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WERNICH ON WAY

To Be Here by February 1 to Reopen the Sitka Mill

In some quarters hope for the reopening of the Sitka mill, just below Coquille, had almost been abandoned, but a letter from Geo. Finley, in Portland, to John L. Aasen here, gives assurance that affairs are progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Finley is one of the incorporators of the Wernich-Finley Lumber Co., which will operate the mill. His letter stated that Mr. Wernich left Philadelphia, Penn., as soon as his resignation became effective, Jan. 1. He was unable to leave until his successor was on the job.

With his family Mr. Wernich is coming west by auto and is expected in Portland some time between Jan. 12 and Jan. 20.

There are still details of the organization to be completed in Portland, but Mr. Finley writes that they will be down here about February 1, to begin making the needed repairs and getting ready to operate.

With the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., plant in operation shortly, and the old Sitka reopened, Coquille is assured of a larger industrial payroll than at any time since the war, with prospects of still more employment in the not distant future.

Could we have definite assurance that the Johnson, or McCarthy mill, would resume operations this summer, Coquille would begin to believe that all its dreams are coming true.

W. S. Sickels Elected Cashier

The annual meeting of the Farmers & Merchants Bank yesterday resulted in one change in the official roster of that financial institution, when Walter S. Sickels, who has been assistant cashier for several years, was advanced to the post of cashier. J. E. Ross, who has held the combined position of president-cashier for a year or two, continues as president of the bank. Miss Edna Robison was re-elected assistant cashier.

The stockholders' meeting, which preceded that of the directors, elected the same board of directors who have served the past year—J. E. Ross, C. J. Fuhrman and Lyman Carrier.

In commenting on the bank's affairs, Mr. Ross says that the business in 1928 was very gratifying and highly satisfactory and that the bank is in an excellent condition. He anticipates an increased volume for 1929. The usual dividend was declared.

Swift Paid 60 Cents in Nov.

Last week the Sentinel printed the butterfat prices paid in November in Humboldt county and by two factories in Coos county. Mr. C. T. Selbig, manager of the Swift & Co. plant here, was in Portland when that company was asked what it paid and the information given was incorrect. Mr. Selbig this week tells us that the company paid the same for both November and December—60 cents. This is the same that the California creameries paid, figuring skim milk at 5 cents—and 2 cents more than the other plant whose price was quoted.

Improving Court House Yard

J. D. Bergen, of the Marshfield Florist Shop, has been busy for some time planting shrubs around the lattice work on the north and east sides of the court house and it is beginning to look very attractive. The Coquille Woman's Club feels very grateful to Mr. Bergen who has planted a great many more shrubs than the \$150 appropriated by the county court would have provided. The new county court has also presented the club with \$50 which will be expended in beautifying the south entrance to the court house grounds.

Library Election Jan. 14

The annual election of the Coquille Library Association will be held in the library room next Monday, January 14th, at 7:30 p. m. All persons interested in the library and all patrons of the library are urged to attend this meeting, as there are important matters to be discussed.

Bertha J. Smith, Sec'y.

Offer Cup for Perfect Mouths

The Chamber of Commerce directors have decided to offer a cup, at the request of the county health department, to the room in the Coquille grade schools showing the highest percentage of good mouths, from the viewpoint of teeth.

First National Re-elects Officers

The First National Bank held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday evening and re-elected the same board of directors—A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, E. D. Webb, C. T. Skeels and R. C. Dement—as have been acting. In its session the board of directors renamed the same officials who have served for the past year: Mr. Sherwood, president; Mr. Hazard, vice president and manager; Mr. Sanford, vice president; E. D. Webb, cashier; and Bess Maury, assistant cashier. The bank's affairs are in a very satisfactory condition, with deposits \$54,000 more than they were a year ago.

Distributing Half Million Fish

The state fish truck came in Wednesday with 15,000 Eastern brook trout fry from the Roaring river hatchery. These fingerlings came through in good shape, not a dead one being found in the lot. They were liberated in the East Fork.

Yesterday morning the truck began delivery of 400,000 fry from the Bandon hatchery. They will be liberated in all fishing streams over Coos and Curry counties. Rainbow, cutthroat and silverides are included in the fish from the Bandon hatchery.

J. E. NORTON TO SALEM SUNDAY

Hon. J. E. Norton expects to leave Sunday for Salem to be present at the opening of the legislature Monday.

Mr. Norton says he is going out as a representative from Coos county without any special bills in his grip or any pet schemes for legislation. Being unhampered by any personal axe to grind, Mr. Norton is in an open-minded position which will enable him to give careful attention to the many matters which are to come up at this session. Laws dealing with the dairy industry appear to be one item in which Coos county is vitally interested and our representative will be acute to such matter as are of importance to Coos.

He has not had any positive information as to committee assignments, but it is to be hoped that his wide experience on road matters will secure him a place on the highways committee, and those who know him best here are positive that Speaker-to-be Hamilton could make no better assignment than that of chairman of this important committee.

