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TO BE AN ASSET

Game Reserve West of Roosevelt Highway Would Be Worth Thousands in Future

It is improbable that everyone understands just what Deputy Game Warden Fish is trying to do in securing the establishments of a game reserve, between Bandon and the California line, west of the highway, or there probably would not be what little opposition there is to it.

If the legislature creates the preserve it will only affect elk, deer and upland birds, such as grouse and quail and pheasants. It will not affect fishing, nor migratory birds—duck and geese—nor predatory animals.

One of the greatest reasons for making a game preserve out of this narrow strip is that with the completion of the highways, and the thousands of tourists who will pass over it monthly, there will be, added to the wonderful scenic attractions, the wild game life of this section of the state. That it will be a big asset to the coast county goes without saying.

Two petitions are now being circulated and generally signed, asking for the creation of the reserve. One of them is signed by those who own property within the reserve and the other by sportsmen and citizens generally.

A permanently closed season, which the legislature can change at any time, is not going to spoil hunting for anyone. As a matter of fact hunting will be the better for it.

Did Not Recognize a Still

Wm. Dewar and Earl Baird, arrested by the sheriff's force at Plat C in North Bend, for operating a still, were bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Judge J. J. Stanley. Besides the "can," the officers found six quarts of liquor. The still had formerly been operated in a cave under the house and when driven out by water they had dug another cave a few feet away.

"Is that a still?" was the astonished query of one of the men when the officers arrested them.

LaFrance Conviction Doubtful

Gene LaFrance, cook at Coaledo, who claimed that a bottle of liquor for the possession of which another man was being tried, was his, is now claiming exemption from penalty on the grounds that the state law provides that no one is excused from testifying because he might be incriminating himself, but that no subsequent prosecution can be maintained as a result of his own testimony. Justice Stanley yesterday gave La France's attorney and the state a few days to submit briefs on the question, before passing judgment on La France.

Indians Claim Hunting Rights

Mark Mecum and C. E. Ned, half-breed Indians at Bullards, who were arrested for possession of deer meat three weeks ago, stood trial in Justice Stanley's court yesterday. Their claim of not guilty was based on the state's treaty with many Indian tribes that they should not be deprived of any and all fishing and hunting privileges.

The judge found them guilty and fined them \$25 each. They expressed their intention to make a test case by appealing to the circuit court.

Young Hounds Tree Wild Cat

Jesse Robison, at Fiehrtrap, has a mighty good pack of hounds according to reports which reach this office. Not long ago one of his young hounds treed a 48-inch wild cat. Recently two of his youngest dogs, both six months old, went out on their own and treed a bob-cat which Jesse later shot out of the tree.

High School Games This Week

Coos River High plays Coquille High at the Community Buildings here tomorrow night. The visitors have a very good quintet for a small school. Tonight Coquille plays North Bend over at the Bay.

First Cauliflower on the Market

Stewart Norton last Saturday brought in from his place on the highway seven head of broccoli which weighed 35 pounds. This is the first to be seen in the market of the local crop. Stewart says he has a thousand plants all bearing.

Camp to Close for Five Weeks

According to notices posted at the camp on Cunningham, the Coos Bay Logging Co. will shut down Saturday night for five weeks. This order affects new camp 3, where about 300 men are employed, but does not affect old 3 where 30 are to continue at work. It was stated that it would open Feb. 28.

The only other camp to continue running is the small one on Yellow creek, which is producing cedar.

With the heavy rains this winter all logs on the Coquille river and its forks have come out and the boom on the bay is crowded to the limit with between 40 and 60 million feet of fir. When that surplus is cut down it is expected that the camps will open with full crews again.

Aasen Mill to Re-open

Hagqvist and Bjorqvist, who purchased from Messrs. J. E. Norton and C. T. Skeels the donkey engines, mogul and timber at the old Aasen camp, have also leased the mill at Norway and are now having the boilers reset preparing to start both camp and mill at once.

Jno. L. Aasen is associated with the two Bay men and he has been in Portland this week securing orders on which the mill can begin operations.

It will be known as the York Lumber Co.

MRS. HOMER C. GANT PASSES

Orvin T. Gant received word Monday evening from San Diego, Calif., that Mrs. Homer C. Gant had died there at 4:30 that afternoon. The funeral is to be held at Chehalis, Wash., near Mrs. Gant's former home.

Mrs. Gant, whose maiden name was Helen Nelson, was born at Doty, Wash., about 23 years ago. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nelson. She attended O. A. C. at Corvallis, where she met Mr. Gant, who was attending the university.

They were married Aug. 19, 1925, and came here, where Mr. Gant is engaged in the mercantile business, to make their home.

