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HAPPY NEW YEAR

And Also What the Sentinel's Plans Are For a New Home This Year

The Sentinel wishes at this time, with the advent of the New Year, to extend to all its readers the compliments of the season and to extend its best wishes for their health, happiness and prosperity for the twelve months which lie ahead of us. May Coquille, the Coquille valley, and all its citizens, enjoy not only the material, mental and corporeal benefits which are the ambitions of all men, but may they grow in grace and in the kingdom of God.

The editors believe this is also a proper time to make public announcement of the new home the Sentinel hopes to occupy within a few months.

Plans for the building have been prepared by Marc Shelley and it is expected they will be finally approved within a week so that bids for the building may be asked for and construction started soon thereafter.

The new home will be on what has been known as the Masonic lot, at the west end of the block in which the First National Bank is located, and facing the Liberty Theatre.

It is to be of concrete construction, one story, covering the entire 50x100 foot lot, and will be white stucco finished.

The plans are for a store room 34x50, in the southwest corner which will be for rent. The entrance to the office will be in the east fifteen feet of the south front. The front office and stock room will occupy the fifteen feet on the east side back for fifty feet.

The entire back end of the building, approximately 44x50 feet, will be devoted to the mechanical end of the plant, including presses, linotype, the new casting machinery and all other equipment. That 2200 square feet is 600 square feet larger than the entire present office and will afford ample space for years to come.

Truscon steel, with solid glass, will occupy the north end of the building, for its entire width and for seven feet vertically. The same will be used on the west side of the mechanical room, making it as well lighted plant as can be found in any newspaper office.

Provision for heat will be made with a small furnace pit midway of the west line. The building will be of plain exterior appearance, with pilasters and cornice to relieve it of too straight-lined an effect. The walls and foundation will be heavy enough to support two or three additional stories if desired.

The Sentinel believes in the future of Coquille and in putting up a home of its own is giving proof of that faith. The year 1925 has been a very fair one for the mercantile establishments here with the prospects that 1926 will be much better.

In closing this story of our expectations for the year, we will add that when Coquille grows to a town of five or six thousand, we believe the new Sentinel office will be in the heart of the best retail district.

An Unique Christmas Gift

Rev. J. S. Penix received an unusual gift Christmas day from one of the younger members of his congregation. It was a box, 11x4 1/2 inches in size, made of white and red cedar, with legs one half inch in length, and every part so dovetailed together that not a nail was used in its manufacture. Within it were 30 leather bound volumes of the bible, printed on light weight India paper in large type. Mr. Penix expressed great delight over receiving so unique a gift.

Sheriff Gage Not Home Yet

No word as to whether he would be able to bring back Roberts and Willis from Idaho had been received from Sheriff Gage yesterday. They claimed they had left the mortgaged cattle on the Strang ranch at Fairview, but of course every one here knows they did not.

25 State Income Tax Warrants

The sheriff's office has received 25 state income tax warrants for collection in Coos county. This tax was for 1922, levied before the income tax law was declared unconstitutional. The first one Deputy Sheriff Bohrer presented was paid.

Aged Man Hangs Himself

B. Isehnoot, a native of Switzerland, was found hanging by a rope from the rafter of an outbuilding by the John Coy family when they returned from a trip to Bandon to their ranch south of there the first of the week. He was 92 years of age, and in poor health, but what caused him to take his life is unknown.

Deputy Sheriff Malehorn says he was worth upwards of \$7,000 or \$8,000 in Bandon real estate, bonds and cash. He made a will leaving this property to Mr. Coy for taking care of him during his last years.

Mr. Isehnoot was an old Nevada miner and made his money in the gold fields there.

Investigations by District Attorney Bedingfield have practically convinced him that the old man committed the deed himself.

Schools Reopen Monday

The Coquille schools will re-open again Monday after the two weeks' holiday vacation. And the students who are attending O. A. C. and U. of O. all expect to leave within the next day or two.

MRS. MARY OLIVE HEATER

Mary Olive Heater died Dec. 27, 1925, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Medlock, of this city, after an illness of several weeks. She was buried at Brockway, Oregon, Dec. 29, 1925.

Mary Olive Brosi was born near Roseburg Sept. 25, 1883, was married to Ogden Heater Feb. 9, 1903. To this union two children were born Mrs. Wm. Blalock, of Roseburg; and Mrs. Geo. Medlock, of Coquille. Mrs. Heater has resided in Coquille the past two years and was employed at the Coquille Hotel until she was taken ill.

Besides her two daughters she is survived by her father, Geo. Brosi, of Roseburg, and the following brothers and sisters: C. S. Brosi, E. G. M. E. Brosi, Roseburg; Mrs. R. J. West, Myrtle Point; Mrs. A. B. Collier, Coquille; Anna L. Ramage, San Francisco.

