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## SAINT NICK HERE

Community Christmas Tree  
Wednesday Evening Very  
Enjoyable Affair

Santa Claus was here with bells on Wednesday evening, did his pleasant duty by nearly 600 children and then swept on to other points in the United States. Coos county, being off to one edge of the country must be visited a little early by the portly St. Nick or he would never make the rounds.

And there were enough oranges, candy and nuts beneath the beautiful tree in the Community Building for each child present to have a gift—and some secured two.

The Community Christmas tree event, sponsored by the Lions Club and the Business & Professional Women's Club, was a magnificent success.

There must have been over 800 people in attendance, all imbued with the Christmas spirit, who heartily enjoyed the hour's entertainment.

The music with which the affair opened was furnished by Miss Muriel Simpson, H. S. Norton and Kenneth Staninger. After several instrumental numbers, C. E. Richards announced the program.

Prayer was offered by E. A. Palmer, of the Christian Church.

C. V. Bernhard, of Marshfield, substituting for G. Russell Morgan, who had been named for the purpose, sang a solo and then led the singing of Christmas carols.

The "Christmas Message," by Rev. M. F. Hill, was a timely talk on the subject of giving, the main idea being, as every parent at least knows, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Mr. Hill said he was sure he had more pleasure in making a gift the past few days for his son than the latter would have from its use.

"Let us give more freely all through the coming year," was the lesson Mr. Hill dwelt upon.

He touched on the Boy Scouts, and mentioned, in passing, that not one business man of Coquille had ever been present at a meeting of his troop, No. 2, to give him and them the encouragement of a few words of commendation.

Mrs. Laura Brandon's reading of the Christ Child's visit to the home of a poor family was interesting and very ably told.

During her reading sleigh bells were heard approaching and at its close the merry St. Nick popped out on the stage.

His query as to how many had been good boys and girls the past year brought every child to its feet—almost. Some, we noticed, did not rise.

The grand rush to the tree, where Santa was assisted in passing out the goodies by four lovely daughters, furnished a rather strenuous session. One of the four was shoved clear back under the tree and hung by her hair in the decorations while Mr. Richards was swept off his feet in the onrushing tide of youngsters.

The committee which made the tree such a beautiful exponent of Christmas and the Yuletide was composed of Mesdames Ula Leach, Anna Rooney, Mary Corbell, Ida K. Owen, Misses Mabel Elsamman, Connie Wiloughby, Myrtle and Maymie DeLong, and Fred A. Wimer. Arthur L. Hooton did the wiring.

The tree and the gifts represented an expenditure of \$135, of which \$40 was for the lights.

The 50 sacks of candy and nuts, and the half box of oranges which remained were taken out to the county farm yesterday to furnish Christmas cheer for those who make it their home.

The following are the names of the organizations which contributed to making the Community Tree such a success:

Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America, Loyal Order of Moose, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions International, Pythian Sisters, Rebekahs, G. N. G. club, Eastern Star, Eventide Circle, Royal Neighbors of America, Woman's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club.

The dealers who furnished all supplies and materials at absolute cost were the Busy Corner, Dunham's Groceries, A. L. Hooton, Fred A. Wimer. C. W. Gardner furnished a man to help Mr. Hooton wire the tree.

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## 1925 A Good Year

The Sentinel in this, its final issue for the present year, has to report the most prosperous year in its history, and expects to start next week on one that will prove an even better one. And the Sentinel only lacks a month of attaining its majority. Its twenty-first volume will be completed in January; and it certainly may claim to be grown-up at that time. We are thankful for its success, and are hoping to make it a better newspaper next year than ever before.

## Merry Christmas to All

The Sentinel at this time extends to all its readers the compliments of the season wishing them, each and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, as well as health and prosperity. We all have many blessings to be thankful for at this holiday season; and it is well to remember those not so fortunate by sharing with them the blessing of a kind Providence has provided for us.

## Count the Same as Ducks

Deputy Game Warden Chas. H. McClees is in receipt of notice from the state game commission that coots and mudhens are classified by both state and federal laws as being migratory game birds the same as ducks and must be included in the bag limit by hunters.

## ALL FOUR MEASURES APPROVED

The voters rendered a very positive decision on all the measures appearing on the ballot at the special election Monday, the majorities ranging from 73 to 131. There were 197 votes cast but not all the voters expressed themselves on each measure.

Following is the result on each:

For Hall and Front streets intersection improvement, in conjunction with the Highway Commission—Yes, 147; No, 16; majority in favor, 131.

For purchase of Athletic Park—Yes, 123; No, 42; majority in favor, 81.

