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## WILL IT PAY THEM?

### Daily News Treats Coquille Protest as Laudation for Its Policy

Coquille was certainly handed a prize package by the Southwestern Oregon Daily News this week.

As a protest against the mud-slinging attacks of that newspaper, about sixty of the prominent citizens here, signed a protest against the unfair tactics the News has been using, and asked its management to publish it.

The article was printed on Wednesday, preceded by untruthful headlines, stating that Coos county communities endorse the News and its "fair play" policy. True, a hastily prepared petition from Myrtle Point, lauding the News, followed the one from Coquille. But no one who read the whole story could be in doubt as to Coquille's attitude, however, much it was camouflaged by those past masters of "putting it over" on their friends.

One newspaper man, with years of experience in daily paper publication—he has no connection with the Sentinel—characterizes it as "the worst exhibition of newspaper chicanery I ever saw in my life."

It was smoothly done. You cannot help admiring the colossal nerve of the men who endeavor to twist and change a condemnation into a commendation, and you have to admit that the News has handed Coquille a lemon.

Its manager, on Wednesday, told those who presented the News with the "Coquille protest": "Yes we will print it; but I'm telling you we do not appreciate this attitude on the part of the Coquille people, and it will not change our policy in the least."

After reading the story in that sheet no one can fail to realize that the leopard does not change its spots, and that the superior Coos county citizens that they were helping to build up a paper which would be fair and impartial, free from mud-slinging, was just an idle dream.

That the public may know just what the good citizens of Coquille said to the News we print the text and list of signatures in full:

To the Southwestern Oregon Daily News, Marshfield, Oregon:

We, the undersigned, stockholders, subscribers, citizens or patrons, of Coquille, believing that one of the chief laudable policies of your paper has been to refrain from making personal attacks in and for political purposes, and believing that a continuation of such policy is fundamental to the mutual interests of ourselves and the undersigned, do hereby vigorously protest against any departure from such policy, and particularly against the unwarranted and unverified articles which have recently been printed in your paper regarding the nomination for sheriff and the details of the alleged arrest of Dewey Davis, in so far as the same may be, and in some instances are being construed, as insinuations against the character of Sam A. Malehorn, candidate for nomination for Sheriff on the Republican ticket.

We also respectfully request that this protest be published in your issue of May 18 and 19, 1926.

F. G. Bunch, Z. C. Strang, J. W. Lard, V. R. Wilson, Levi Wilson, Aaron Wilson, H. L. Varney, H. N. Lorenz, Jno. E. Ross, Robert A. Ross, W. S. Sicksles, B. D. Wood, Lefe Compton, C. J. Fuhrman, Perry E. Lawrence, H. C. Gant, F. F. Schram, Paul A. McCarty, Harry Williams, J. L. Stevens, Ned C. Kelley, G. Russell Morgan, J. Arthur Berg, Frank G. Leslie, C. L. Tuttle, C. T. Skeels, J. E. Norton, R. F. Miller, Harry Nasburg, E. G. Opperman, L. H. Hazard, A. N. Gould, H. T. Wimer, Alfred Johnson, S. M. Nosler, James Richmond, Mrs. A. T. Morrison, Mrs. R. B. Knife, Paul T. Ramsey, Lida J. Ramsey, E. E. Johnson, H. A. Young, J. S. Lawrence, C. L. Willey, C. C. Archibald, O. T. Gant, Keith Leslie, J. L. Smith, F. L. Greenough, Marian D. Young, J. W. Miller, James Watson, A. T. Morrison, P. J. Jacobsen, Martha I. Jacobsen, M. T. Clinton, W. H. Schroeder, Fred C. Hudson, D. D. Pierce, C. C. Evland.

### Stores to Be Closed May 31

Decoration Day is to be observed here on Monday, May 31, and Coquille stores will be closed all day on that date.

## To Ask for Next State Shoot

Coquille is going to make a bid for the 1927 state shoot when the local sportsmen are at Corvallis next week.

At the shoot down at Medford the first of this week, several of those attending urged the Coquille contingent to go after it, and the idea has been favorably received when broached here.

It will require an outlay of \$500 or \$600 to stage a shoot of that magnitude, but the benefits cannot be over-estimated. With 400 or 500 people here next May from all over the northwest, Coquille cannot but receive a great deal of good advertising.

The Coquille Rod & Gun Club has not had a meeting yet to formally extend an invitation to hold next year's shoot here, but it will no doubt do so.

About a dozen of Coquille's crack shots will attend the shoot next Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Corvallis, when the location for the 1927 shoot will be decided.