State Superintendent C. A. Howard is reported to be desirous of having Mr. Norton appointed on the house education committee, also.

Fishtrap Drainage District

The Fishtrap Drainage District, which includes a little more than 270 acres in that section, has been completely organized and at a meeting of the directors last week it was decided to dig the drainage ditch and install the tide gate as early next summer as weather permits. The ditch is not a part of Fishtrap creek, but at one point the creek will be carried over the ditch by flume. The tide gate will be located on the C. A. Keltner ranch near the river.

Mr. Keltner is president of the association. M. T. Ghinton and Geo. Hampton are the other directors, and J. J. Stanley is secretary-treasurer.

Dairymen Come Here in 1930

Harvey S. Hale, Alton Kay and Ben Monson returned this morning from attending the dairymen's meeting at Medford, where Mr. Kay and Mr. Monson received certificates from the national dairy association as an award for their herd production. There are other dairymen in the county who will also receive certificates.

Mr. Kay made one of the best and most interesting talks of the sessions.

The 1930 session is to be held in Coquille but Mr. Hale is not sure whether the meeting will be held next winter or the following summer.

Down for Seven Weeks

Notice of the closing of Camps 3 and 6 of the Coos Bay Logging company, and of all their fir camps has been given. The camps will close tomorrow evening until March 4. The camps at Powers will continue their cedar cutting uninterrupted.

C. C. Election Next Wednesday

With a large number of candidates for director of the Chamber of Commerce for 1929, the annual meeting and election will bring a good crowd to the hotel next Wednesday evening. Tickets for the banquet will be on sale the first of next week.

JUST MISSED HIM

Man in Stolen Sedan Almost Runs Over Marshal Howell Last Night

Marshal Howell was nearly run over last evening, about 8:45 by a big Studebaker sedan which roared down Front street and continued to Bandon. The marshal had received a phone call from Myrtle Point to stop the car, but he got to the intersection of Front and Hall streets at the same time the car did and had no chance to stop it.

The sedan was stolen from a lady in Eugene yesterday by a man whom the sheriff of Lane county had been quizzing, and after being turned loose he stole the sedan and left with two companions.

At Roseburg where an attempt was made to stop the car several shots were exchanged between the officers and those in the car and it got so hot that the other two left it.

At Myrtle Point, when the officers attempted to stop him he circled several blocks and finally parked on the hill until the chase died down when he left town.

After leaving here he drove to Bandon where he abandoned the car. He was seen at seven o'clock this morning, but up to the time Deputy Sheriff Osmond left for Bandon at 1:45 this afternoon he had not been captured.

A Dairy Night School

A "Dairy Night School," to be held in the Coquille high school next Thursday, Jan. 17, at 8 p. m., and continuing each Thursday for ten weeks, has been arranged for by O. K. Beals, Smith-Hughes agricultural instructor of the high school.

The school is not to be a lecture course, but will study such problems as will be decided upon by the dairymen at the first meeting. Mr. Beals offers the following suggestions of topics to be considered:

"Feeding grain mixtures with pasture," "Abortion and methods of control," "The stomach of the dairy cow," "Selection and care of the dairy bull," and "Raising calves on milk substitutes."

The school will afford an excellent opportunity for dairymen to learn from the experiences of others how they handled matters pertaining to the industry.

Services at Pioneer Church

A great deal of interest is being shown in the evangelistic meeting at the Pioneer Methodist Church, which Dr. D. L. Coale, of Los Angeles, is conducting. Dr. Coale is one of the outstanding evangelists of our country. Over 2300 young men have given themselves to the work of the ministry through his meetings and almost that many young women have given themselves to special religious work. Many thousands have found Christ under his ministry. He is an eloquent preacher and a man of faith who believes in a living Christ who can save and give men such help as they need now. He has held successful meetings in many of the largest churches in America and it is a great privilege for the people of Coquille to hear such a man.

Glee Club Operetta Jan. 25

On January 25, a combined cast from the high school Boys and Girls Glee Clubs will present "The Love Pirates of Hawaii," at the Liberty Theatre, under the direction of Miss Lucille Hoover, music instructor of the schools. This is a clever little operetta, which is a favorite with glee clubs and has frequently been presented, although not here.

The cast has been working on the operetta for about two months. They will have specially made costumes for the production.

Not Enough Jobs to Go Around

E. Purvance, office manager of the Smith Wood Products Co., has been receiving many applications for positions in the plant during the past week and says it would have to be a good deal larger than it is now if all who applied were employed.

It is thought another ten days will see the machinery installed and the plant ready to begin operations.

Why the Sentinel Is Late

An accident in the press room of the Sentinel this morning delayed the issuing of today's paper for several hours, and those who are accustomed to receive its visits on Friday afternoon will not do so this week until Saturday morning.

THE NEW COUNCIL

The New Council Met Monday, Made Appointments and Heard Complaints

About sixty Coquille citizens were present at the city hall last Monday evening to bid farewell to the outgoing administration and to welcome the incoming.

