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## ALL VOTE MONDAY

### Measures Are Designed to Make Coquille a Better Place to Live

Voters attention! The city election next Monday is of importance to every one in Coquille. You may not all agree that each measure should be approved by the voters, but there is no question that each measure should be given careful consideration. Take the Hall and Front street intersection. How many times have the property owners there paid for a wooden bridge? At least three times. Have they not done their part in keeping this prominent entrance to Coquille open to traffic? They have. Would it be fair to assess them again and again, for such a temporary makeshift as a wooden bridge?

To attempt to assess the property for a fill and hard surface pavement would be confiscatory.

And the highway commission will undertake the job if the city chips in \$2500. Mr. Taxpayer, who has a pride in his home town, do you not think it time to make that job permanent when the state stands ready to do better than 90 per cent of the cost?

Very few will oppose the acquisition of an athletic field for the city's coming generations. It is a bargain at the price and the last suitable location to be found anywhere at all near town. Like the Front and Hall street improvement it is a last chance to secure it.

There can be no opposition to the two charter amendments, and anyone who desires to know why they should be adopted is referred to the arguments in their favor, prepared by the city attorney and appearing in the voters' pamphlet last week.

### Ptomaine Causes Death

The death of Chester A. Beaman, assistant roadmaster, came as a shock Monday morning, for very few knew of his illness. He was taken sick last Friday evening, suffering from ptomaine poisoning.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. M. F. Hill were held at the Ellingson Chapel Tuesday evening. The remains were taken to Scottsburg for interment.

Chester Arthur Beaman was born in Scottsburg thirty years ago. He is survived by his wife and two children, Arthur aged 7 and Hazel, 4, and brothers and sisters. The family had resided in Coquille just a year.

Mr. Beaman was a surveyor by profession, and was an over-seas veteran of the war. He never seemed to have talked any about his experiences across the water, but two medals he possessed were part of an issue made to his company for valor in the Argonne forest. He was overseas for 14 months and achieved distinction for personal bravery.

His integrity and many fine qualities of character won him many friends here whose sympathy goes to the family in their hour of bereavement.

### To Start Highway Buildings

The crew of the Olds Construction Co., which will build the buildings for the highway department repair shop here, arrived in Coquille last Thursday, and will commence active construction work the first of next week. They have sub-let the concrete work to a Myrtle Point firm. This work will include the foundations and floors.

According to A. B. McDowell, who is superintendent of the shops, the buildings should be finished and ready for use early in February.

### \$200,000 for School Fund

We do not know how it happened, but the type last week made the Sentinel say that the county budget for next year was appropriating \$150,000 for school purposes. It should have been \$200,000, an increase of nearly \$50,000 over the preceding year's budget. The per capita was raised from \$15 to \$20.

### Veterans Post Meeting

There will be a special meeting of Coquille Valley Post No. 1412, Veterans of Foreign Wars at the City Hall, Coquille at 7:30 P. M., Dec. 22nd. All officers and members are urged to be present, as there will be an election of officers and much other important business to transact.

### The Father and Son Banquet

The "Father & Son" banquet at the Masonic Temple last Friday evening was attended by 150, divided almost equally between old boys and young boys. And the young boys did just as much justice to the delectable foods provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star as did the old boys.

In the matter of response to toasts they were also nearly on a par with the fathers, and this without any thought of disparagement to the fathers.

John F. Cramer was a complete success as toastmaster, and every other feature of the evening was pleasing and profitable, the only one not running true to form being the Canaries, who could not get started on the right key.

The community singing broke the ice and thereafter every one was at ease and enjoyed himself. C. V. Bernhard, of Marshfield, and the Boys' Glee Club, furnished the special musical features and they were heartily applauded.

Lester Wilson and Edward Johnson gave very good talks and there was lots of food for thought in the responses by A. A. Selander and C. E. Richards, on co-operation between Dad and Son.

Chas. A. Howard, of Marshfield, made the principal address of the evening, and although making speeches comes easy to our former school superintendent, he outdid himself that evening.

## MOONSHINER ACQUITTED

The trial of Tocco Barsatto, charged with operating a still in a shack on what is known as the Bestal ranch, came to an abrupt close yesterday morning, when Judge Kendall directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

The denouement came when Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jacobson were unable to testify as to the existence of a still there which they had previously informed the district attorney existed.