Within four months of their marriage the doctors informed that she was threatened with tuberculosis. A year ago last December she went to southern California with her mother in hopes that the climate there would be beneficial, but she gradually became weaker, and passed away Monday.

Beside her husband, father and mother, she leaves one brother to mourn her loss. Although Mrs. Gant was in Coquille but a short time she made many friends who sincerely regret her untimely death.

Mr. Gant has the sympathy of all who know him in his bereavement.

Were Acquitted by a Jury

The case of the Fat Elk Duck Club against Howard Pointer and Byrd Nostler for trespassing was heard in Justice Stanley's court Wednesday afternoon and resulted in an acquittal by the jury. Jas. T. Brand represented the defendants.

The trespassing occurred during high water when the two men were hunting ducks from a boat.

The two men swore that J. W. Miller had given them permission to hunt there. Mr. Miller's testimony was that there had been a misunderstanding. He did not understand that they were planning to go on to or over the Russ lands and made the remark, "Well, you're welcome to all the ducks you can get today."

The club's by-laws showed conclusively that Mr. Miller had no authority to grant them permission, and his testimony was that he had not, however they understood what he did say. Although the club lost its case, it gave evidence that they will permit no trespassing on their preserves.

Coldest Morning of the Winter

Coos county was not touched by the blizzard which swept the northern part of the state Tuesday night and Wednesday, but we did feel its cold breath. The thermometer reached the lowest point this morning for the winter, standing at just under 24 degrees at Vernon Smith's place on Sanford Heights and 26 on the south wall of the First National Bank building.

Yesterday was the last day for 1926 license plates on autos. The owner of any car bearing a tag of last year's vintage is liable to arrest today.

C. C. ARCHIBALD C. OF C. HEAD

Good Attendance and Interesting Program at Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Hotel Wednesday

Fifty members and ten visitors comfortably filled the hotel dining room at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday evening. Manager Lafe Compton surprised his visitors by serving them an elegant chicken dinner and was highly complimented. The chicken feature was the surprise, not the elegant dinner.

The Jenny Lind Sextette furnished the evening's music, putting to shame the Canaries, who did not warble a note. The ladies are always assured a hearty reception and their offerings are always in keeping with the occasion, and delightful.

The officers elected were: C. C. Archibald, president; J. L. Smith, vice president; F. G. Leslie, treasurer; Lyman Carrier, C. C. Farr, J. A. Lamb, J. E. Norton, O. C. Sanford, C. T. Skeels and H. A. Young, directors.

There were two ties in the vote cast, Mr. Archibald and J. L. Stevens receiving 25 votes apiece for president. The former was declared elected when he chose "tails" on the coin that O. C. Sanford flipped.

C. T. Skeels was the winner of the three card draw for director. Mr. Skeels, J. P. Beyers and Chas. Gardner had 19 votes apiece.

Following is the vote:

C. C. Archibald, 25
President
J. L. Stevens, 25
Vice President

Treasurer
F. G. Hudson, 10
F. G. Leslie, 37
L. H. Hazard, 2

Directors
J. P. Beyers, 19
Geo. W. Bryant, 12
Lyman Carrier, 29
C. C. Farr, 22
H. C. Gant, 18
Chas. Gardner, 19
J. W. Laird, 18
J. A. Lamb, 28
G. E. Low, 5
J. W. Miller, 13
J. E. Norton, 29
S. M. Nozler, 10
Geo. Oerding, 13
Otto Pollary, 3
F. A. Pook, 3
C. A. Rietman, 12
O. C. Sanford, 24
C. T. Skeels, 19
Fred Wimer, 17
H. A. Young, 31
Wm. Zosel, 9

Jas. Watson, acting as secretary, read the annual report of the treasurer and secretary, which agreed, showing cash on hand, Jan. 20, 1926, \$241.74; receipts for year, \$1,215.50; expenditures, \$1,418.14. Balance on hand, \$39.10.

Expressions of sympathy and hopes for an early recovery of the Chamber secretary, Ned C. Kelley, were voiced in a resolution adopted.

The first speaker on the program was C. R. Richards, county agent, who took the history of the American flag for his subject. Delving into ancient history, he stated that flags originally bore birds and animals as emblems. The first flag of the United States, adopted in 1777, is one of the oldest national flags now in use, although our nation is one of the youngest in the world. The blue field of this country's flag originally contained the St. George and St. Andrew crosses combined, similar to the present British flag. Mr. Richards illustrated his remarks with card and board drawings of the banners he mentioned, and his talk mentioned many facts with which his hearers were unacquainted.

Jas. T. Brand, of Marshfield, was requested to address the club and told of his fear, as the dinner was being served, of having accidentally stumbled into the "Fat Duck Elk Club" banquet for an instant having mistaken the chicken for duck.

