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## A GOOD MEETING

### Agricultural Conference A Success--The Livestock and Poultry Reports

The agricultural conference at the Community Building here on Monday and Tuesday was attended by 200 or more farmers, dairymen and ranchers from all sections of the county and practical results and increased profits are sure to follow the carrying out of the suggestions made.

County Agent Richards says it was quite a successful two-day meeting from which decided benefits should result.

One of the high lights of the conference was a confession by a farmer, who said:

"When the plan of employing a county agent was advocated I opposed it in every way I could. I couldn't see the value of hiring a man to tell me how to run my farm. Now I am willing to get up and admit in public that I was wrong. Since Clyde R. Richards has begun work in this county, farming has already been improved. He gives practical and profitable advice and I am ready now, if it were necessary, to fight as hard to keep him as I did to prevent him from being employed."

There was much work done by the several committees and the results of that endeavor will be available to everyone when the reports are published in book form. E. W. Murphy, for the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, guaranteed the expense of publication.

Below the Sentinel prints the reports submitted by the livestock and poultry committees and hopes in the next few weeks to give publicity to all seven of them:

### Livestock

The production of livestock, on all farms of the country is based on the available feed supply. What is the amount of grass, hay and grain available to economically grow meat and wool.

During the last five year period there has been a reduction of about sixteen per cent in the number of beef cattle in Oregon. This same condition apparently extends through the eleven western states. On the other hand the per capita consumption of beef has been maintained.

The world supply of cheap range for grazing sheep has been taken up. This puts any possible expansion in sheep raising on farm flocks or changing from cattle to sheep ranges now in use. Under the influence of high prices for lambs and wool there has been an increase in the number of sheep carried in New Zealand and Great Britain. In the United States there has not been any appreciable increase in numbers. However, recent years show an increased wool return and a larger lamb than was true twenty years ago. The United States is a heavy importer of wool.

The hog situation in the United States is at present on a fairly good basis--although the reports indicate a shortage, a check on numbers would point to the fact that there will be plenty to go around. In Oregon and Coos county less hogs are produced than are consumed because of the high production cost, when raised on a grain alone basis, where the grain must come from a distance under a high freight rate.

In considering the Coos county livestock situation, we find that there are 5000 beef cattle, 5600 sheep and 3500 hogs.

It is an important economic condition that there is a large area of cut over land in Coos county, suitable for seeding to grass for grazing of livestock. The experience of our local stockmen in the past has been that this type of pasture is very satisfactory for a period of years until brush overcomes the grass. It is to the interest of Coos county stockmen, that this land be studied and managed in such a manner as to prolong this grazing period. With these facts in mind, the livestock committee wishes to recommend a concerted effort on part of stockmen to organize their management of those lands such as burning, seeding, grazing and the use of such mixtures as will bring the best results and to work in close co-operation with the lumber companies, State Forestry Department and all concerned to the establishment of this end.

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## L. O. Norton Gets 12 Years

Lester O. (Peggy) Norton was sentenced by Judge Kendall in Circuit court Wednesday to twelve years in the pen, after the jury had quickly brought in a verdict of guilty. Norton was accused and convicted on the charge of rape committed on a 14-year old Myrtle Point school girl.

In sentencing Norton, Judge Kendall dwelt at some length on the depravity of citizens, men 35 years of age, who will take young girls, not yet in high school, out and ply them with liquor. It was not only the crime which the judge denounced, but the conditions existing which will countenance and accept the widespread demoralization of young girls. Rome passed as a commanding world figure when its citizens descended to the level of beasts and sank themselves in the bottomless pits of iniquity. Can this nation survive a similar condition.

"Peggy" was caught and will pay with his freedom. What of the thousands and millions who escape detention?

## Pot Luck Dinner Nov. 23

The members of the Coquille Professional and Business Women's Club are requested to remember the pot luck dinner Monday evening, Nov. 23, at 6:00, in the L. O. O. F. hall. Each one is requested to bring her own silverware. Be sure to come. Also remember that the charter closes Nov. 23, after which an initiation fee of \$1.50 will be charged, besides the regular dues.

## TIME TO START A PROTEST

Does Coos county want the Roosevelt Highway "re-located" and made to pass through the barren waste stretches between Bandon and Fourth Slough?

According to reliable information received by the Sentinel, this is the talk that is going on in North Bend, where the idea seems to have originated to spread that \$100,000 from the bond issue on a paper road, the entire distance from South Slough bridge to Bullard's ferry.

The next step would naturally be to ask the highway commission to meet the county 50-50 in building a road across those rugged Seven Devils and through the uninhabited section of that 20-mile stretch of country.

