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FAVOR COOS HEAD

Coos Head Park Commission Issues Statement Concerning Beach Road

The Sentinel approves the following article prepared by the Coos Head Park Commission, which advocates that the \$100,000, included in the bond issue last summer for a road from South Slough to Saechi's beach should pass through the Coos Head Park and open over a mile of public beaches to the general public.

Sometime a road will be built down the coast, through the Seven Devils to Randon, but the money available now will not begin to do it, nor is there property in that road district on which special levies can be made for road purposes.

It would seem to be a great mistake at the present to spread that \$100,000 out over the South Slough-Bandon road, for surveys, grading, etc., when it would require many times the \$100,000 to make a finished job of it. Nor is there any prospect that Coos county will be in a mood again very soon to vote a large bond issue to complete that road.

If it is possible, the Coos Head Park, should receive sufficient road improvement to make it accessible to the public.

Following is a statement of what the Park Commission believes should be done by the county:

The people of Coos County have voted \$100,000.00 for a road to the Coos Bay beaches. Where should that money be spent?

The Coos Head Military Reserve is now Coos Head Park by act of Congress, vesting the control in the two cities of Marshfield and North Bend under a board consisting of three commissioners.

Coos Head Park extends from Charleston Bay to Bastendorf Beach, nearly a mile and a half; it embraces 241 acres of the most desirable beach property in this part of Oregon—high and slightly, beautifully wooded, overlooking the harbor entrance, the lower bay and the ocean beach miles to the northward.

Picturesque Coos Head, the life saving station and lookout as well as the south jetty works are within its confines, to the westward is seen Cape Arago and the light house.

This property belongs to the public, available for use for camping and picnics. It affords a site for an auto camp without equal on the Pacific coast. By the terms of the grant the commission is empowered to lease small tracts for summer cottages. Without interfering with the full unrestricted use of the public there will be a thousand or more small tracts available for private lease for this purpose.

As the south jetty is constructed seaward there will be formed one of the finest protected ocean beaches in the county fronting on Coos Head park, free to the public for all time.

Today this beautiful park is inaccessible. By the construction of the road authorized in the recent bond election, from the South Slough bridge to the life saving station, thence along the brow of the cliffs westward to Bastendorf beach this park will be made available for use to the public. Where on the whole coast can be found a more scenic or picturesque drive or one of more interest to Coos County people than such a road, overlooking as it will, the harbor entrance to Coos Bay, the jetty works and presenting a panorama of miles of ever changing ocean view?

Vancouver, B. C., has its Stanley Park. Tacoma its Point Defiance Park, San Francisco its drives and the Presidio and Fort "Scott" overlooking the Golden Gate. Coos Head drive for scenic interest alone will rank with these.

But scenery is not all. In addition to nearly a mile and a half of ocean beach, there will be made available picnic grounds and camping sites, auto camp grounds and private resort sites for hundreds, yes, thousands of people, all within a short twenty-five minute run from the Bay cities.

By routing the beach road through Coos Head Park it will be a little longer and of necessity cost some more to construct, than to follow the old road now leading through the timber to Bastendorf Beach, but is it not spending the people's money, to benefit and improve the people's own property—to meet exactly the use for

which the money was voted, to make the Coos Bay beaches accessible to the public.

The Coos Head Park commission acting under appointment by the cities of Marshfield and North Bend desire to open this tract of land to the public at the earliest possible moment. They had understood that the \$100,000.00 had been voted primarily for this purpose.

The Park commission have no personal interest in the location of a beach road, they do not desire to dictate a road program for the county court, nor do they feel called upon to enter into a discussion or argument with private property owners over the relative merits of different locations.

The money has been voted. Coos Head Park is there. Without a road it is useless. Do the people of the county want to develop the park? If so, build the road and open it up. If not, abandon the road project and forget the park.

The park commission have made application to the county court for the location of the new beach road authorized by the recent bond issue through the park.

It is now a matter for decision by the county court as to whether or not the road shall be so located.

The commission has the utmost confidence that the public interests will be considered and protected by the county court in the matter and that wherever the road is located will know that such question of location was dictated solely by the welfare and best interests of the people of Coos county.

Coos Head Park Commission
John C. Kendall,
R. H. Corey,
Commissioners from Marshfield
J. M. Thomas,
Commissioner from North Bend.

WILL HAVE A RURAL ROUTE

Who wants to be the first mail carrier to operate out of Coquille?

Bids have been called for by the postoffice department for carrying the mail daily, except Sunday from Coquille to Norway school house, to Fox bridge, for a mile out of there toward Gravel Ford, thence back to the bridge, to Lee, to McKinley, back to Lee, over the new market road to Fairview, and thence to Coquille via the county farm, a matter of 45 to 50 miles.

