, "Pa is all right, I will stay here."

And the constantly reiterated statement in Coquille this week has been that J. B. Sweet is and was all right. He was a conscientious, Christian gentleman, who lived according to the teachings he had accepted for his life's standard, and was one of God's noblemen. He was a kindly and accommodating friend and neighbor. He was ever ready to perform a kind or thoughtful deed.

The first man this writer saw in Coquille was J. B. Sweet. As we walked up from the depot, nearly twelve years ago, he asked the ladies of our party to use his umbrella in the light shower that was falling.

Ed Ellingsen had a presentiment

that he was to meet a violent end. During a ride he and Deputy Sheriff Malehorn took to Powers last Saturday he made the statement that he expected to be killed, and when preparing for the hunting trip Sunday morning on which they were to start at ten o'clock, he was so preoccupied with his thoughts that the minor details of the arrangements required half hours where they might have required but two or three moments. When they finally started about three o'clock it was only because he had the horses engaged, which were to pack them in, and he remarked to his wife that he was in two minds about going.

Neva Hatcher, who could not get out of the enclosed rear seat, was uninjured except for the bruises received as the car turned over and over in its downward flight. Such an escape is nothing short of miraculous.

Health Ass'n Next Tuesday

The date for the annual dinner and meeting of the Coos County Health Association has been set for next Tuesday noon, Sept. 15, according to C. A. Howard, vice president and head of the organization since the death of C. E. Mulkey.

Beside the dinner there will be election of officers, reports by the county nurses and district chairmen, and Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar is expected to be present and make a talk.

1925 CLASS GOING TO COLLEGE

Almost half of the 1925 class of Coquille High School will enter institutions of higher learning this month. Four girls and thirteen boys out of the 34 who graduated in May will go to college, university or normal school this fall. Of these, the greatest number will enter the Oregon Agricultural College. Those who will go to Corvallis are: Lois Baer, Lois Beyers, Frank George, Wilfred Laird, Clara Lehmannovsky, Walter Paulson and Allen Young. The University of Oregon will claim George Belloni, Eugene Laird, Layton Noeler and Maxine Paulson. Elmer Johnson and Tyler Walker will enter the North Pacific Dental College. Lena Pinkston is going to the Monmouth Normal and Margaret Byers to the San Jose College in California. The graduate who will go to the farthest from Coquille is Earl Rice, who will register at the University of Minnesota. Credits have also been sent out from the high school to the University of Oregon for Warren Brandon, of the class of 1924, and to O. A. C. for Eust Philpott, who graduated from Coquille High in 1917.

Covered a Lot of Country

L. H. Hazard, J. P. Beyers, J. A. Lamb, Max Reitman and E. D. Webb made one of their long trips last Sunday and Monday which included a lot of night driving. Leaving here at six o'clock Saturday evening they drove to Eugene, through McKenzie Pass and over to Bend, south to Klamath Falls and arrived home at eight o'clock Monday evening.

They went prepared to sleep in the open, but the rain drove them on to a school house porch up on McKenzie river the first night. Sunday night part of them slept in their car and the rest in a hay shed they found off the road.

Jack set a new fashion at the hotel in Klamath Falls where they ate breakfast Monday by wearing his overcoat. Contact with a barbed wire fence the night before, and the lack of a needle and thread or even a safety pin made the wearing of the overcoat imperative.

O. R. Willard Passes Away

Capt. O. R. Willard died at Portland yesterday, Sept. 10, of heart failure following pneumonia, and will be buried here Sunday, September 13. His funeral services will take place at 10:30 o'clock a. m. at the Ellingsen chapel and his remains will be interred in the Masonic cemetery. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Elmer Willard, of North Bend; Charles Willard, of Portland; Beulah DeLaney, of Berkeley, California; Alta Flanigan, of Sacramento; Orva Topping, of Portland; Daney Willard, of Richmond, California; and Dora Selander, of Marshfield.

E. P. ELLINGSEN TO HAVE ELECTION

Funeral Services Held Yesterday—A Short Sketch of His Life

All of Coos county paid tribute to Edwin P. Ellingsen here yesterday afternoon and there were people from every section of the county to do honor to the man who made one of the best public officials Coos county has ever had.