If this big annual event in sportsmen's affairs can be brought to Coquille, a hearty welcome and reception is assured the visitors.

## "Laurel" Out Next Week

The 1926 Laurel, which did not go to press until after May 1, will be ready of delivery the first of next week, probably on Monday. It is well edited, and filled with illustrations of high school activities, views and individuals.

## DECORATION DAY PROGRAM

Decoration Day program will be carried out by W. R. C., G. A. R. and American Legion as nearly as possible in the usual manner.

Monday, May 31st, 9:30, all who wish to march with these organizations will be at Community Hall at that hour and march to the bridge where services for sailors and marines will be held. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are asked to take part. From there they will go to the I. O. O. F. cemetery to the G. A. R. plot where the Woman's Relief Corps will have charge of the services. The Legion will sound taps here, the soldiers' good night.

From there the American Legion will lead to the Masonic cemetery where their services at their monument will take place. After decorating the soldiers' graves all will return home.

At 2:00 p. m. there will be a fitting program provided by the W. R. C. and American Legion in the Liberty theatre to which the public is cordially invited. The entertainment for the afternoon will consist of speaking and music, featuring our own girls glee club from the school and local talent, of which every citizen should be proud.

We hope that every home will be represented in this audience. The best way to show your appreciation of their efforts is to come out and give them your support. This is an entirely free program and we hope you will be there.—Anna Sherrard, Press Correspondent.

## School Director to Be Elected

The annual school meeting for District No. 8 will be held June 21, at which time the budget for the next school year will also be acted upon.

There has been little talk yet as to a selection for director, but most people feel that it would be unwise to make a change in the board this year, while a new building is under construction, and that C. C. Farr should be re-elected. Mr. Farr stated this morning that he was not hankering to serve another three years, but that if no one else could be found to serve, and if he was re-elected, he would not refuse to accept the election.

Mr. Farr has made a good record on the board and is as efficient a member a could be secured.

## Woman's Club to Receive 10%

Fred Lorenz, of the Leader Store, has agreed to give the Woman's Club ten per cent of his gross sales on all business the store does next Monday, May 24. Naturally the ladies are making an effort to have the total business done amount to as large an amount as possible, and they request that all ladies of Coquille and vicinity remember this fact and supply their needs on that date.

If you have no ear for music, you should have an eye or two—for the Bathing Beauties at the Minstrel show. (Get a front seat.)

## MINSTREL SHOW COUNCIL SESSION

### To Be Presented by American Legion Next Tuesday Evening, May 25

Two hours and a half of rollicking fun and entertainment are promised at the American Legion First Annual Minstrel show next Tuesday night. The Coquille Post is being reinforced by some of the best singers and entertainers in Coquille and surrounding country, and the whole program will be a riot from eight o'clock till the final curtain.

The first part of the program will be the regular minstrel feature, with a chorus of 24 voices and six end men. It is only necessary to mention the names of such well known coon impersonators as E. D. Webb, Frank Leslie, J. L. Smith, Art Selander, Slim Gant and Aaron Wilson as the end men to show the excellence of the comedy to be expected. The dignified white gentleman, the interlocutor, will be G. Russell Morgan.

The second half of the program will be the olio, or vaudeville section. Eight or nine acts of rapid-fire singing, dancing and comedy will make up this part of the show. There will be banjo number by Bucko Sianinger, trombone and saxophone duet by Tracy Leach and Stewart Norton, songs by Hubert Robbins, E. D. Webb, and Ed Moore, two specialty dance acts, one by McAllister and the other by Earl Baker, piano jazz by Alice Collier and Lois Morrison, and a stunt by Bill Zosel, all of these will appear in the olio.

The minstrel part of the show will have more melody and harmony than the usual nigger minstrel. Songs by Clinton Archibald, C. R. Richards, Lester Wilson, George Taylor, Arthur Selander, J. L. Smith, J. F. Cramer, Russell Morgan, Frank Leslie, Aaron Wilson and duet and quartet numbers will be featured. The chorus will include the following singers: E. D. Webb, F. G. Leslie, Aaron Wilson, George Moorhead, Dr. P. M. Drake, Stewart Norton, Dr. G. E. Low, H. W. Pierce, Victor McAllister, G. Russell Morgan, Homer Gant, Herman Floten, C. C. Archibald, Red Hayes, C. R. Richards, Keith Leslie, Roy Folsom, J. F. Cramer, George Taylor, Lester Wilson, Arthur Selander, J. L. Smith, Orvin Gant. Ralph Noah will accompany on the piano.