Half a million is a conservative estimate of what a coast road would cost from Sunset to Bullards, and even if the commission should decide to join in, 50-50, which is doubtful, the county would be up against a \$250,000 proposition which it is now in no position to accept.

Possibly in 25 or 30 years a coast road from Coos Bay to Bandon will be built but now is no time to start it.

Not until the market roads and all the other laterals are completed would the Coos county court be justified in beginning a project of such proportions.

With the Roosevelt Highway on the south bank of the river and the North Bank road, there is no commercial need for a coast road, such as that contemplated, and we are financially able to spend a quarter of a million for a pleasure road, yes.

The court has given no intimation so far, in a public way, of intending to embark on so extensive a program but from private conversation it is learned that some of them are committed to the project.

Coos county cannot afford to waste that \$100,000 bond proceeds over a twenty mile road where it will not begin to make a showing even.

## Fairview Favored New Route

The Marshfield News was mistaken yesterday in saying mail service out of that city to Fairview is quicker than it will be out of Coquille beginning next July. The new route will be operated six days a week then, instead of three as now, and it couldn't get there any quicker from there than from here. Either one would leave in the morning.

All but three of the Fairview citizens signed a petition asking for the daily service, to start at Coquille, and it is very doubtful if a majority of them have experienced a change of heart in the past three or four months, and until we hear from the Fairview citizens to the contrary we shall consider the News' statement as so much applesauce.

## NEW GRAND JURY C. OF C. BANQUET

### Returns Seven True Bills Yesterday in Six Hours--Eight Indicted

A new grand jury was sworn Wednesday and a better one could not have been hand picked, but County Clerk Watson assures us that it was not so selected. Those comprising the jury are:

A. C. Chase, Myrtle Point, foreman  
Robt. A. Redell, Myrtle Point.  
J. A. Lamb, Coquille.  
H. E. Hess, Coquille.  
Chas. A. Jensen, Marshfield.  
S. M. Nosler, Coquille.  
Silas Clark, Myrtle Point.

They were called to meet at ten o'clock yesterday morning and at five last night returned a list of seven true bills, one of them indicting eight men. They were:

Roy Shoemaker, larceny. He pleaded not guilty. On the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, in connection with the L. O. Norton case, the judge sentenced him to 90 days in the county jail.

Tocco Barsatto, operating a still. He pleaded not guilty.

Henry Bishop, operating a still. He pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Tuesday. He was arrested Oct. 30 when the officers found his plant in a small house built inside his barn, which was covered with hay. He had been at it for months.

R. H. Bullard, larceny, pleaded guilty and was given six months in the county jail. He stole a 50 cent tip from one of the waitresses in the Hotel Coquille restaurant, while her back was turned. Arrest for that led to the charge of stealing a suit of clothes from the Coos Bay Steam Laundry.

Edward Palmer, issuing bad checks, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Tuesday.

Joe Wiseler and W. J. Cox, alias Jim Cole, arrested Sunday night at Marshfield, were indicted for larceny in Coquille, after having been apprehended stealing gas and oil from the state's supply house at China Camp bridge, were indicted for larceny and pleaded guilty. They are two young men who recently came from Washington.

The sheriff and deputies expect to leave the middle of next week for Salem, taking Christensen and Norton and those sentenced to the pen in the above bunch.

Homer Tucker, sentenced to one year in the pen for obtaining money under false pretenses, was paroled by the judge last evening.

Wednesday evening the judge excused the jury until Monday, Dec. 7, and he will have a new panel drawn for the adjourned session next month.

## Fire Chief Makes Request

Fire Chief Chas. Gardner has a request to make of the people of Coquille which should be heeded. It is that when the siren sounds the general public wait a few minutes before calling up to ascertain where the fire is, thus giving the department members a chance for quick action.

Another change in practice has speeded up the arrival of the truck at a fire. The use of the three small bells has been eliminated and a button, pressed by the operator at central, sounds the siren. The first few minutes of a fire's start are the most important and the firemen should have first chance at the telephone.

## Highway Station Started

The Olds Construction Co., of Tacoma, which has the contract for constructing the State Highway buildings on west Front street here, is daily expected to begin active operations.

In the meantime the lot has been levelled, a roadway from Front street graded and gravelled, and the workmen have the posts all set for the wire fence, ten feet high, which is to enclose the property.

The wire is not regular fencing, but is some the war department had left at the close of the war. It was used then in bridge construction, being a re-enforced steel.

## Postponed Until Monday

Due to the fact that the high school is not in session this afternoon the "Know Your School" program will be given there Monday afternoon instead of today, and all parents and those interested are invited to be there at that time.