The funeral services were held on the lower floor of the Masonic Temple, and were in charge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which Mr. Ellingsen was a member.

A wealth of floral offerings, a large number of set pieces and sprays in great profusion, were banked around the casket as it rested in the center of the improvised ledge of sorrow.

Robert Dillard, as exalted ruler conducted the services, assisted by the other officers.

Rev. J. S. Panix offered prayer. Following was music by the male quartet composed of F. G. Leslie, A. A. Selander, O. T. Gant and G. W. Taylor.

J. J. Stanley, a life-long friend of the deceased, had been requested to deliver the funeral address, and we quote at length from his remarks, believing that the sentiments therein expressed convey the universal opinion held by the people of this community.

A few moments ago I was handed the following obituary which I was asked to read at this time:

Edwin P. Ellingsen was born December 19, 1882, at the old Ellingsen home at Lampa Creek and leaves the following brothers and sisters to mourn his departure: Arthur Ellingsen, of this city; Chester Ellingsen, of Oakland, California; Mrs. Ellen Carl, of Hubbard, Oregon; Mrs. Amelia Lattrety, of Norway; Mrs. Jennie Price, of Coquille; Mrs. Lillie Hartig, of Bandon, Ore.; Mrs. Rose Ashton, of Coquille; Mrs. Belle Merrill, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Ruby Martin, Selma, Calif.; and Mrs. Maud Duggan, Oakland, Calif.

On June 29, 1909, Edwin Ellingsen was married to Pearl Sweet and besides his wife leaves the following children: Pauline, Gracie, Herman, John and Theodore.

Mr. Ellingsen met his death September 7th, 1925, and had lived 42 years, 8 months and 18 days. Edwin Ellingsen was a man of highest moral standing, a devoted and affectionate husband and father. His conviction was that good citizenship starts in the home and that Christian training is one of the essentials.

Mr. Ellingsen was firm and determined on all convictions he thought just. He was one who could not be influenced in the least by bribery and has proved to be one of the valuable citizens of our county and state.

Courageous and determined, he is one of the type of men which makes America the great nation it is today.

It was my good fortune and pleasure to have known the deceased and his family for nearly 36 years. I first became acquainted with them and visited at their farm on Lampa Creek in this county when our deceased brother was a very small boy and as he grew to manhood he seemed to take considerable pleasure in relating to his friends in my presence that his earliest recollection of me was on the occasions of these visits when I used to take him in my arms, toss him in the air and catch him and carry him around on my shoulder.

At that time it seems the warm friendship was formed between us which grew stronger with time and lasted until his death.

As he grew to manhood and assumed the duties and responsibilities of a citizen of our community, I came in frequent contact with him and quite often in close relationship with him in his work. This was more especially true of later year in his official capacity as the chief executive of our county; and I always felt honored and pleased that he should have so frequently sought my advice and counsel, however, incompetent I may have been as his adviser.

On these occasions he sometimes made known to me many details of his work and his plans which could not, in their nature, be made public. And I can truthfully say that in all these matters, both in his official ca-

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CITY WILL VOTE ON PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC PARK AND HIGHWAY FILL

At the session of the city council Tuesday evening it was decided to call a special election this fall to vote on two matters of importance to this city. One is the Front and Hall street fill and the other the Athletic Field purchase proposition.

When Councilman Geo. Chaney was in Portland recently he submitted a proposition to the Highway Commission that if that body would fill the hole under the bridge on Hall and Front streets and pave it the city of Coquille would pay \$2500 of its cost. More recently Engineer W. E. Chandler notified Mayor Johnson that the commission had accepted the proposal and would make the fill which is on the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway.

City Engineer Vinton's estimate of the cost of that fill, up to the pavement on both Front and Hall is \$7,440.

To meet the city's obligation thus incurred the council decided to ask the voters to approve an issue of \$2500 in time warrants.

At the same elections a proposal to issue some \$2600 or \$2700 to purchase the athletic park will also be submitted. That six-acre tract is worth considerably more than it was when the ten men purchased it of W. H. Lyons but it can still be secured at the original price, plus this year's taxes and interest.