Just what influence was responsible for the failure of his witnesses to help him prove his case is unknown to the district attorney, but he intends to investigate rumors which have reached his ears.

Judge Kendall directed that the two witnesses be bound over to the grand jury on the charge of perjury and placed their bonds at \$1000 each. They furnished it promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson are people of standing in this community and it is altogether probable that a different face of the story will appear when their version is told.

Tocco is an old offender, having served time in the county jail before, and there was no question of his guilt this time for the sheriff's force secured the still which he was operating.

### Submarine Telephone Cable

The construction crew of the Coos & Curry Telephone Co. on Tuesday finished laying sixteen submarine cables under the river here for all the toll and rural lines on the other side, up and down river. There are 900 feet of cable in the 16 lines and the company has just been able to secure and install the specially manufactured submarine lines. The old cables were washed out during the high water last winter and it required nearly a year to secure new ones from the manufacturers.

The new cables are an important link in the company's network of wires which cover Coos and Curry counties, several of them being the toll lines from Barnden and all points south of there, as far as Crescent City.

### Two Collisions Sunday Morning

Two collisions at the Spurgeon street connection with the highway created a stir last Sunday morning. Albert Oerding and Hal Howell had met, and parted, without much damage to either car, and R. H. Mast had just swung slowly out from the bridge on to the highway when a Marshfield car swung out and around and hit him. The judge's car was slightly scratched, but the Bay car suffered a crumpled fender.

### Christmas Seal Sale

The committee on Christmas Seals, would appreciate the return of money or Christmas Seals not later than Dec. 22.

## THE JUNIOR PLAY SCOUT PROGRAM

### "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy" Delights Audience at Community Building Last Night

The inclement weather kept the attendance at the Community Building last evening smaller than it would otherwise have been, but those who did witness the Junior class play, "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy," thoroughly enjoyed the presentation as made by the students, very few of them had ever attempted a stage appearance before.

As one man said after the play, "I got a big kick out of it," which expresses very aptly the general opinion.

That some of the lines were omitted is not to be wondered at, but the continuity of the story was preserved, so that the audience was never in doubt as to what Peggy and her friends and enemies were doing.

Misses Esther Roder and Chrystyn Wilson who directed the play, deserve much praise for the very creditable appearance the students made.

Edward Johnson, or "Bo," as every one knows him, was well-nigh perfect in his character of a shrew-talking English Lord, interested in spiders. And his love-making was just what you could expect from a man more interested in scientific research than in emotional affairs.

Beryl Hopton, as Lady Craden-Charys, mother of the lord, was just the pious character we have come to associate with mothers who fear their sons are about to contract a mesalliance. She helped materially in putting the show over.

Clarence Bean, as her brother, Archie Phipps, was continuously interfering in the sequence of events, "all for the good of the family," and his bon mots were a constant source of laughter.

Jimmy Koppel, as played by Roger Richmond, and his sister, Myrtle, by Marvin Hawkins, were splendid. Marvin was the cutest imaginable loving sister. Her appearance left nothing to be desired. Sweet and winsome, she was one who lighted the stage just by her presence.

Royce had a difficult role in that he and Peggy had by far the greater part of the dialogue and they kept going, too. Royce was natural and took the lover's part as though he had had years of practice.

Hadley Curs, Harold Gould, Harvey Benham and Opal Gaslin had minor parts, but they were nevertheless essential to the plot and they took their parts very effectively.

Clare Bean, as Mrs. O'Mara, Peggy's mother, was another who never missed her cue, either in conversation or in taking Lord Craden-Charys when the opportunity offered. She took her part exceptionally well.

Peggy—well, Peggy was just as natural as it is possible for anyone to be. Her "why, mother," was so exact a reproduction of the expression she frequently uses at home, that the writer had to take a look to see if her real mother was still in the audience. Jean took her part very nicely as did everyone in the cast.

The stage settings, and gowns worn by the ladies, were fitting and lent a charming effect of reality to two hours of fun and merriment.