## NEW GRAND JURY C. OF C. BANQUET

### Returns Seven True Bills Yesterday in Six Hours--Eight Indicted

The last monthly meeting before the annual election in January of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce was held in the hotel Wednesday evening, with sixty in attendance.

As is always the case, the banquet provided by Manager Compton left nothing to be desired, and the program arranged by President Skeels was of equal pleasure.

The Meadowlarks, those songsters of Corn Show fame, were recalled time after time by the banqueters and were only allowed to desist when they sang about their mouth being full of cotton and that they were famished for a drink.

Mrs. L. C. Newman gave three readings, the first in jockey costume, relating the winning of the race by the great Salvatore. The last was a "Tribute to Coos," which touched every heart. Her renditions were delightful and heartily applauded.

The Canaries were out in force but specialized in leading the community singing.

After the reading of E. D. Webb's financial report for the Corn Show, J. E. Norton asked permission to set Judge Kendall right. "It was 'booths' not 'booze' for which a ten dollar item appeared in the report. I noticed the judge displayed evidence of uneasiness when the word was mentioned."

Judge Kendall came right back with the retort, "I was only surprised as to the small amount spent--\$10--in view of the splendid Corn Show you held."

President Skeels took the opportunity to thank every one who had helped in any way to make the 1925 Corn Show a success, and told of three separate community leaders who had said to me, "We realize now that it is our show and we mean to support it."

Mr. Skeels then went on to give a brief synopsis of what the chamber has attempted the past year and praised the support given him by the directors, the weekly roll call showing an 85 per cent of attendance, with the monthly meetings very largely attended, when under the old Commercial Club regime, six or seven or eight was the average for the above club.

The December meeting, coming as it would just before Christmas, will not be held, but he asked at least 25 chamber members to attend the next two or three meetings of the directors when plans for next year's activities are to be inaugurated and devised.

Judge John C. Kendall was then introduced, as president of the West Coast Savings & Loan Association. He began his talk with praise for the spirit shown at the meeting which explained to him why Coquille has made the fine progress it has. He also paid his respects to the Corn Show which he declared to be unique and which reflects credit on the community and its progressive citizens.

He then spent ten or fifteen minutes discussing his hobby--savings and loans associations. The West Coast, organized a little over two years ago with a capital of \$500,000, now is capitalized at a million and early next year will be increased to two million dollars. It has 500 depositors in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, and is a unit in community development.

We would like to give more space to Judge Kendall's talk and to the chart talk by Mr. Jarman, sales manager of the West Coast, who followed. It was a talk that should have been heard by every young man in the community and especially by high school students. Savings and thrift were the keynotes and figures set most of those present to thinking.

For instance--The \$98,000 which Queen Isabella gave Columbus to finance the discovery of the new world, if put out at 6 per cent compound interest then, would not amount to 3000 times the \$20,000,000,000 estimated value of the United States.

Geo. W. Taylor was the winner of the calendar bank presented by Mr. Jarman. The calendar will move daily if fed a thin dime.

Others who spoke on the same savings subject were Claid Giles, Pat Hart, J. E. Norton, O. C. Sanford, A. T. Morrison and L. H. Hazard.

## New Organ at Liberty

The Liberty Theatre is considerably torn up this week while the carpenters are making room to install the large Marx & Cotten organ which C. A. Gage has just purchased. It is the one which has been used in the Blue Mouse at Marshfield where it was put in new.

The cost of this organ new is \$12,500 and it is still guaranteed for the same length of time as a new one. There is not a city twice Coquille's size in Oregon which has better musical equipment than the Liberty will have.

Only the manual, where the player operates the keys will be in front of the stage, the twelve pipes being installed in cabinets 8x1x10 feet in size or either side of the proscenium arch. It is operated electrically with the brass band, orchestra, piano and many other special arrangements.

Mr. Gage's policy is that nothing is too good for the pleasure of his patrons.

## Father and Son Banquet

Chairman F. G. Leslie of the banquet committee for the Father and Son Banquet, Dec. 11, has secured the ladies of the Eastern Star to serve the banquet. The general committee has fixed the price of the tickets at \$1.50 for two, with 50c additional for each additional boy. The banquet will be served in the Masonic Hall.

Speakers and music are being lined up by a program committee headed by J. L. Smith. Tickets will be on sale after Thanksgiving.

## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

Following the close of the annual Red Cross roll call, on Thanksgiving day, the sale of Christmas Seals will be inaugurated by the Coos County Health Association. The association committee will meet here at the hotel tomorrow noon to make plans for the month's campaign, during which it is expected to mail out 100 seals each to at least 2000 people in the county.