Tickets are on sale at the Hub, and the reserve seats are nearly exhausted. There will be plenty of seats for everyone, however, and the entire performance can be heard from any seat in the house.

## After Many Years

For a dozen years here in Coquille there has been talk of filling up the big gulch that has been bridged over time and again since the Sentinel people first saw Coquille. This week the state and the city have co-operated in that work and the crossing of two of our principal streets will soon be solid ground instead of makeshift bridge. It's a fine improvement that every one is glad to see. Since Front and Hall street have witnessed this improvement we are hoping to see the same gulch filled again and the block and a half long bridge from Quick's rooming house to the former Gardner Machine Shop also replaced by another fill before many more years have passed, and before that bridge grows frail.

## Light Vote Cast at Noon

Up to 12:30 this noon a very light vote had been cast in Coquille. At the court house polling place but 47 republicans and 14 democrats had voted. Fourteen of them were sworn in, eight of them being men from other sections who could only vote the state ticket.

At the city hall, out of a total of 286 registration, 31 republicans and 12 democrats had called for ballots. Five were sworn in there.

## Hall Chaney Opening Camps

E. Hall Chaney, of Portland, a brother of Geo. H. Chaney, of this city, has been here for several days making preparations to log a couple of tracts of cedar he owns on the South Fork near Powers. The two camps to be opened will be in charge of D. D. Pierce. Mr. Chaney is also conducting logging operations on the lower Columbia near Astoria.

## Warranty and Bargain & Sale

Deeds for sale at the Sentinel office

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

### Paving on Elliott Asked—Carter Street Opened—Coulter Street Estimates

A full attendance of the city dads was present for the regular session of the council last Monday evening.

Still another petition for street improvement this summer was presented. This one was for the block north of Third on Elliott street, from the Episcopal church to the brow of the hill. All property owners, except the church properties had signed the petition but as it lacked the necessary two-thirds, they asked the council to start the ball rolling by declaring an intention to improve. The city engineer was directed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates as the first step.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Coulter street, south from First, in accordance with the petition presented last month, was adopted and a call for bids ordered. The engineer's estimate of cost, for five different sorts of paving, was as follows:

For concrete, \$3671.30.  
For asphaltic concrete with black base, \$3373.45.  
For asphaltic concrete with crushed rock base, \$2924.20.  
For Warrenite, \$3671.30.  
For armor-plated concrete, \$3671.30.  
This figures out approximately \$4 per lineal foot for concrete, Warrenite or armor-plated for the 900 feet on both sides of the street, down to about \$3.25 a foot for the black top on crushed rock base.

The council ordered that a warrant for \$296 be paid Geo. Lowmyer for grading on Moulton street, north of the Spurgeon bridge.

Councilman Chaney, chairman of the street committee, recommended that the grade on this improvement

order to take it past the Lee Goodness home. Some of the property owners there are objecting because it would require the hauling in of another hundred yards of earth to fill the hole there, but Mr. Chaney, who had inspected the work, said it would always present an unfinished appearance if the hole was not filled.

The opening of the new street in the Carter tract was carried to completion by the over-ruling of the objections filed against the acceptance of the viewers' report. "Carter Street" was adopted as the official name of the new thoroughfare.

Two lots, one in the north part of town and one in the east, were ordered sold for delinquent improvement assessments. The marshal's notice of sale appears elsewhere in this issue.

On the request of State Fire Marshal Will Moore, the council decided to send Fire Chief Gardner to Corvallis, June 21, to attend the annual meeting of the state fire chiefs, and the school of instruction for fire fighters which will be held there at that time. The city will pay the expense of the trip.

The finance committee was asked to investigate and make a report on the claim presented by the husband of the lady who stepped into an open meter box on Spurgeon Hill a couple of weeks ago. Her ankle was broken.

The covers on the meter boxes seem to have an attraction for small boys who continually endanger others by removing them.

The next session of the council will be on June 7.

## AAA Headquarters Opened

Mrs. C. C. Williams has been named as secretary in charge of the AAA information desk in the Hotel Coquille lobby and entered on her work last Monday. She has considerable literature on hand for inquiring motorists and tourists and after the office desk is received next week she will be on duty all day. Last week she spent in Portland receiving instruction at the triple A headquarters on matters connected with the work.

## Coquille at Bandon Sunday

Coquille plays Bandon at the Bandon park Sunday and Marshfield and North Bend play at North Bend. Zosel and Gilbert will do the pitching for Coquille and Fortier is sufficiently recovered from the blow he received last Sunday to take his position behind the plate. Should Coquille and Marshfield both win, the locals would be undisputed league leaders, for a week at least.