He dealt to a great extent on the needed co-operation of Chamber bodies in the county. Touching on the "back alley" episode in connection with the South Slough-Bastendorff Beach road, he declared that the road interests of Coquille and Marshfield were almost identical, and trusted that no one imagined for a moment that the Roosevelt highway between Marshfield and Bandon, through Coquille, was referred to as a "back alley."

"Marshfield is working in harmony with Coquille," Mr. Brand declared, "and united we stand—divided, we fall."

Supt. L. A. Parr in an interesting talk, stated that the school officers appreciated the support given by Coquille's civic bodies. One instance is that of the new Lincoln school, which now provides room for every pupil without the use of basement or outside buildings.

"If the city continues to grow another building will be needed before many years," was his forward looking thought.

He complimented this year's corps of teachers as a very efficient body of instructors.

Some time next month, Mr. Parr expects to have an evening session in the Lincoln building at which time all parents, friends and patrons of the school will be invited to visit the several rooms.

He has hopes that Coquille will soon add musical instruction to the curriculum and that vocational training for boys is near at hand. Under the Smith-Hughes Act, manual training can be installed with a few hundred dollars spent for equipment, without additional tax burden, according to the plans now being worked upon. The Smith-Hughes instructor would be permitted to teach three science subjects, plus elements of the fine arts in the high school, while half the new instructor's salary would be paid by the government.

Judge R. H. Mast spoke at some length on the present status of the O. C. refund tangle and declared the judges and commissioners of the 18 counties would not submit to a division with the state, short of a U. S. supreme court decision.

T. J. Flippin and E. W. Murphy, present and past secretaries of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly of their pleasure at being present and of continued interest in all the chamber's activities.

In closing, Mr. Archibald asked for the whole-hearted support of the chamber during the coming year, and A. N. Gould, retiring president, said he had enjoyed the work during the year just closed, and wished the new president and directors success during the coming year.

Attorneys' Election and Banquet

The nineteenth annual session of the Coos County Bar Association was held in Marshfield last Friday. A business session, banquet and program featured the afternoon and evening sessions. Officers elected were:

J. W. McInturf, president.
S. D. Pulford, vice president.
G. Russell Morgan, secretary.
W. U. Douglas, treasurer.
Ben S. Fisher and John D. Goss, with the officers form the executive committee.

Bankers' Annual Meeting

Seventy members of the Coos & Curry Bankers Association were in attendance at their annual meetings in Marshfield Tuesday evening, at which time the following officers were re-elected:

John Ferguson, president.
C. P. Kibler, vice president.
E. M. Bowman, secretary-treasurer.

The following were in attendance from Coquille: L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, C. T. Skeels, E. D. Webb, Jno. E. Ross, J. E. Norton, W. S. Sicksels.

Opened a "Keg of Nails"

Geo. W. Zerr, who came in last Friday from Yreka, Calif., opened a safe for the sheriff which had been closed since before E. P. Ellingsen's death. It contained captured moonshine and Mr. Ellingsen was the only one who had the combination. Mr. Zerr left the first of the week for Portland but expects to return to finish his jail work at Yreka soon.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

Cheap Rate to San Francisco

The Southern Pacific has this week inaugurated a new low fare service between Portland and San Francisco and if it proves as popular as they think it will the schedule will be made permanent. In fact, Mr. L. L. Graham, district traffic agent, who was here Wednesday, says that the time between departing from each end of the route will be cut down as rapidly as the traffic warrants it.

This morning a train left Portland ten minutes after the Shasta, which will arrive in San Francisco in 24 hours. This train carries no Pullmans, but does have reclining chair cars and a diner. The fare each way will be \$15.

Next week a return train will be run at the same fare and the following week one will go south again. To the man who does not object to sitting up one night this service will afford an opportunity for economy in transportation.

Be An Optimist, Jan. 28

Don't fail to "Be an Optimist" and see it at the Liberty Theatre next Friday evening. It's a scream. The cast of the Monotony Killers will be found in the ad on page six.

The show is for the benefit of the Fire Department which certainly deserves the support of all Coquille citizens.

Reserved seats, at 75 cents, on sale at the Rainbow.

F. & M. BANK HAS A GOOD YEAR

The same directorate—Jno. E. Ross, J. E. Norton, C. J. Fuhrman and J. W. Miller—was elected at the annual meeting of the F. & M. Bank Thursday.

The officers were also re-elected by the directors as follows:

J. E. Norton, president.
C. J. Fuhrman, vice president.
J. E. Ross, cashier.
W. S. Sicksels and Edna Robison, assistant cashiers.

A noteworthy item connected with the annual report is the fact that the volume of business done by the bank during the past year maintained a higher level than at any other time in its history. This meant a very satisfactory increase in the undivided profits after declaring the annual dividend.