City Attorney Stanley suggested that it would be well at the same time to submit two or three charter amendments. Two of them would be to correct typographical errors.

The other would be to raise the maximum fine which the council can fix and the recorder assess for violation of law.

At present the limit is \$100 which results in many cases, especially liquor violations, being taken to the justice court and the city thereby losing the benefit of the fines. With a \$500 limit allowed cases arising in Coquille would be taken before the recorder.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance calling such special election. It will be considered at an adjourned meeting of the council next Tuesday evening.

At the same time the citizens' budget committee will be called to meet and adopt the budget for 1926. This committee, which was appointed Tuesday evening, consists of J. E. Ross, J. L. Stevens, H. N. Lorenz, C. T. Skeels, L. H. Hazard and H. A. Young.

Port Budget Adopted

The commissioners of the Port of Bandon and the budget committee met in the city hall here Tuesday to adopt the Port's budget for next year. Those present were E. E. Johnson, Elmore Drane and T. P. Hanly, commissioner; and J. E. Norton, Geo. T. Moulton and Chris Rasmussen, citizens committee.

The amount levied was \$10,912.50, slightly less than last year when it was \$11,000.

Included in the budget is an item for payment of bonds which will reduce the Port's bonded indebtedness to \$24,000.

The physical property of the Port—Tug Kiliham, dredge and ship ways—are estimated to be worth \$40,000, leaving the port with assets of \$25,000 above all indebtedness.

Little Illegal Hunting

Game Warden Arthur M. Fish, who was in town yesterday, says that he has been continuously in the hills for the past three weeks and not only were there no hunters in the woods, but he failed also to hear a single rifle shot.

The deer season opened yesterday and quite often there are some who anticipate the season, but Mr. Fish believes there was practically none of it this year.

His trips covered most of the ideal country in Coos and Curry counties—from Drane down through the Loon Lake country, Tioga, the upper waters of the North Fork, the Middle Fork up to Panther ridge and the northern part of Curry back of Powers.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

Corn Show Committee

C. T. Skeels, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has announced the following to have charge of making arrangements for the Corn Show next month:

J. A. Lamb, general chairman.
F. G. Leslie, entertainment.
E. A. Wimer, exhibits.
C. C. Archibald, sports.
J. W. Laird, finance.

The above are chairmen of the committees indicated, who will call to their assistance such other members of the chamber as may be required.

The general committee is to meet this evening at the city hall to start the ball rolling and prepare for the largest corn show yet staged in Coquille.

It is expected that plans will be perfected whereby the exhibits and the entertainment features will be presented in separate buildings.

This year all communities will be asked to make displays of products from their sections and the committee is planning to reserve a booth for all.

Coming in October, the display of corn should be larger than any exhibit shown in the last ten years.

Until the committee's plans are more thoroughly formulated a more detailed mention of them would be premature, but if they are carried out the 1925 Corn Show will be by far the best yet held.

W. W. GAGE NOW SHERIFF

The county court met Wednesday afternoon to name a successor to the late Sheriff E. P. Ellingsen. It was necessary that this be done at once because with taxes coming in, and the sheriff's name required on every receipt, beside other official papers which must be signed by the sheriff it was impossible to delay the appointment.

W. W. Gage was the choice of the court and he was named to serve until the general election in 1926.

Mr. Gage has been sheriff of Coos county several times in the past, his aggregate tenure of office reaching above 20 years. His acquaintance with all details of the sheriff's office and his record for efficient handling of this difficult position assures that the county's business will be properly attended to.

Sheriff Gage at once requested Deputy Sheriff Malehorn to retain his position as first deputy. The latter told Mr. Gage that he was more interested in seeing Deputy Sheriff's Bohrer, Osmond and Eva Lenox retained than he was in his own retention and the new sheriff replied that he intended making no change in the personnel. Mr. Malehorn thereupon agreed to continue in the capacity he has so successfully, fearlessly and honestly served for the past five years.