## ADVERTISING PAYS

### Was the Theme at the Fine Show Presented by Monotony Killers

"It pays to advertise," the "psychology of print," the "power of suggestion." These were the underlying motives for the comedy-drama, "It Pays to Advertise," presented by the Monotony Killers at the Community Building last night.

There were somewhat more than 200 present for the performance, the receipts totalling \$135 or \$136. From \$45 to \$50 of this goes for expenses. It is a \$25 royalty play and a considerable amount had to be spent for repapering the stage where small boys have damaged it.

The cast last night was an excellent one and the entire entertainment was put over in the most successful manner. Lots of action and pep, snappy dialogue and well committed lines made it, what everyone is saying, the best show the Monotony Killers have yet presented.

Wm. Barrow, as Ambrose Peal, an advertising man, was a wow. He had as difficult a part to put over as there was and he did it with much credit to himself. Hardly less difficult was the part of Fred Wimer as young Martin, who made for himself and associates a half million dollars out of "13 Soap, Unlucky for Dirt," without ever manufacturing a cake. Fred did unusually well and he took up the advertising man's line of chatter, making it his own, to the delight of the crowd.

And when Geo. Leach, as Cyrus Martin, conservative soap trust magnate, began to work the same line, he fell for "sensational advertising," the power of suggestion was fully sustained. George needs no commendation for everyone in Coquille is well acquainted with his histrionic talents.

Mrs. Ole Leach, as Mary Grayson, secretary to the two Martins, showed a lot of how the modern woman is putting life into business. After queering one deal where the son had the father hooked for a beggarly \$100,000, she engineered the one which finally brought home the half million. She was perfectly at home and added to the enjoyment of the performance.

Miss Ruth Nissen, the countess, had them all stumped with her rapid-fire French. When she spoke slowly it was idiomatic French she was using, but as she warmed up to her subject, she hit too rapid a gait for a two-year French student to keep up with her.

C. D. Walker, as the worthless son of a rival soap magnate, carried his part well and helped make the show a success. J. P. Beyers, who wanted his money for advertising services rendered, was also good. His was a minor part.

Uric Grey was another who took the character he represented in a manner that could not have been improved upon. His was clever impersonation.

Marie, the maid, was played by Lois Kay in the most correct fashion, and Wayne Robinson was perfectly at home as butler, or perhaps we should say door man. Wayne looked the part.

If you failed to hear Ambrose tell of the billions of dollars spent annually for advertising in the United States, you missed something good.

Between acts the entire cast of the American Legion minstrel show, to be presented next Tuesday evening, sang two or three selections, and the Lions Club gave one or two of their songs and the Lion yell.

### Three Cruisers Named

Assessor J. P. Beyers has secured three of the four cruisers desired to make a cruise of Coos county cedar this summer. Those already on the job, or who will start tomorrow are C. H. Choate, Sam Carmichael and J. M. Clark. They will start down in the Lampa and Bear creek sections and work into the more isolated districts later in the summer.

### Myrtle Point Also Resentful

Coquille men in Myrtle Point yesterday afternoon found a good many of its citizens resentful of the way in which the Daily News on Wednesday garbled and misrepresented the endorsements for the two leading candidates for sheriff.

### Where Voting Is Done

The polls for the primary election opened at 8 o'clock this morning and will remain open until 8 o'clock tonight. As usual the elections in the two south precincts are being held at the court house and the city hall. At the north precinct the polls are at Mrs. A. W. Kelley's residence. A full vote is expected here in Coquille. The Fat Elk vote is being cast at the Sitka Spruce mill office and in Cuningham at the Frank Thrift residence.

### Insane Man Puts Up Fight

John Brauer, who lived on the ranch near Norway, which he purchased from Jess Clinton, was picked up Wednesday night by Marshal Hollenbeck as insane. When the attendant from the asylum came for him yesterday he put up a battle royal, refusing to leave the jail. The attendant got him around the neck, but prisoners at the jail thought Brauer was getting the best of it, so separated the two. Brauer then fought like a wild man but was finally subdued.

### To Be the "Lincoln School"

The "Lincoln School" is the name adopted by the school board Wednesday to designate the new grade building now rapidly going up on the high school grounds. There are hundreds of Lincoln schools in the country but it is as appropriate a title as could have been chosen, testifying to the character and ability of the man who made himself great, even without the benefit of very much schooling.

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