Another fact pleasing to the stockholders, was the report on the large number of unsolicited new accounts which had been opened during 1926.

The gradual increase in the savings account was another point of gratification to the officers and stockholders. It has reached a higher level than ever before.

Mr. Ross stated this morning that the bank was very grateful for the confidence of the public as shown by the increasing commercial and savings business.

Library Well Patronized

That the public appreciate the library being open every afternoon and evening is evident from the number of people who now visit it regularly. During the last six months 4,109 books have been read, 2,982 being read by adults and 1,127 by children. Fiction leads in both cases.

Magazines loaned were, adults 266, and children 71. These magazines may be kept for one week.

The largest day's circulation during the six months was 24 and the smallest 14. There have been 101 books added by the association and 446 by gift, making 547 added during the six months. There are a total of 2368 books in the library at present.

The report for December shows 662 books issued and 41 magazines, 115 books added by gift. Fines collected \$13.24. Rental on new books \$4.58. Come visit the library and take books home or enjoy them in our comfortable reading room, where all the latest magazines and papers are available, as well as a good selection of books.

Colored Lady Selling Beer

Margaret Lammey, a colored woman living in the Oerding Apartments on Henry street, was arrested last evening by Deputy Sheriff Oemund, for possession of beer. They found five cases. The officers says she has been selling it for some time.

One pleasant day a week is about as much as we have reason to expect in Coos county at this season, though we anticipate many more in February.

COUNCIL IS BUSY

Many Matters of City Welfare Discussed and Acted Upon Monday Evening

The differences of opinion which arose at the council meeting two weeks ago were amicably adjusted last Monday evening when H. T. Wimer stated that the councilmen were all of the opinion that Geo. H. Chaney should continue to fill the chairmanship of the street committee as he had so ably done the preceding two years. Mayor Skeels thereupon acceded to the council's desires.

The petition for a light at the corner of Sixth and Elliott streets, one block west of the Mintony place, was referred to the light committee.

Councilman Chaney reported the closing of the east end of the First street bridge for repairs. New underpinning and mudsills at that end, and new decking, he estimated would cost between \$75 and \$100.

Mr. Chaney also reported that he had requested suggestions from Hans Gisholt as to what could be done with the Henry street bridge. After a thorough investigation, Mr. Gisholt recommended that a laminated decking of 2x4 fir timber be used.

Mr. Chaney estimated that by substituting fir for cedar in the decking that possibly \$1500 could be saved and that the whole surface could then be coated with black top dressing and still remain within the engineer's estimate of \$5,000.

City Engineer Vinton has written to the State Highway Department to ascertain if 2x4 timbers would be strong enough for such a bridge. Mr. Vinton was of the opinion that such lumber was as heavy as a bridge of that type would support.

The sink hole under the Train building, which drains several lots between Front and First street and which has no outlet since the street was filled there, came up for discussion. Mr. Train's suggestion that a pipe could be driven through the bottom of the fill and thus permit his pond to reach the sewer was deemed feasible and the city engineer was instructed to prepare an estimate of the probable cost and ascertain what lots should help pay for the drain.

The bond of City Treasurer Sanford, in the amount of \$2,000, with L. H. Hazard and A. J. Sherwood as sureties was approved. An oversight at the preceding meeting was corrected when the salary of the city treasurer was fixed at \$350 per annum, \$150 from the water fund and \$200 from the general fund. It is the same salary as for two years past.

Also the bond of Frank Dungey, \$500, with S. V. Epperson as surety, was approved.

Before granting the petition of W. W. Tighman for a pool hall license, the members of the council ordered that he be notified that his license to operate would be revoked unless he kept boys under age out of his place. The surties on his bond were W. C. Jones and C. A. Gage.

Councilman Opperman suggested that the council should adopt by ordinance a standard form of specifications for street work, as to width, curb, etc., but some objection was raised to putting more ordinances on the book. The councilmen seemed to be agreed, however, that no hard surfaced pavement should henceforth be installed of a less width than 24 feet.

Chas. A. Gardner, fire chief, asked the council for support of the fire department in their efforts to lower insurance rates in Coquille. He referred particularly to the action taken six months ago when the old building between the Brandon and the Trott Building on Front street was ordered torn down. The building still stands and is now occupied. The council promised to take further action at its next meeting.

Adjournment was taken until next Monday when the Henry and Coulter streets assessments will be up for hearing.

Let Contract for Warehouse

Farr & Elwood let a contract this week for their \$5,000 warehouse which will be built in Marshfield, between Broadway and the S. P. tracks, within 60 days. The building will be 60x200 feet, covered with corrugated iron. Emil Styris will put the building up.

The fourth annual banquet of the Fat Elk Duck Club is to be held at the hotel this evening. Applications for tickets by the members indicate that the dining room will be crowded.