As soon as the appointment of sheriff was made Tuesday afternoon Judge Mast made application for \$40,000 bonds for him, and at 11:30 Wednesday morning received word from Portland that the bond was in the mail. It arrived yesterday morning and Mr. Gage was sworn in.

Pasing of Four-Year Old

George, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Carrier, died at their home, just east of the M. E. Church South Monday night. He was taken sick Sunday, his trouble being bronchial pneumonia and edema of the larynx. In an effort to save his life Dr. Richmond operated by making opening below the trouble in the throat so that he might breathe, but the operation could not save him.

Mr. Carrier, who was in Madison, Wis., wired that he would arrive here this afternoon.

The funeral services will be held at the Ellingsen Chapel at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday.)

How City's Budget Stands

According to a report filed with the city council by City Treasurer Sanford, Coquille is \$321.34 ahead of its budget for the first nine months of this year.

The budget allowance for nine months was \$10,595, and the actual expenses have been \$10,549.57, or a saving of \$45.43.

Estimated receipts were \$2017.50 for nine months and the actual receipts have been \$2338.51, or a gain of \$375.81.

SHOOTERS HOME

J. W. Miller and E. D. Graham Back From Trip to Dayton, Ohio

John W. Miller returned last Sunday and Earl D. Graham on Monday from their three weeks' trip back to Dayton, Ohio, where they participated in the Amateur National Trapshoot. They report having had a splendid trip, fine entertainment and a general good time.

There were over 700 in attendance at the shoot and the only reason the Oregon team ranked as low as fourth was that J. W. Seavey was unable to go. He shoots eight or ten birds more than Gladys Reid, splendid shot that she is, and his gun would without doubt accounted for eight more birds than hers did.

John and Earl average 96 per cent on the thousand targets from the 16-yard line, at which they shot, and Earl led John by one bird for the week's shooting.

In the American handicap Earl captured third place with 96 and had he hit his last bird would have been second.

The grounds at Dayton are ideal. One hundred acres and a \$25,000 club house there were presented to the trapshooters of America by John Patterson, National Cash Register head.

The Oregon team's pictures were published in a half dozen of the leading mid-west newspapers, and their excellent work resulted in a great deal of Oregon publicity.

When an Italian was showing the walnut stock of the gun which he was using, Mr. Miller sprung Ira Johnson's famous Port Orford cedar show gun. "It knocked them dead," for it was something entirely new to them as gun stocks.

John visited Mrs. Willey's relatives in Springfield, Ill., and with Earl stopped in Chicago and Kansas City to take in the sights.

On their way home they stopped off at Eugene where they met Ray Long and immediately picked up two more men to make a Coquille team in the shoot held there that day. They won the trophies, too, but only after shooting off a tie twice. On one 25-bird event the boys hit 124 out of the 125, missed three in another event and six in another.

City's Bonded Debt

In view of the proposed special election to authorize the issuance of \$5000 to \$6000 in special warrants, for street work and athletic field purchase, the financial condition of the city will be discussed during the next few weeks.

The general fund bonded indebtedness is only \$17,000 now but there are also the \$6500 warrants issued for the purchase of the Myrtle Grove still outstanding, or a total of \$23,500.

The water bond indebtedness, which will eventually be paid out from water receipts, is \$75,500. There are no outstanding warrants in the water fund and the city treasurer expects to pay off two \$1,000 bonds early next month.

H. S. Registration Is Less

Registration in the Coquille High School is somewhat behind that of a year ago, but there are several students who expect to return in the next week or two. Today it stands at 136 as against 153 the first week last year.

Some of this loss is, of course, due to the fact that Riverton now has a standard high school and the students of that district remain at home.

In the grades the total attendance is just what it was last year—446. And it is crowding the facilities to the limit to accommodate all who have entered.

To Appoint Tomorrow

The appointment of a county commissioner to succeed W. W. Gage will be made by the county court tomorrow and it will be divulging no secret to state that he will be appointed from a section of the county which is not now represented on the county court.

Mrs. Chas. I. Kime was operated on by Dr. G. East Low Monday for gall stones, and her appendix was also removed. She is recovering from the operation in excellent shape.