For authority to increase maximum fine from \$100 to \$250—Yes, 111; No, 38; majority, 73.

Charter amendment regarding giving notice of call for caucus to nominate city officers—Yes, 111; No, 29; majority in favor, 82.

It is probable that work on the fill at the intersection will be started by the highway department as soon as dirt can be handled in the spring, but the council does not propose to issue the \$2500 in warrants until it is necessary to pay for the work, thus saving several months' interest.

## Another Railroad?

That the Hill lines plan to enter Coos county within a short time was again persistently reported here Wednesday but as usual verification could not be obtained.

Survey crews are now working out of Eugene and Grants Pass for the Hill lines, it was learned from authoritative sources, and the report is that the crews are working from these points to Coos.

Belief is expressed that the activity of the survey crews and the recent visit of Hill line officials to Coos Bay with bondholders of the Pacific States Lumber company are in some way connected.

The Pacific States Lumber company bondholders came here in a Northern Pacific special car with officials of the Northern Pacific and although it was explained that the car was provided merely as courtesy reports will not down that the Hill lines are interested in the holdings of the lumber company and that plans are under way to tap them.

Similarly, it is said, the Hill lines are interested in the Weyerhaeuser holdings and they are second only to the Pacific States holdings in this county.—Marshfield News.

## O. A. C. Band to Come

Clair Pepper, of O. A. C., was here Monday to make arrangements for the concert and dance which the O. A. C. Band will give here March 31. They intend making the tour during the spring vacation and will play in Reedsport, North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point and Powers. There are 48 pieces in the band and it has a reputation for high class music.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

## COUNCIL SESSION FORD - OVERLAND

Talks of Extension of Water  
Mains—Canvasses Monday's Election Returns

Councilman Opperman, Willey, Farr, Charley and Ramsey were present for the regular session of the council Monday evening.

A delegation consisting of W. H. Wimer, S. B. Leeper, Leroy Rice, J. P. Johnson and J. H. Harper, who live in the northwest section of town near the Masonic cemetery, were present to confer with the council regarding the piping of city water across the bottom from the high school.

The council had previously stated that this question would be discussed that evening, but in the absence of Mayor Johnson and Councilman Fuhrman it was deemed best to refer the matter to the water committee, so that all members could be present when the committee's report is acted upon.

C. L. Willey stated that 4-inch iron pipe would cost \$2500 and that a 2-inch line could probably be laid for \$800. Adding \$500 for laying the four-inch would run the cost of the improvement up around \$3,000, which is more than the city's revenue would stand.

There are at present about six houses in that district which would use water and to this number of patrons would be added Mr. Wimer's auto camp and the Masonic cemetery, providing an income of \$15 to \$20 a month, at the outside. \$180 annual income would not provide sufficient funds to warrant the council in spending \$800 to \$1000 for a main, but it is possible the users will be willing to participate in the expense.

The Masonic lodge, which has given up its water right, will probably be willing to help in the matter and the other possible users realize that they must also bear a part of the expense if the line is laid.

Two ordinances were passed, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the Spurgeon and Second street improvements, and offering the bonds for sale.

H. A. Young was appointed and confirmed as temporary recorder to act during the ten days' absence of J. S. Lawrence.

The recorder's report, showing that the four measures on the ballot at the special election Monday, was accepted and the measures declared duly adopted.

The four members of the election board were ordered paid \$5 apiece for their services.

Geo. Chaney, chairman of the street committee, reported that A. N. Gould and J. T. Nosler intended to lay a cedar sidewalk down the hill on East Fourth street at once, connecting with the walks already built.

He also stated that he had ordered a carload of gravel for use on First street where the residents are mud-bounded, and that a few loads of it would be dumped alongside the planking on the Tenth street approach to the highway. The planking had previously been widened there to make the connection a little safer.

Mr. Chaney also reported that Frank Tension would proceed at once, as soon as the weather permitted, to tear down and remove the old Moulton street bridge.

"Dogs"—an annual subject of discussion by councils in the past—was mentioned for the first time by the present board. "Altogether too many running at large," was the opinion of several councilmen but they did not instruct the marshal to begin an active campaign of obliteration.

## Christensen Goes to the Pen

Sheriff W. W. Gage and Deputy Frank Osmond left Wednesday morning for Salem, taking with them Chas. Christensen who is destined to spend upwards of ten years in the neighborhood of that city. He was the man who attempted rape on the Norway-Lea road last summer.

From there Mr. Osmond and family will go to Vancouver, Wash., to spend Christmas.

## Court Adjourned Till Jan. 19

When Judge Kendall adjourned court here Tuesday he announced that the next motion day would not be until Jan. 19. The judge is going to Portland about the first of the year to sit on the Multnomah county circuit bench.

