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CORN SHOW OFF

At Dr. Drake's Request Annual Festival Abandoned for This Year

Coquille will have no Corn Show this year.

This decision was reached Wednesday evening by the Chamber of Commerce after Dr. P. M. Drake, county health officer, had recommended its postponement for the present at least. The doctor stated that he disliked to become a Coos joy killer, but it was his duty to urge against a gathering of people from so many sections as would attend the Corn Show.

Three more cases of infantile paralysis at the Bay and two more suspicious cases there, convinced him that the holding of the Corn Show would be inadvisable. He stated that there have been eleven cases in the county since July 28, and the six now afflicted are the most at any one time afflicted are the most at any one time.

Several of the chamber members spoke in favor of abandoning the Corn Show this year, the idea being that the annual event would not be worth the death or crippling of one child, and that criticism would be well deserved should an epidemic follow.

Mayor Skeels also pointed out that nearby communities, which always take a great interest in the Corn Show, were unwilling to attend this year, in view of the paralysis already in existence in the county.

It was voted that all donations made for the Corn Show should be returned by E. D. Webb, treasurer of the finance committee.

Lyman Carrier made the principal talk of the evening, devoting his attention to the early history of fairs, which he declared have done much for the agricultural development of the United States.

Originally a religious festival 1,000 years ago, the fair has gradually become an exhibition place for agricultural products and livestock; its development along this line being started in this country.

The first fair in the United States was held at Georgetown, D. C., in 1804, and the first public money offered as prizes for fair exhibits was by the New York legislature in 1819.

County Agent Harvey S. Hale stated that all space for county exhibits at the Pacific International had been exhausted before Coos county's application was made and that this county could not have a display at Portland week after next.

W. H. Gray and J. E. Harber, recent arrivals from Libby, Mont., and who have purchased an interest in the Title Guaranty & Abstract Co. here, made interesting talks and were warmly greeted.

Can't Get News Straight

It is strange the amount of misinformation the youthful reporters for the Coos Bay dailies pick up in Coquille. Last night's News under a Coquille date line says that the Corn Show "has been indefinitely postponed in an effort to stamp out the infantile paralysis epidemic in this section of Coos county."

Practically all the cases in Coos county are on the Bay. There has not been a single case of the disease in Coquille and only one in this section, and that little fellow has nearly recovered.

It's bad enough to have the Coquille items so garbled that a wrong impression is given, but when Coquille is given credit for the epidemic prevailing in Marshfield and North Bend, it is time the managers of those papers were given to understand that Coquille resents these underhand thrusts.

Wheel Came Off the Truck

A Musson truck from Marshfield, driven by Clarence Miller, picked out a good place for a wheel to come off about 6:30 Tuesday evening. Coming around the Fuhrman Pharmacy corner the left front spindle snapped and the truck ran 20 or 25 feet before being stopped at the Farmers & Merchants Bank corner. No one was hurt.

Coquille at Bandon Tomorrow

Coquille High meets Bandon High school down by the sea tomorrow, and from past performances the seaside boys are due to win. After winning from North Bend last week the Bandon team looms up as one of the strongest competitors for championship honors.

Secure Refunds from E. D. Webb

Following the decision by the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening to call off the 1927 Corn Show, and to return all contributions paid by donors to the Corn Show fund, the Finance Committee asks that everyone who made a cash contribution, or purchased a ticket to the Corn Show dance tomorrow evening, call on E. D. Webb at the First National Bank and receive the amount they subscribed or paid.

The Professional & Business Women's Club, which was sponsoring the Queen contest, makes the same request—that those purchasing votes apply for a return of the money paid at the place where the votes were secured.

Anything not so returned will be placed in a separate fund for next year's Corn Carnival, but it is preferred that every one receive his or her money back.