The bids are to be opened Jan. 19, 1926, and the service will start July 1, of next year. An auto or light truck is prescribed in the call for bids as the sort of vehicle.

Anyone interested in making a bid for the position should see Postmaster H. C. Getz at the Coquille office.

This is the route for which a practically unanimous petition was signed when Jas. W. Laird circulated it early this summer at Lee, McKinley and Fairview, and it will eliminate the three times a week route with which Fairview, McKinley Dora and Sitkum have been afflicted for years.

To take care of the Gravel Ford, Dora and Sitkum districts, a mail route out of Myrtle Point will be established at the same time the Coquille route goes into effect.

Easter-Strang

Just as we go to press we stop to extend congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Easter, who were married by Rev. M. F. Hill at the M. E. South parsonage just before noon. The bride was Mrs. Viola Strang, and they completely surprised their friends when they announced that the wedding had taken place.

Both have resided in Coquille for the past 43 years and have known each other for that length of time.

They expect to go to house-keeping tomorrow in Mrs. Easter's home in the north part of the city.

Home Talent Show Nov. 17

"Turning the Trick," the home talent production, which was to have been repeated at the Liberty Theatre last Tuesday, for the benefit of the M. E. Church South street improvement fund, was postponed until next Tuesday, Nov. 17. The postponement was necessary to conform to the plans of some of the cast which staged the comedy so successfully at the Corn Show.

Many people in the rear of the Community Building did not hear it all a couple of weeks ago and they will now have the opportunity.

IN CIRCUIT COURT THE CONFERENCE

Halless Acquitted, Christensen Convicted and Sentenced to 12 Years in Pen

The jury which heard the evidence against J. R. Halless last week for the murder of Geo. Holmes, were out less than an hour last Friday afternoon. They brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Lack of evidence to show that Halless' claim of self-defense was unjustified, and the defense showing that Holmes had a prison record, both played an important part in causing the jury to bring in the verdict it did. That it was a surprise to many who had followed the case is also true.

The next case called was that of Chas. Christensen for assault with intent to commit rape. This case was also quickly decided by the jury and he was found guilty. The positive identification of Christensen by Mary Hartman and her mother, as the man who forced her, at the point of a gun, to get into his coupe, outweighed any alibi that Christensen presented.

The latter was defended by C. J. Preuss and Attorney Johnson, both of Grants Pass, where Christensen was known and is said to have had a good record.

Judge Kendall sentenced him to twelve years in the pen and stated that his war record was all that prevented the maximum sentence being imposed.

One of the dramatic incidents during the trial was occasioned by two young women, who were giggling, laughing and talking, while evidence was being presented at Christensen's actions. Judge Kendall rapped loudly for order, stated that this case was not a laughing matter nor an occasion for levity and instructed the bailiff to remove the offenders. They left without Mr. Noeler's assistance.

Judge Kendall has since received an anonymous letter, supposedly from one of the women, telling him what they thought of him. Court attaches had no knowledge as to who the women were.

W. H. Gordon, who pleaded guilty to burglary on Oct. 19, and Henry Linden, convicted of operating a still, were both paroled by the judge during good behavior. They are to report to the court once a month and are forbidden to leave the county.

Clemency was recommended by the jury in the case of the state against Homer Tucker for obtaining money under false pretenses. He was convicted of collecting insurance on a photograph which he did not own at the time the property was destroyed. The judge sentenced him to one year in the pen but ordered that Tucker be held in jail here while he (the judge) investigated his previous record. He may parole him.

W. D. Engblom arrested on a bench warrant for contempt of court, because he had not supported his children, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and then paroled on condition that he go to work, pay for his children's keep, and remain in Coos county.

Those Going to Big Game

Those who left today for Eugene to attend the O. A. C.-U. of O. football game are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mast, Keith Leslie, J. W. Miller, Perry Lawrence, Orvin Gant, Mrs. H. C. Gant and Miss Garnet Steward. Tomorrow morning's exodus will include A. N. and Harold Gould, J. W. Laird, J. S. Lawrence, L. H. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Kistner, Ross Kistner, Rupert Powder, Herman Floten, Bud Fish, A. H. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paulson, Alice Collier and there are probably others.

Rocking Fairview Road

Work is still progressing on the Fairview market road surfacing and last night nearly three and one-half miles had been rocked. Just now the crew is working on the section from the quarry to the main highway so that hauling can proceed and the road through Fairview valley be finished this winter.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

Of Agricultural Interest Will Be Held Here Next Monday and Tuesday

Ranchers from practically every community in Coos county are expected to gather here Monday to participate in the agricultural economic conference which convenes in the Community Hall at 10:00 A. M. Every phase of agricultural production and marketing will be up for consideration. Committees have been at work for several weeks studying problems of dairying, livestock, poultry, farm crops, vegetable gardening and fruit raising. A vast amount of information has been gathered and after analysis of the facts and problems a comprehensive program for development of agriculture in the county will be drawn up.