### Moonshining in Style

Ed Carroll, of North Bend, was lodged in jail here yesterday, after being bound over to the grand jury for operating a still. He had paid a \$25 fine in Justice Mayhew's court Wednesday for possession of liquor, and was arrested again that evening when the officers searched his home. Chief Jackson, of North Bend, had a bunch so he and the sheriff and deputies raided Carroll's home on Sherman avenue three blocks south of the Mercy Hospital, where they found a 40-gallon still and 12 gallons of liquor. It was a new steels house in which he had a bed, dresser and the still.

### They Are Not Far Apart

The Marshfield News speaks of Lakeside and Marshfield as "far extremes of Coos county," and yet Norway is much nearer the center of the county than Marshfield. Well, the place where one lives is the center of the world to him.

Dairymen—Ship your Cream to the Coquille Ice Cream Co. for best results.

### For 1926 Decided Upon—Coquille's Quota Will Be \$200

C. T. Shook, A. T. Morrison and Ned C. Kelley attended the Scout conference at Marshfield last evening, when it was definitely decided that Coos county should unite with Douglas under one Scout Executive leadership.

Under the arrangement Douglas will furnish \$2700 of the \$4700 expense, Marshfield \$1000, North Bend \$500, and Coquille, Barnden and Myrtle Point \$200 each. The extra \$100 in Coos county will be kept for expenses outside the scout executive work.

H. G. Kern was elected president for the ensuing year; Earl W. Gates, Secretary-Treasurer; and C. A. Logstrom, deputy commissioner. In addition to these there will be a vice-president in each Coquille, Myrtle Point and Barnden, who will be a part of the executive council, which with Douglas's council will direct the activities, holding semi-annual meetings.

There was considerable enthusiasm at the meeting last evening and the prospects are very bright for a successful scout year in 1926. Among many good things mentioned by Judge Kendall and others, was a remark by the judge that Broadest trophy has the best record of achievement of any in Coos county.

## BURY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

After an illness of two years, Mrs. Gilbert Pinkston passed away at her home in the Bay district last Tuesday and was followed to the other shore yesterday morning by her five-year-old daughter, Wilma Eileen, daughter being the cause of the latter's demise.

Mrs. Pinkston had not been well since the death of their little son two years ago, when he fell into a pen of smoking again.

The funeral services for both mother and daughter were held in the Ellingson chapel yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. They were conducted by Rev. M. F. Hill.

Corra Belle Estep was born at Whitehall, Michigan, on the 20th day of November, 1900. She died at Coquille, Oregon, on the 15th day of December, 1925, at the age of 25 years and 26 days.

She was married to Gilbert Pinkston in April, 1915, at Coquille, Oregon. To this union four children were born, Helen and Phyllis at home and Wilma and Arnold deceased.

Surviving relatives are her husband, Gilbert Pinkston, two daughters, Helen aged 9 years, and Phyllis, aged 3 years; her father, Carl Estep, of Cottage Grove, Oregon; one brother, Clarence Estep, of Wendling, Oregon; and three sisters, Mrs. Blanche Harris and Miss Evelyn Estep, of Portland, Oregon; and Mr. Goldie McKenney, of Springfield, Oregon, besides a host of friends.

Wilma Eileen Pinkston was born at Coquille, Oregon, September 10th, 1920. She died at her home December 17th, 1925, at the age of five years, three months and seven days. She is survived by her father, Gilbert Pinkston, two sisters, Helen and Phyllis, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pinkston and Mr. Carl Estep, besides other relatives.

The heartfelt sympathy of all Coquille and vicinity goes out to Mr. Pinkston and his two motherless children in this hour of bereavement and sadness. He is a heavier cross than most of us are called on to bear at one time.

### Basketball Tonight

Couch "Brick" Leslie has a fairly good-sized squad out for basketball practice at the high school every evening, and they are showing up well. The squad which will endeavor to bring another basketball championship to Coquille again this year is composed of Art Palford, captain; Les Wilson, Harle Call, Royce Richmond, Hadley Curs, Harold and Kenneth Simmons and Jim Agostino.

Their first practice game will be played this evening in the Community Building, the Coos Bay Lumber Co. team, of Marshfield, furnishing the opposition.