Meet and Part on Highway Near  
Ralph Nosler's Wednesday Night

A carload of men from Camp 8, headed toward Marshfield about 10:30 Wednesday night, caused a wreck on the highway, just north of the Ralph Nosler residence. E. A. Walker, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. E. L. Vinton, were returning from Marshfield in his Ford sedan, travelling about 20 miles an hour. The Powers car was an old Overland and was followed by another carload of loggers.

Coming up the hill toward the Nosler place they were clear on the wrong side of the road, but just before striking, some one grabbed the Overland wheel so that the Walker car hit it just in front of the rear wheel. A broken running board was all the damage the Overland suffered.

The Ford was somewhat more badly jammed, but Mr. Walker thinks \$15 will put it in repair.

The Overland was driven by J. C. Shear. One of the men in the crowd was so drunk he could hardly walk, according to Marshal Hollenbeck, and the whole bunch of ten kept up so continuous a chatter that he was considerably hampered in his investigation.

Shear was arrested by Traffic Officer Williams Thursday morning and taken before Justice Stanley where he demanded trial. His bail was fixed at \$200 which was put up for him in cash.

The entry on the police blotter at the jail, where he was taken before bail was secured, read: "J. C. Shear, Road Hog."

## Official Ward on Salmon

There has been so much discussion and question as to fishing for salmon in the Coquille river, that the following statement, received by Deputy Game Warden McClees from the state game commission, will be of interest to fishermen and clear up all doubts as to what size salmon may be caught and when:

The new law regulating the fishing for trout in tide water from Dec. 1 to April 15, doesn't affect the taking of salmon over fifteen inches in length at any time. It will be lawful to fish for steelheads and other species of salmon with hook and line, commonly called angling, in all streams except where there is special regulation covering the taking of same.

The special regulation mentioned does not apply to fishing in this section.

## What Else Is Mistletoe For?

It used to be in former days that candidates brought in candy for the election boards, but there were no candidates running at the special election here Monday, so one lady presented the board with a bunch of mistletoe. It just happened (?) that a sprig of it was hanging over the head of one of the clerks on the board as a popular dance hall manager handed in his vote. With one leap he cleared the table and did his duty as all men should where mistletoe is concerned.

We wouldn't for worlds mention any names for it was told in strict confidence to every voter who came in thereafter.

## Geo. Johnson Biggest Winner

The Coquille Gun Club shoot was attended by about 40 last Sunday, very few of them being from outside of Coquille.

About 45 turkeys and chicken were awarded as prizes. Geo. Johnson was high winner with six turkeys to his credit. Earl Graham and A. J. Sherwood were next highest with four birds apiece.

Bert Gould made quite a record for a man who had never participated in a shoot before, winning a turkey in the first event.

## Coquille Busy This Week

Coquille's streets have shown more activity this week than for a long time before, especially on Wednesday and Thursday when the fine weather permitted all the last minute shoppers to turn out in force.

All the stores which handle anything in the Christmas line have done a very satisfactory business and they have also carried a larger assortment than heretofore from which to select.

## It Has Been Spring-like

The very mild weather that has been prevailing this month has caused the buds of many trees and shrubs that do not usually begin to start until a month later to swell considerably. It begins to look as if we need not expect a great deal more winter in this favored section though March will probably bring storms and light frosts. Potato vines which were singed at the tips last month are making a fine growth now and there has before us a fine bunch of newly ripened raspberries brought in Tuesday morning by Clarence Hatcher from Fairview. He reports counting 137 strawberry blooms and buds on one strawberry plant Monday and 205 on another. It looks as if the weather bureau was making up for last winter's cold weather at this season—the most severe in a generation—by an extremely mild spell for the holidays this winter, which so far feels unusually like spring.

## Captured After Eight Months

After leaving a prisoner at Salem Wednesday, Sheriff Gage started for Payette, Idaho, to get B. Willis and E. J. Roberts wanted in this county since last May for larceny by bail. They are the men who were living on Z. C. Strang's ranch at Fairview and after mortgaging their cattle shipped them out to eastern Oregon and from there drove them across the line. The action cost Mr. Strang \$300 and a total loss in excess of \$1500.

## THE SENTINEL'S NEW MACHINE

Attention of advertisers is called to the Sentinel ad on another page of this issue. In it is shown a picture of the casting machine recently installed in this office by which we can cast cuts of any size up to a half page from mats. Almost every wholesale house has mats for distribution and we can now handle the making of cuts without additional expense to the advertiser.