The session opens with general remarks by A. O. Rogers, prominent Coos River dairymen, who was selected general chairman of the session by the committee in charge at a meeting several weeks ago. F. L. Ballard, county agent leader of the O. A. C. extension service, will follow with an address on "County programs of agricultural development." Supported by charts, C. R. Richards, county agent, will then give an analysis of the agriculture of the county and some of the problems which need to be solved.

Aiding each of the committees will be representatives from the agricultural college extension service. Among those who will participate in the event include C. E. Cosby, poultry; N. C. Jamison, dairying; Prof. G. R. Hyslop, farm crops; Prof. A. G. Bouquet, vegetable crops; C. L. Long, horticulture; H. A. Lindgren, livestock.

Of special interest to women is the home-makers institute which is being planned by the county agent's office in conjunction with the economic conference. This feature will consist of lectures on millinery, dress-making, foods for health, feeding children a lantern slide lecture on labor saving devices. This phase of the conference is being conducted under the auspices of the Federated Women's clubs of the county and Mrs. A. Y. Meyers, of Marshfield, is in charge.

As a feature at noon on Tuesday, the last day of the session, an old-fashioned basket lunch is being planned and everyone is urged to bring a basket and enjoy a social lunch hour. It is expected that the "corn fed canaries" can be induced to furnish entertainment for the occasion. Following the brief opening address on Monday morning the conference will break up into groups for the consideration of facts and drafting of reports. These reports will consist of programs for these respective commodities and in the aggregate will form a comprehensive agricultural program for Coos county.

Chairman of the various committees are J. A. Larson, of Marshfield, dairying; H. E. Hess, Coquille, livestock; J. A. Harville, Marshfield, poultry; S. Stone, Myrtle Point, vegetable gardening; O. H. Aasen, Arago, farm crops; A. C. Chase, Myrtle Point, horticulture.

While committees have been selected to draw up reports everyone in Coos county interested in agriculture is invited to participate in this conference and aid in the developing of this program. The individual may participate in any group corresponding with the committee in which he may be most interested.

The work of the conference may be illustrated by plans made for the vegetable crops section. There are 99 carloads of fruits and vegetables shipped into Coos county annually, a large portion of which might be grown locally. Assisted by representatives of the Extension service this committee is making a survey of the vegetable crops requirements of the county with a view to determining whether or not these requirements can be produced profitably here. It has been suggested many times that broccoli or cauliflower be developed as a crop in this district. The committee is planning a thorough investigation of this phase of agriculture, not only taking into consideration local conditions but marketing conditions and competition from other sections which must be met if the local crop is grown here in large quantities and extensively put on the market.

With the facts at hand to answer such questions the vegetable crops committee will endeavor to work out a definite program to serve as a guide in the development of this industry. This program will be drawn up in the form of a report which will be presented to the general conference on the second day for consideration and adoption. Each committee of the conference will prepare similar reports which in the aggregate will constitute a program for Coos county agriculture.

Road District Elections

Elections have been called in twelve road districts which have petitioned for an opportunity to vote on a special road tax not to exceed ten mills, and there are others which may yet be in. Those in which elections have been called for Nov. 24, are:

- No. 4—Kentuck.
 - No. 8—Charleston.
 - No. 13—Coquille-Fairview.
 - No. 13—McKinley.
 - No. 14—Dora.
 - No. 16—Houser.
 - No. 20—Roy.
 - No. 26—Bridge.
 - No. 28—Powers.
 - No. 38—Catching Slough.
- Those which will hold elections Nov. 30 are:
- No. 5—Allegany.
 - No. 19—Sunnyside.

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

The following summary of the Coos county assessment roll for 1925, as prepared by Assessor J. P. Beyers, is approximately \$25,000 larger than the valuation for the 1924 assessment. The larger figure is due to an increase in the personal property, improvements on town lots and white cedar timber valuations.