Class of Eight Members

At the county meeting of the Knights of Pythias here Tuesday evening the rank of page was conferred on a class of eight, past officers from all over the county assisting in conferring the degree.

Those initiated were A. L. Hooton, R. K. Gardner, Harold J. Sydnam, Stanley D. Warren, M. M. Clapham, Clovis Church, Earl S. Gracey and Julius Gunnell. The latter became a member of the Bandon lodge while all the others are now members of Lycurgus, No. 72, of Coquille.

Appetizing refreshments were provided at the close of the work.

Telephone Co. Electric Sign

The Coos & Curry Telephone Co. has just installed an electric sign in front of their office here. It is a round white globe flat on opposite sides, on which the words "Coos & Curry Telephone Co." appear around the edge, with the words "Long Distance, Local and Telegraph" in a band across the center. In the background is the outline of a bell with a receiver inside.

It is a very neat sign and one which can be found in every town where the Coos & Curry maintains an exchange.

Across Bottoms Christmas

Did it ever happen before that a man should drive his car across the bottoms on Christmas day? That is what H. E. Hess did last Friday in going from his place to that of E. H. Harnden. True, he used chains, but the fact that he could make it in a car at all testifies to the very unusual weather conditions which have prevailed here during the final months of 1925.

To show that it could be done with any car, the Carmichael boy performed the same stunt the following day.

Ye Old Time Dance Jan. 6

Next Wednesday, Jan. 6, Graham's Pavilion here will feature an old-time dance with quadrilles, rye waltzes, schottishes, as well as the fox trot, one step and three step. There will be callers who know their stuff for the old-time steps.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

R. S. KNOWLTON STEPHEN GALLIER

Passed Away in Fruitvale, Calif. Tuesday Morning at Age of 71

Royal S. Knowlton, for over 21 years one of the best known residents of Coquille, died at his home in Fruitvale, Calif.—a suburb of Oakland—Tuesday morning of this week. He had been in poor health for some time and about two months ago underwent a major operation from which he did not recover.

The funeral services, according to advices from Mrs. Knowlton, were to be held there Friday (today).

Mr. Knowlton was born in Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5, 1855. In 1889 he came to Coos county and settled at Empire, then the county seat, where he conducted a drug store for the late Henry Sengstacker.

On the first day of January, 1899, he took charge of the drug store on Front street here, which he had purchased from Judge John H. Nester and continued to conduct it until July 11, 1921, when he sold it to Fred C. Hudson.

Mr. Knowlton, for the thirty-one and a half years, retained the same place of business and when turned out, rebuilt on the same spot.

For years he was postmaster of Coquille and conducted the government's postal business in the rear of his drug store.

Annie Haytor was the maiden name of his wife, she being a member of a pioneer family living near Arago.

They have three grown children, Owen H., R. Clay and Naomi, all of whom reside in the San Francisco Bay section.

Mr. Knowlton was a consistent member of the M. E. Church South and of the Woodmen of the World. He was one of Coquille's substantial and most honored citizens during his third of a century spent here, and his passing is mourned by an unusually wide circle of friends.

Mr. Knowlton had a fund of dry humor, was a good raconteur and heartily enjoyed the association of his fellow men.

The Educational Exposition

The Misses Georgianna Johnson and Marguerite Hervey were in attendance at the weekly dinner of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce directors Wednesday evening, the former to tell something of the Educational Exposition the Agricultural College presents annually in February.

One of the purposes for having the exposition, she said, was to help the high school student make selection of what course he will take when he enters college.

Miss Georgianna has been named as the Coquille representative in the college Chamber of Commerce, and she asked that the Coquille Chamber make an exhibit next month as it has for the past three or four years.

It has been noteworthy for several years past that the students home from college have been able to talk to the Chamber of Commerce representatives in a very interesting and self-possessed manner and Miss Johnson was no exception to the rule. She made a mighty good talk.

Hugh and Alpha Were Married

Murder will out, and so will marriage, though it may be slow in coming to light. Last Fourth of July all his friends were congratulating Hugh Harlocker on his marriage but he and Miss Alpha Achenback denied it so vehemently that some doubt lingered in the minds of their friends.

All doubt is removed, however, by the county clerk of Columbia county who, in a recent letter, says they secured a license and were married at St. Helens on July 6, 1925.

The Sentinel joins in belated congratulations to these popular young people.

T. H. Mehl Returns to U. S.

After several years living in Vancouver, B. C., Thos. H. Mehl has returned to the United States and is in charge of the Coast Range mill at Mable, near Eugene. The mill has been in the hands of a trustee in bankruptcy and has just been turned over to the mortgage holder. Mr. Mehl's family will join him there soon.