Hair Cuts Back to 50c

Back to the old price of 50 cents for a hair cut and 25 cents for a shave was the decision of the Coos county barbers last Friday. In Coquille they went even farther and reduced the price of ladies' hair cuts to 50 cents, where it had been 75 cents before, even before the general raise.

H. E. HESS REPORTS ON FAIR

At the conclusion of Henry E. Hess' report on this year's Coos & Curry county fair to the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening, he was unanimously re-elected as that body's representative on the fair board.

Mr. Hess made an earnest plea for greater co-operation on the part of Coquille and the other towns in the county in making the fair a greater success in the future than it was this year and declared that if this city could put half the enthusiasm into boosting the fair that was put into making the Corn Show a success, the fair could be made the best in the entire state.

Depreciating remarks by others that he was the man who brought the C. & C. fair up to a higher standard when it was in the slough of despond, Mr. Hess paid a fine tribute to L. H. Pearce and Harold Adams, president and secretary of the fair association this year, and stated that Mr. Pearce, more than anyone else, was responsible for the successful 1927 fair.

His report showed that approximately \$1400 was received this year from the dance at the Oaks Pavilion; \$3200 from gate and grand stand admissions and \$1200 from concessions.

Besides paying every bill contracted this year, the association paid all premiums, spent \$750 for building improvements and land, and paid off \$950 on two notes. The association indebtedness is now reduced to \$5500, part of which is a mortgage. And this showing was made despite the fact that all state appropriations for fairs were cut off this year.

Fire Destroys Barn and Contents

Fire of unknown origin destroyed one barn on the C. J. Elwood place, a mile from the forks of the road on the Fat Elk road Wednesday evening, between eight and nine o'clock. The fire started in the hay mow in the north end and without any help, J. D. Avery, who lives there, was unable to save anything so quickly did the flames spread. He had finished milking about seven o'clock and had gone to bed when his wife discovered the fire.

The barn was valued at \$1500 and carried \$1000 insurance.

Mr. Avery estimates his loss on contents at \$1600, with \$500 insurance. He had just cancelled a \$1250 policy a few days before, but after putting 125 sacks of barley, which he was unable to get into the granary Wednesday, he decided that evening to have the policy renewed the next day. There was no livestock in the barn.

No one had been seen around the barn and Mr. Avery has no idea how it started. The barn and everything in it was destroyed.

Red Faust Here for Trial

The case against J. O. Faust, charged with crowding F. G. Leslie off the Arago road near Halls creek last summer, and wrecking his car, is being heard by a jury in Justice J. J. Stanley's court this afternoon.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

TIME TO PAY NOW

Four Improvement Project Assessments Levied by Council Monday Evening

All members of the city council were present Monday evening for the regular session of the city's legislative body and for the meeting of the budget committee later.

Four ordinances, levying assessments for street work, totalling \$40,109.57, were passed, and the property owners have thirty days, or until November 21, to either pay the assessments or take advantage of the bonding act.

The largest, of course, was the Second, Third, Heath, Beech, Collier, Division and Maple streets improvement, which is assessed against the property benefited at \$38,173.23. No protest was filed against this assessment, except one, which the council overruled.

For the Willard street graveling improvement, the assessment is \$23,50. No protest.

For the Henry grading improvement, between First and Sherwood streets, the assessment is \$419.75. No protest.

For the Train Basement Drain the adjoining property is assessed \$593.09. No protest was made at this session of the council, and the verbal objections, made at a previous meeting, were overruled.

For the improvement petitioned for on Heath street, adjoining the Williams addition in the north part of town, the council instructed the city recorder to notify Ralph Williams, of Marshfield, that the plans and specifications were prepared and that bids for grading and graveling would be called for as soon as a \$500 bond was filed with the city to insure payment for the job.

The United Contracting Co. was notified that the payment on Spurgeon street was not standing up in place, the supposition being that the company would repair it. The pavement was laid two years ago.