A game with the Albany high school quintet, which is scheduled for four games in the county during the holidays, will be played on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

### "Freshies" Was Enjoyed

"Freshies," the one-act operetta presented by the Boys Glee Club under the direction of Miss Ruth Nissen, between shows at the Liberty Theatre Monday evening, was hugely enjoyed by its audience. The act consisted entirely of musical numbers, without much of a plot, but the ensemble numbers gave evidence of such careful training on Miss Nissen's part.

The boys put a lot of pep into their numbers and their singing was excellent.

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### A Forger Gives Self Up

H. L. Walsh gave himself up to the officers and was lodged in jail this week on a forgery charge. A warrant was issued for him by former Justice Rest on Nov. 14, but he skipped out and has just returned. His crime was that of making four or five \$25 checks similar to one he had received from a man on Coos river. He was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Justice Anderson, at Marshfield.

### The Liberty's New Organ

The new organ for the Liberty Theatre is to be brought over here from Marshfield tomorrow and Mr. Gage hopes the representative of the factory will have it ready for use Christmas day. It requires a week to install.

## CHAMBER BUDGET

### For Next Year to Be Decided Upon and Solicited In Near Future

The Chamber of Commerce budget committee for raising next year's funds is to be appointed by President Skeels at the last directors' meeting this month, Dec. 29, so that full report may be had at the annual election in January.

N. C. Kelley, the chamber's secretary, has not yet made up his report of the year's business, with receipts and expenditures in detail, but for the information of those who do not know how the funds have been spent this year, it can be stated that \$700 of the \$1600 or \$1700, budgeted for the chamber last January, has gone into permanent additions to the Community Building. Approximately \$425 have been used for secretary's salary and office rent by the end of the year. \$180 has been spent for the road signs along the Pacific highway, but this expenditure will come in May when the contract for maintaining the signs expires.

Savings on the budget allowance have been made in several items. None of the \$100 estimated for traveling expenses has been used and of the \$300 budgeted for office equipment only \$20 or \$30 has been expended.

The directors will render a complete account of their stewardship in the matter of finances at the annual meeting, Jan. 20 and everyone interested in the progress of Coquille and chamber activities is urged to be present.

### Students Home for Christmas

The home-coming students from Corvallis and Eugene began to arrive Wednesday evening when Miss Lola Ball came in on the stage from O. A. C. Miss Georganna Johnson arrived here yesterday from O. A. C., as Warren Brandon, Pat Harville and Gene Laird from U. of O. This morning Lyle Boyers, Frank George and Allen Young arrived on the morning train from O. A. C. and Walter Paulson and Wilfred Laird are expected from there today. Miss Genevieve Chase arrived this morning from Eugene. The other university students, Misses Adrienne Hazard, Maxine Paulson, Delia Sherwood, Harriett Gould and George Belloni are all expected by Sunday. Miss Clarabelle Mintonje will be home from O. A. C. within a few days.

### Going South for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leslie, John S. and Perry Lawrence will leave Sunday in Mr. Lawrence's sedan for San Francisco. Mr. Leslie has a brother in the city while Mrs. Leslie will visit a sister in Santa Rosa. After a ten days' visit with his sons, Kennett and Ned, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Leslie and Perry will start home about the first of the year. Mrs. Lawrence will return with them and a niece of hers who has just come from the east to spend some time in Coquille. Mrs. Leslie will not return until later.

### Turkey Shoot Sunday

The annual Coquille Gun Club turkey and chicken shoot will be held at their grounds across the river Sunday, Dec. 20, starting at 10 a. m.

All shooters and the general public are invited to attend. A lunch of coffee and sandwiches will be served at noon.

Merchandise tickets rather than the live birds, will be issued to all winners. These coupons will be redeemed at either of the local markets.

### Killed Two Cougar

Wm. M. Axe, of Myrtle Point, killed two cougar Wednesday on the Peter Axe ranch on Big Creek, a branch of the Middle Fork of the Coquille. The varmints were treed by the dogs of Lloyd Jarvis. The whole hides were presented at the office of the county clerk yesterday and application made for the state's bounty of \$25 on each pelt.

### Lampa Creek Camp to Reopen

The Coos Cedar Co., Craine and Cary's logging camp on Lampa creek, has begun preparation for opening the camp in the near future. It has been closed down for the past year but will soon begin getting out cedar again.