Former Sheriff of Coos County Dies Thursday A. M. in Bandon

Stephen Gallier, former sheriff of Coos county and for the last twenty years one of the owners of the Gallier Hotel in Bandon, died at his home there Thursday morning at five o'clock. He had been suffering for some time from Bright's disease, and his children were sent for and arrived the first of this week.

Mr. Gallier was born in Yorkville, Kendall county, Illinois, Sept. 4, 1857, and came to Coos county in 1872, locating with his parents on the Middle Fork.

When elected sheriff in 1902 he was a resident of Coquille, and had been assisting his father and brother, Edw., in the blacksmith shop here in town. The older Gallier helped build the first wagon on the Coquille river. After serving four years as sheriff, Mr. Gallier was defeated for reelection by W. W. Gage. Early in 1906, he and Ed. Gallier purchased the Tupper Hotel at Bandon, which they have since conducted as the Gallier.

He was married to Mary A. Langley Jan. 12, 1887, and their children are Irwin Lester, of San Francisco; Mrs. Gladys Trowbridge, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and Mrs. Edna Dipple, of Eugene, all of who married before their father's death.

Shears Pays \$10 Fine

J. C. Shears, who pleaded not guilty before Justice Stanley last Thursday to driving on the wrong side of the road when he hit E. A. Walker's car the night before, changed his plea on Saturday to one of guilty and was fined \$10 and costs by the judge. He also agreed with Mr. Walker to pay for the damages to his car.

Shears was driving for the owner of the car, one of the occupants, for the former does not drink and they thought he was the best man to guide their destinies. He was travelling slowly and was using his handkerchief to wipe the rain off the windshield when the collision occurred.

To Start School Building

The directors for school district No. 5 expect to meet with Architect Burgraff the middle of this month to discuss the erection of the grade building this spring and summer. They expect now to call for bids for its construction in February so that the building can be ready for occupancy next fall.

With \$4000 additional from the county school fund, half of which should be available in May, the board will have nearly enough funds for the building and furnishing although there may have to be some additional tax voted at the annual June meeting for the equipment of the building.

Very Little Coos Scenery

"The Ancient Highway," shown at the Liberty Theatre here Monday and Tuesday evening, is a very nice picture, but it was a disappointment to Coos county people who had expected to see many scenes from this county depicted as the result of the visit here last summer of Director Willatt and a crew of actors. One of two short glimpses of cedar logs in the river and another looking up the North Fork toward Baxter & Barker's dam was about all that appeared of a local nature.

Hot Times at the Bay

The fate of the Marshfield-Eastside bridge seems to be in the hands of the War Department. At the hearing of the Port Commission in Marshfield this week on whether to approve the Park avenue site, the commission divided two for and two against, with J. M. Thomas refusing to vote. He is willing to take the War Department's verdict, and it is now left to that body for the decision.

Carload of Lime for Coquille

County Agent C. R. Richards intends ordering a carload of lime within the next week for delivery in Coquille. Any one wanting one hundred pounds or a ton can have shipment included in this car if ordered promptly. Lawns, gardens, farms—anything which needs lime should be attended to at this time. The price F. O. B. Coquille is \$7.50 a ton or 35 cents per hundred pounds.

C. of C. Directors Meeting

At the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, N. C. Kelley reported the Scout program for 1926, in which Coquille will participate to the extent of \$200, and told of the organization plans adopted.

He said that Douglas county, with which Coos is affiliated under the Scout leadership of Scoutmaster Britten, had requested that Judge John C. Kendall be named as Scout Commissioner for the united council. Mr. Kendall has done more for the Scout movement than anyone else in the county the past year and it is a fitting recognition of his services that he be accorded this honorary appointment.

Mr. Kelley was chosen Wednesday evening, as Coquille vice president of the council, which entitles him to a seat on the executive board.

President Steels appointed on the budget committee, to raise the funds for Chamber work this coming year. H. A. Young, Fred A. Wimer and Ned C. Kelley. They will make the rounds to secure 1926 memberships early this month.

MAIL ROUTE ENDORSED

Since it was announced that the postoffice department was calling for bids for a mail route out of Coquille to Norway, Lee, McKinley, Fairview and back, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce has been actively at work trying to have that plan for daily mail service cancelled and the present one of three days a week out of Marshfield retained.

Coquille will support the recommendations made by the postoffice inspector last fall for the new route and Wednesday evening the Chamber of Commerce directors adopted strong resolutions urging Congressmen Hawley and Senators Stanfield and McNary not to interfere in the carrying out of the plan for which 95 per cent of the patrons along the route petitioned.