The property owners on Henry street were given notice to build walks from the Henry street bridge to Tenth street according to the plans and specifications prepared by the city engineer. Some opposition toward permitting wooden walks was expressed, it being felt that a step backward, to wood, would be a mistake, but after a general discussion it was decided to leave it to the property owners as to what kind of a walk they should lay.

The city engineer was instructed to give E. H. Fish a permanent grade for the sidewalk he wishes to lay on the east side of Henry street.

Mayor Skeels and A. O. Walker were requested to interview the county court and see if the county road from the end of Second street to the city dump could not be gravelled this fall so as to permit Coquille to dispose of its garbage all winter.

Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

Mrs. Mary E. Goodman, who has lived in Coquille since 1889 and in southwestern Oregon since 1890, celebrated her 90th birthday at her home on the Fairview road yesterday. While not able to walk far, Mrs. Goodman is in very good health and is enjoying life.

Her husband John P. Goodman, who died twenty years ago, was one of the early light house assistants at Cape Blanco. They also lived on a ranch on Hall's creek and on a part of what is now the Russ tract across the river but for the past 38 years Mrs. Goodman has lived in Coquille.

Her seven children are Mrs. J. J. Stanley, Carl Goodman, M. M. Goodman, and George Goodman, of Coquille; Cassius Goodman, of Prosper; Mrs. Upton, of Centralia, Wash.; and L. L. Goodman, of Bandon.

Held for Government Officers

Noian Bowman was arrested by Deputy Frank Osmond yesterday below Bandon and is being held for federal officials. He was arrested here September 21 for theft of a tire, and being under age was paroled by the juvenile court to his mother. It now appears that he and a fellow named Floyd Elliott stole a car in California, drove up here and after the tire theft Elliott started east. He was arrested and is being held in Denver, Colorado, and apparently connected Bowman with the theft.

THE CITY BUDGET

\$18,695 to Be Raised by Special Tax--6 Per Cent More Than Last Year

The only difference of opinion which arose at the meeting of the budget committee Monday evening was over the question whether it was necessary to employ a police officer during the day and relieve the street commissioner of his duties as deputy marshal.

Councilman Chaney held the belief that an officer was not needed during the day and the \$1200 budgeted for that purpose was not necessary. In this he was opposed by Mayor Skeels and several of the councilmen and the vote on that item was carried by one majority—seven for and six against employing an additional officer.

It was pointed out that with the street commissioner relieved of police work, he would have more time to assist the water superintendent when help was needed in the water department, and that a saving would be effected thereby which would go a long way toward paying the additional salary.

It was also announced by Mayor Skeels that he hoped to see a considerable saving in city expenses next year by the enforcement of a rule which forbids city employees from purchasing supplies or employing extra help without the O. K. of the committee, chairman of the council under whose jurisdiction such matters would come.

The only other increase of any amount over the 1927 budget was for the Coquille Library. Next year the city will support that essential of a progressive city at the rate of \$75 a month, instead of the \$50 a month which has been the rule this year.

The budget formulated by the committee appears on page nine of this issue. It provides for expenditures of \$6490 for personal services from the general fund; \$3750 for lights, power, phones, stationery, notices, fuel and supplies; \$400 for engineering; \$2720 for streets, bridges and wharves; \$500 for city hall repairs; \$400 for the fire department; \$3915.84 for interest and retirement of indebtedness; \$150 for elections; \$900 for the library; \$500 for garbage removal workmen's compensation and other items; \$100 for emergency; and a total of \$21,685.84.

From this is deducted estimated receipts of \$2720 from district road tax, rent, licenses, fines and miscellaneous, leaving a balance of \$18,965.84 to be raised by special tax. This is 6 per cent more than was budgeted last fall for this year's expenses.

"Lighthouse Naa" Tonight

That comedy-drama, "Lighthouse Naa" presented at the Liberty Theatre this evening by the Monotony Killers, for the benefit of the Corn Show, is one of the best plays ever staged by that dramatic organization. Full of humorous situations, pep and life, it is bound to be a winner. Tracy Leach, who directed the last performance of the Monotony Killers, is also director of this show and is a guarantee of a well-presented show.