The Seal Sale committee, which will direct this campaign, is composed of Dr. P. M. Drake, chairman; Mrs. Beatrice Getz, Coquille; Mrs. Merna Meyers, Myrtle Point; Dr. J. B. Penhall, Bandon; Mrs. W. E. Chandler, Marshfield; Rev. Mr. Thurston, Powers; Mrs. A. E. Elder, North Bend.

The officers of the Health Association are A. T. Morrison, chairman, Coquille; Mrs. E. J. Loney, vice president, Powers; Mrs. C. C. Farr, recording secretary, Coquille; Mrs. A. E. Elder, financial secretary, North Bend; Mrs. Ida Owen, treasurer, Coquille.

The Community chairman are Mrs. Chas. Stauff, Marshfield; Mrs. Wm. Neilson, North Bend; Mrs. Tom Robinson, Bandon; Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Powers; Mrs. C. H. Nosler, Myrtle Point; Mrs. Curtis Townsend, Coquille.

## Mayse Wins in Supreme Court

According to telegraphic dispatches last Monday, A. J. Mayse, of the East Fork section, has won out in all courts in his legal battle with S. L. Leatherman and Otto E. Parry over the possession of land in the Dora section. The supreme court threw the appeal of the entrymen out of court, in compliance with a ruling that the court would only consider cases of national importance. Mr. Mayse had previously won his case in the federal circuit court and the court of appeals.

J. J. Stanley and L. A. Lyle, lawyers for Mr. Mayse.

## Fire Department Banquet

The members of the Fire Department and their ladies had a banquet at the hotel last evening as a result of the purses won at the water fights during the Corn Show and the capture of the two greased pigs. One of them was roasted for the banquet. For guests the boys had invited former chief, J. E. Perrott, O. C. Sanford, C. T. Skeels and J. E. Norton. The three business men all gave good talks, and the entire program was very enjoyable.

Chief C. W. Gardner says they are planning to hold such an affair every three months.

Burton Mullenix, a recent newcomer from the east, was found insane in probate court Wednesday and was taken to the asylum yesterday.

## GOV. W. M. PIERCE

### To Speak in Coquille Sunday Morning at the M. E. Church, South

An opportunity is to be given the citizens of Coquille to see and hear Governor Walter M. Pierce Sunday morning, November 22nd, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He will speak on the subject "Law Enforcement" at the regular eleven o'clock service.

Governor Pierce's ability as a speaker is well known and his subject is of timely interest. Every thoughtful American citizen should be alarmed by the danger confronting this nation through the general laxity in enforcing the laws which we have on our statute books. For a generation or more there has been a tendency to pass laws--laws that you must do this and laws that you must not do that. Whenever anything in the realm of human activity seemed



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objectionable to anyone else the cry went up "there should be a law against it." Our state and federal lawmakers heeded the cry and laws on top of more laws have been piling up at a startling rate. The first quarter of the Twentieth century might well be called the "Era of Law-Making."

Many of these laws are foolish, some unreasonable, and a few actually vicious. No wonder the officials, being only human, who are appointed under oath to administer justice and see that the intent of the legislator is carried out, do not perform their duties with zealous efficiency. But right there lies a grave danger. The breaking of some laws without receiving just punishment soon leads to a general disregard for all laws. Then each citizen takes upon himself the prerogative of deciding what laws he shall and what laws he shall not obey. It is a vital question.

Come out Sunday morning and hear a man who has made a special study of this question and who occupies the highest position in the law enforcement organization of the State of Oregon. The visits of a governor to any one locality of a state are so infrequent as to constitute a rare privilege. A capacity attendance at this church service is desired. Everybody is welcome.

## Lions' Club Election

At the Lions Club dinner yesterday the election program of the nominating committee was not carried out in its entirety. With John E. Ross and Lafa Compton nominated it was thought that the club was well fixed with candidates. But those two gentlemen got together yesterday morning and agreed to decline, centering on C. R. Richards as the man best fitted for the position. Lion Richards tried to dodge, too, but all three were forced to stay in the running. On the second ballot Mr. Richards was declared the choice with one point leadway.

The other officers elected were C. C. Archibald, J. L. Stevens and Geo. Johnson, vice presidents; Roy Treas, Fred Wimer; Geo. W. Bryant, N. C. Kelley, F. G. Bunch, C. W. Gardner, directors; S. M. Nosler, lion tamer, and H. C. Gant, tail twister.

The club accepted Dr. Burch's invitation to eat goose on him at their next meeting, two weeks hence. He is going over to Klamath tomorrow evening.