Acres of all lands	686,314	\$12,716,825
Acres tillable lands	29,971	3,408,825
Acres timber and non-tillable lands	656,343	9,310,000
Improvement on deeded or patented lands		1,412,995
Town and city lots		3,820,108
Imp. on town and city lots		2,691,355
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented		20,935
Logging roads & rolling stock		322,510
Steamboats, sailboats, engines		
and Mfg. machinery		1,066,825
Merchandise, stock in trade		1,081,795
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, automobiles, etc.		80,975
Money		33,485
Shares of stock		279,800
Hotel & office furniture		217,825
Horses and mules		2238
118,690		
Cattle		18,367
465,640		
Sheep and goats		4,336
16,395		
Swine		1,293
9,100		
Dogs		449
7,030		
Total		\$24,862,238

Coos County Market Roads

The following is a list of Coos county market roads as certified to the State Highway Commission by the county court last month:

- No. 1—Myrtle Point-Sitkum.
- No. 2—Norway-Lee-Fairview.
- No. 3—North Coos River.
- No. 4—Myrtle Point-Fishtrap.
- No. 5—North Bank.
- No. 6—Coos River-Catching Slough.
- No. 7—North Bend-South Slough.
- No. 8—Bear Creek.
- No. 9—Coquille-Fairview.
- No. 10—Coquille-Fat-Elk-Fishtrap.
- No. 11—Two Mile Creek.
- No. 12—Myrtle Point-Cooper Bridge.
- No. 13—Lee-McKinley.
- No. 14—Schutter's Landing-Lake-side.
- No. 15—North Slough.
- No. 16—Haynes Slough.
- No. 17—Larson Slough.
- No. 18—Ross Slough.
- No. 19—Catching Creek.
- No. 20—Myrtle Point-Broadbent, west side.
- No. 21—Hoffman's Bridge-Powers.

L. O. Norton's Trial Delayed

Judge Kendall announced this morning that after the case of the state against Paul Griffin for larceny is heard this afternoon he will adjourn court until Monday morning. It is very probable that the trial of Lester O. Norton for rape will not be heard at this term of court. The chief witness for the prosecution, the girl in the case, is ill in a hospital and unable to appear at the present time.

FATHER AND SON

Banquet to Be Held in Coquille Friday, December 11 in Masonic Hall

The national Father and Son week is being observed November 8-15 this year. This movement started with the Young Men's Christian association in 1909, and has grown so rapidly that it extends into all countries and is promoted by a great many organizations both inside and outside of the churches and the association.

For several years the state Y. M. C. A. has co-operated with church, school and Boy Scout leaders in towns and cities which do not have a Y. M. C. A. organization. The state committee and the state Boys' Work Council have asked J. F. Cramer, principal of the high school, to act as community chairman for Coquille and form a local committee. Because of the Corn Show nothing has been done until this week, when a local committee has been formed and a full meeting was held Monday night at the high school. At this meeting it was decided to hold the banquet this year on Friday evening, December 11, and a committee was appointed, with Frank Leslie as chairman, to make arrangements with some local lodge or church organization for the serving of the banquet. Last year about two hundred and fifty guests were served.

Under the leadership and inspiration of Mr. Bergner, the local banquet last year was one that will long be remembered, and the committee hopes to have as successful a get-together this year.

Arrangements are being made to secure one or more outside speakers for brief talks and with J. L. Smith at the head of the program committee and Chairman Cramer as toastmaster an interesting evening is assured.

Lions Club Nominations

Nominations for officers was the principal order of business at the Lions Club dinner at the hotel yesterday. The election will be held next Thursday noon and it is hoped all members will be present. Those placed in nomination were:

For President: J. E. Ross and Lefe Compton.

For Three Vice Presidents—C. C. Archibald, J. L. Stevens and Geo. R. Johnson.

For Secretary—Fred A. Wimer.

For Four Directors—Geo. W. Bryant, N. C. Kelley, F. G. Dunham and C. W. Gardner.

For Lion-Tamer—S. M. Noeler.

For Tail Twister—H. C. Cant.

Cameron's Case in Jury's Hands

Frank B. Cameron, publisher of a weekly paper at North Bend, was on trial yesterday and this morning for criminal libel. The case went to the jury about eleven o'clock. Cameron was indicted for intimating in his sheet that Traffic Officer Williams accepted a check for \$100 put up in a liquor case, for which he had not made an accounting to the state, in other words Cameron claimed it was hush money.

Cameron has libeled the officers of Coos county in nearly every issue of his sheet, and no one takes any stock in his vilifications.

Huge Sum in Treasurer's Hands

When the tax collection department made the turnover to the county treasurer a few days ago, of over \$605,000, that officer had on hand in the banks of the county, \$1,222,587.53. The greater part of the difference between the two amounts was bond money.

Surveying in Coos Head Park

The roadmaster's office began on Wednesday the survey of the road from South Slough bridge through the Coos Head Park. An item of \$5,000 was included in the bond issue last summer for this road.

Gov. Pierce Here Sunday

Gov. Walter M. Pierce is to be in Coquille Sunday morning and will speak at the morning services in the M. E. Church, South. His subject will be, "Law Enforcement."

To show that frost hasn't touched them yet this fall, the White House ranch at Fairview just sent in a bunch of nasturtiums in bloom and potato vines a foot high.