The Marshfield Chamber would do well to remember that Coquille and this section of the valley has been willing to co-operate with the larger town in many ways and that commercial relations have been very close between the two.

Malehorn Returns Alone

Deputy Sheriff Malehorn returned Tuesday from San Jose, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco, but without the man Ralph Weddle, whom he went after. The governor of California called a hearing on the application for extradition papers but has so far failed to concede the authority of the Coos county circuit court to order Weddle's arrest. His child, which Weddle took from Bandon, was given to the custody of Weddle's sister, and is still legally under the direction of the court here.

Mr. Malehorn had a siege with the gripple while in the south.

Anticipate Road Agreement

Judge Mast and Surveyor Grey, of the local state highway department, were over at the Dement place yesterday conferring with the owners as to the right-of-way for the Fishtrap-Fat Elk market road. The owners are willing to sell enough land for the road for a reasonable figure, and the judge is in hope that a settlement can be reached in time to make a call for bids for the grading at the session of the county court next week.

Robt. Ross and Sousa's Band

John E. Ross has received from his brother, Robert A., the itinerary of Sousa's Band, of which he has been a member for several years. The band will play in Medford on Sunday, Jan. 20, in Eugene and Salem on the 21st and 22nd, and at the auditorium in Portland on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross expect to accompany the band through the state.

North Bend Man in Jail

John E. Shields was brought over here Monday from North Bend to serve a sentence of 60 days and \$100 fine, imposed by Justice Maybee for driving while intoxicated. Efforts to secure his release have so far been unavailing. He is connected with the Stout Lumber Co.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

BASKETBALL WINS

Coquille Victor in Two Games This Week—How the Team Shows Up

The Coquille basket ball squad showed up very well in the two games played this week and from present indications will give a good account of themselves this season. They won both their games, but it was not the mere matter of winning that pleased the fans and aroused hopes that Coquille's quintet would be in the race all the way. The form they showed, the speed, and the basket shooting of Leslie's squad, was better than it has been in previous seasons at this stage and although there are a lot of rough edges which will disappear with more practice the boys are doing well.

Wednesday night's game was close enough to be interesting, but Albany never threatened seriously from the time Coquille scored its first basket. The final score was 15 to 9. The night before Marshfield had defeated the Albany high team 18 to 11.

One of the squad, Jimmy Agostino, who has never played on the quad before this year gives promise of developing into a mighty good player. He is right now a very fair basket shooter, fast and capable of mixing into a play with any of them.

Harlo Call is another new face on the Coquille five and he also gives promise of being a valuable player this year.

Lee Wilson is the fastest man seen on the floor yet this year and he is in the thick of every play. Being as good a player as he is, the opposing players endeavor to rough him whenever opportunity offers. Naturally he resents it and doesn't wait until he can get his man, under cover, but goes right after him and, as happened last night, was ruled off the floor, along with his adversary. They are trying to "get" him and are satisfied if he can be eliminated.

Art Pulford, this year's captain, is a good shooter and plays a consistent game, while Harold Simmons can hold his own with any center. Wednesday night he tried to throw a basket for Albany and was razzed quite a little.

The refereeing Wednesday night showed the boys a number of defects in their play which they must overcome, principally running a step or two with the ball before dribbling.

Monday night the squad played a practice game with a bunch of All-stars from North Bend—former high school players—which included such men as Balcomb, McDaniel, Ornevad and Klockars. Coquille won from them 30 to 8, and kept on scoring when Rupert Powder, Royce Richmond, Hadley Curtis and Kenneth Simmons took the places of Pulford, H. Simmons, Call and Agostino.

Coquille opens its conference season with Marshfield over at the Bay next Friday night. Following is the schedule of games for next week's play:

Wednesday, January 6
Riverton at Marshfield.
Friday, January 8
Coquille at Marshfield
Riverton at Myrtle Point
North Bend at Bandon.
Saturday, January 9
Myrtle Point at Coos River
Arago at Powers

Ford Building Fertilizer Plant

J. E. Ford has started the construction of a fertilizer plant at his ranch and slaughter yards near Coquille. J. S. Loring & Sons are erecting the building.

He has purchased the first unit of the machinery needed to convert the by-products of the slaughter plant which provides a large portion of the fresh meat for this section, into fertilizer. He expects to have the plant complete by spring.

The growth of diversified farming and truck gardening in the valley will be augmented by the ready supply of high grade fertilizer at the prices which Mr. Ford expects to be able to provide.—Times.

Business Houses Closed Today

Today (New Year's) is a holiday that nearly every business house in Coquille, the banks, postoffice and offices at the court house observe. The Sentinel is joining in the general closing program and is out late Thursday afternoon instead of Friday.