The members of the cast are: Lighthouse Naa—Ula Leach, Captain Buzzer—Geo. O. Leach, Ma Buzzer—Clare Bean, Ned Buzzer—Ralph Noah, "Injun" Jim—Rollo Saylor, Arthur Chumley Choike—Clarence Bean, Sarah Chumley Choike—Gertrude Lorens, Mr. Enlow—E. L. Vinton, Hortense Enlow—Blythe Cousins.

M. W. A. Meet Tonight

A Modern Woodman of America county meeting is to be held in K. P. hall here this evening, with all five camps in the county present. There is to be a large class initiated and a banquet and social hour will follow the ceremonies. State Deputy Johnson S. Smith, of Portland, and District Deputy J. E. Walker, of Ashland, are here for the meeting.

New Circuit Court Bailiff

C. C. Evland was appointed Wednesday by Judge Jas. T. Brand as Circuit court bailiff, succeeding Jas. T. Nessler who is not sufficiently recovered from his attack last spring to fill the duties of the office which he has held for so many years.

Water Tests Still Not Good

The last report on the condition of the water in the well drilled by W. F. Kernin for the city still shows that the water is polluted by human contamination, although it shows less bacilli since the concrete coat was placed around the pipe in an effort to shut out the sewage.

Dr. P. M. Drake, city health officer, now gives as his opinion that it will be impossible to completely shut off the contamination from the hill above, and that was the opinion of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, who made a short call in Coquille last Saturday.

It is reported that Mr. Kernin has received more unfavorable reports from an analysis of samples he sent for testing to a private laboratory, but we have been unable to have this statement confirmed by Mr. Kernin who is not here now.

Library Receives \$75

The Coquille Library association received a gift of seventy-five dollars this week from Mrs. Joseph Harville from the proceeds of the Extravaganza she put on here in August. The Library board wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Harville and the caste of the Extravaganza for the generous donation and their untiring efforts in working for such a worthy cause.

NO CLEW TO LIBERTY THIEF

The sheriff's force has found no clue as to who perpetrated the robbery of the Liberty Theatre safe early last Monday morning when \$400 in cash and a few checks were stolen.

The thieves evidently knew the Mr. Gage was in the habit of leaving his Saturday and Sunday night receipts in the safe, and this time there happened to be the receipts for four nights in the safe.

A peavy, taken from the Mt. Stater Power Co. lot, was used to pry off the combination knob. And the burglar or burglars were smart enough to slip the lever just far enough back to throw the bolts and not far enough to allow the bar to drop in the slots and lock.

A wedge and axe, from the basement of the theatre, were used to pry open the inner door.

Mr. Gage says he made a personal inspection of the theatre just before going home at midnight Sunday, and is convinced that every door and window was locked, but he, of course is not certain that some one was no hiding in the theatre. It was about 12:15 when he and Wm. Zosel went home together.

A couple of young men were held for questioning Monday evening but were released Tuesday as the officers had nothing to connect them with the burglary.

Boy Knocked Down by Car

Two Portland ladies, M. G. Lewis and Jans Nonamaker, were given a bad scare, and the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Garbenson was lucky to escape serious injury Tuesday morning when he ran out from in front of the City Cleaners car standing in front of Richardson's Garage on First street and directly into the Ford driven by the ladies. They had no chance to stop or swerve, but fortunately the fender caught the boy on the cheek, knocking him down but to one side, so that the car did not pass over him. He was unconscious when picked up by J. A. Fitzpatrick and W. B. Farmer, but Dr. Richmond, who was called, found he was not seriously hurt.