More than that, the Sentinel has the Bennett-Brown advertising service and can furnish both cuts and reading matter for any kind of business advertising.

Or if an advertiser has some particular idea in mind for something different than appears on our hundreds of specimen sheets, we can have the idea incorporated in a drawing and mat made from which we can cast cuts for newspaper or circular advertising.

We will be pleased to talk over with you any advertising campaign you may contemplate.

## Heavy Mails This Week

The heaviest mail ever to leave Coquille was that sent out from the postoffice here Tuesday morning. There were 40 sacks sent out that morning. The incoming mail has also been larger than during most Christmas seasons and the force in the office have been rushed to the limit, and there has been an extra clerk in the office, too. Wednesday morning the mail could not all be brought on the nine o'clock stage and another load came in at ten o'clock.

## Two in for Same Offense

Lawrence Rice was brought down here from Bridge last Friday to serve a sentence of 30 days and \$250 fine imposed by Justice Hooton for possession of liquor.

For a like offense Robert Thom was brought in Monday from Bandon to serve a similar penalty imposed by Justice Hayden.

## The Times' Annual Edition

The Coos Bay Times printed a splendid holiday edition last Monday, giving a good idea of the progress made there in building a great city during the past year. We are glad to see the bay city making the forward strides it did during the present year and believe it has the location, the start, and the energetic business men to count on a wonderful growth during the second quarter of the Twentieth century. A million dollars in city improvements and new business structures and homes during 1925 is a fine showing, and promises well for the future.

The notice is too late to be of interest this week, but the same rule will hold next week—Visitors' Day at the jail will be on Thursday for the two weeks, Friday being a holiday.

## FISHTRAP ROAD

Court Expects to Call for Bids  
for Grading at January  
Session

The county court hopes to have all right-of-way matters settled by its January session so that bids can be called then for the rock work around the foothills between the Dement ranch and Fishtrap. Three lines have been run for that market road. One of them follows the present county road and will require about 31,000 yards of excavation and the building of a bridge at the Dement place.

The second follows more or less the present road and would also require a bridge.

The third route and the one most likely to be adopted follows around the foot of the bluff, above high water mark. A fill would be made, instead of a bridge at the Dement ranch on this route and there would be somewhere near 39,000 yards of excavation.

Taking the bridge into consideration there would be very little difference in the cost of the job, whether the upper or lower line is adopted; but the latter would be much more nearly straight and with very little grade except going up the hill to Fishtrap.

Judge Mast says the estimates are for somewhere near \$25,000 for the grading.

## A Very Lucky Accident

If an auto accident can ever be considered lucky, the one which H. L. Goldner, of Arago, suffered Tuesday evening about 5:30 would come under that head. He was returning from Marshfield with a load of lumber in a Ford truck and at a point between the Pete Jacobsen and J. N. Jacobsen places, the lights of an approaching car blinded him, so that he ran off into the ditch and the truck turned over, bottom side up. His father was with him and although both men staid in the cab till the car came to a rest, neither were injured. Carl Ensel, who came along just then pulled them out.

The Coast Auto Lines repair truck pulled the truck out and brought it in. Repair of the cab and a new windshield was all that was needed.

## Had Handful of Gold Nuggets

Otto Peters, who used to live in Marshfield, was in Coquille Wednesday and reported that he had just closed a deal with Portland parties to put \$10,000 worth of machinery on the mine that he located about two months ago in Del Norte county, California. Mr. Peters found the mine while on a hunting trip back in the mountains and has been taking out some nice looking nuggets while prospecting the property.

## \$10 For Defective Brakes

W. C. Rodenberger, of Powers, was fined \$10 in Justice Stanley's court Wednesday morning for operating a car with insufficient brakes. He bumped into Sam Arnold's Ford at 1 a. m. that morning, damaging it somewhat. The stranger had the right of way, but his brakes were of no account in preventing the collision.

## Threw His Dog Out

In the rain Tuesday night, at the Sentinel corner, Ira Johnson dodged a car coming from Marshfield, which turned suddenly up Second street, but could not miss one immediately behind it which turned the other way. No damage was done, except bent fenders, but the shock threw Ira's bird dog out of the rear of his car through the curtains.

## Dogs Must Be Licensed

County Clerk Watson is now prepared to issue dog licenses and tags for the year 1926. The county tax is \$1.00 for male and \$2.00 for females. Licenses must be taken out in March and all owners who have not secured tags by that time are subject to a fine of \$10.

## Pulford Moves Law Office

S. D. Pulford yesterday moved his law office from the Geo. A. Robinson building to the rooms at the head of the stairs in the First National Bank building. Mr. Robinson is fitting the entire second floor of his building as apartments.