Baker-Oerding

Miss Alice Mae Oerding, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oerding was united in marriage at 6:30 last evening to Louis Robert Baker at the bride's home on the Marshfield highway. Rev. W. S. Smith performed the ceremony and the happy couple left at once for Roseburg and went from there to Portland for a few days. The immediate family and a few guests were present.

The bride has lived in Coquille for the greater part of her life and is most favorably known by a wide circle of friends who unite in wishing her happiness. The groom has lived in Bandon and Coquille for a number of years and is now employed at the E. E. Johnson mill.

The Oregon Farmer can now be secured in connection with the Sentinel for 25 cents a year; 25 copies a year.

O. A. MINTONYE

Passes Away at Salem Hospital Wednesday Following An Operation

Oscar A. Mintonye, a resident of Coquille and vicinity for the past 18 years, passed away at Williamette Sanitarium in Salem Wednesday morning, following an operation for tumor of the kidney. He had been troubled for some time, but when he was in Salem in August the doctors found no indication of the tumor and state that the large proportion it had assumed was of recent growth. He had requested his wife and daughter, Clarabelle, and son, Guy, to come to Salem, and went to the operating room without a tremble, knowing the chances of surviving the ordeal were slight. The operation was successful, but his weakened condition could not withstand the shock. Blood transfusion before the operation did not give him the needed strength and he passed away within an hour without coming out from under the anaesthetic. He had been in Salem since a week ago Tuesday.

The funeral services, at the Ellingson Chapel at two o'clock this afternoon, will be conducted by Rev. S. D. Walter. The Knights of Pythias, of which Mr. Mintonye was a member will have charge of the services at the cemetery and the B. P. O. Elks will furnish the pall bearers.

Mr. Mintonye was born in Fulton county, Ill., Jan. 7, 1871, and was 56 years, 9 months and 12 days of age at the time of his death.

He was married to Fannie R. Prettyman at Peoria, Ill., Aug. 1, 1894.

In 1905 the family moved to Helena, Montana. In 1907 they came to Jackson county, Oregon, and to Coos county in 1909.

Mr. Mintonye was a farmer and rancher most of his life, until recent years after he sold his ranch just outside of Coquille on the Marshfield highway.

Besides his wife he is survived by nine children—Clare J., of Coos river; Amy and Guy, of Marshfield; Mrs. Gertrude Mintonye Russell, of Randolph; Clarabelle, student at O. A. C., who came home with her mother yesterday; Elizabeth C., Oscar F., Keith H., and Ross A., who live at home. Also a brother and two sisters who live in the east.

O. A. Mintonye was one of the most kindly of men, a true friend to those to whom he gave friendship, and a loving father and husband. A large number of friends grieve with the stricken family in their loss.

In Criminal Court This Week

The following are the list of indictments returned by the grand jury last Saturday and the disposition of their cases in court this week. There is still one indictment on which service has not yet been returned.

Joe E. Byer, of the life-guard at Charleston, driving while intoxicated. Transferred to naval board for action.

Chester Baker, rape. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the pen for a term not to exceed six years.

Ira Metcalf and Sherman Stage, possession of a still. The former was fined \$750 and given 90 days in jail. Stage was sentenced to six months.

Anderson F. Gates, seduction. Pleading not guilty. Trial date not set.

Chas. Bearss, possession of still. Pleading not guilty.

Archie L. Purser, assault with dangerous weapon at Hoffman bridge. Pleading not guilty.

Dick Bushnell, driving while drunk. Not yet arraigned.

Joe Styman, receiving stolen property. Pleading not guilty.

Grace and George Wilson, receiving stolen property. They will enter pleas Monday morning.

Nate and Clifford Sargent, larceny. They pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to not more than three years in the pen.

Orville Kruse, unlawfully selling securities. Not arraigned.

Starts a \$3600 House

W. R. Rutherford, foreman in charge of construction, began Monday the construction of a \$3600 bungalow on the Williams tract in the north part of the city for Alfred Easton, a plasterer of this city. It will contain six rooms.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.