After the reading of the minutes and the allowing of bills, Mayor Skeels made a short talk. In bringing to a close another episode in the history of Coquille, he thanked one and all for their co-operation in handling city affairs, and named all the city officials. Complimenting Frank Dungey with the statement that the streets have been kept cleaner than ever before and that on only two mornings

has the trash not been hauled from the streets before 8 a. m.; he praised Fire Chief C. W. Gardner as being the head of the best volunteer fire department in Oregon; called attention to the fact that the parks are in better condition than ever before, under the administration of Keith Leslie, chairman of the Park Commission; and said that Marshals Hickam and Bernhardt had enforced the city's laws more rigidly than had been done prior to their term of office.

The retiring mayor said he had served the city seven years, as mayor and councilman, and had he to do it over again he would pursue the same policies.

The council then adjourned sine die, with Messrs. Skeels, Farr, Opperman and Chaney surrendering their seats to Mayor J. A. Berg, Councilmen R. L. Medley, R. A. Jeub and Henry Belloni, all of whom had previously been sworn in.

Mayor Berg thanked the retiring officials for their services, on behalf of the city and congratulated the city on receiving the efficient service they had rendered.

Turning to the new he declared that no better men could have been selected than the six councilmen who comprise the present law-making body.

With the southern section of Coquille well paved and sewerage, he declared that improvement of the north end would receive the attentions of the present body, but declared the water problem was the most important matter they would have to deal with in the next two years. Hoping that the present dam and well would provide sufficient water he declared the river was the only possible source of supply if they did not. An adequate supply is the city's greatest need now.

In recommending large septic tanks, he was moved by the probable state legislation prohibiting the dumping of sewage in the streams of the state.

Concrete only was his recommendation for street improvements.

The mayor declared he had given considerable thought to the several appointments he was going to make and had selected men whom he believed would work and co-operate with him in conducting the city's affairs and asked for their confirmation.

H. T. Wimer was unanimously chosen as chairman of the council.

The following appointments were all promptly confirmed: Marshal—Wm. Howell. Deputy Marshal—Wm. Brown. Water Superintendent—S. V. Epperson.

Treasurer—W. S. Sickels. Attorney—Grant Corby. Engineer—J. Loy Stacer. Street Commissioner—Frank T. Dungey.

Fire Chief—C. W. Gardner. Health Officer—Dr. P. M. Drake. The following committees of the council were also named by the mayor:

Streets—Wimer, Belloni, Medley. Finance—Walker, Jeub, Wimer. Water—Willey, Walker, Jeub. Lights—Medley, Belloni, Wimer. Fire—Belloni, Willey, Medley. Ordinance—Jeub, Walker, Willey. The Coquille Valley Sentinel was made the official city paper for 1929-1930.

The Park and Boxing Commission members were re-appointed.

The bonds of the city employees were made the same as they have been heretofore. Recorder Leslie's bond, with J. S. Lawrence and S. M. Nosler as sureties, was approved.

That of City Treasurer Sickels, in the amount of \$5,000, with J. E. Ross, C. J. Fuhrman and Lyman Carrier as

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To Lay 8-in. Pipe to New Plant

At a short session of the city council last evening it was decided to lay an 8-inch main from the reservoir on the hill to the Smith plant. The line will run through the Sherwood tract, south of Knowlton Heights, the most direct route. The city has on hand 1800 feet of wood pipe and will be required to purchase but 600 feet more of it.

Refusal of the underwriters to approve as sufficient a four-inch line, made necessary the change requested by the Smith Wood-Products Co.

Geo. A. Ulett informed the council that their plans contemplated the use of water for other than fire protection and that the plan would be a regular customer of the water department.

The council also granted permission to the W. O. W. to repair the roof of their building with material approved by the fire chief.

Basketball Season Opens Tonight

Tonight sees the opening of the Class A basketball schedule of the county high schools, with Coquille playing at Myrtle Point, Bandon at Marshfield, and North Bend at Roseburg.

Tomorrow evening will witness two Class B games, Powers at Arago, and Bridge at Coos River.

HE DISCOUNTED A BOGUS CHECK

C. A. Gage swore to a complaint in Justice Stanley's court charging one who signed himself as "J. Smith," with forgery, but the latter has not been apprehended by the officers.

Just about the time Clyde was closing the theatre Saturday night a man whom he had frequently seen around here asked Mr. Gage to cash a check. The name signed to the check was T. Wimer and it was for \$24. Rather than open the safe the theatre proprietor remarked, "Here is \$21 and I will give you the rest tomorrow."

The forger said he wanted to get a room in the Tourist Hotel and departed.

As soon as he stepped out Mr. Gage noted that the endorsement and the face of the check were apparently in the same hand writing.

He then took the check to Mr. Wimer's residence, getting him out of bed, and found that he had never written such a check, nor was it on the bank where he keeps his account.

Mr. Gage then got Marshal Hickam to watch the lodging house where Smith was supposed to be, after learning that he was not in the Tourist Hotel, but evidently the fellow skipped town as soon as he had secured the \$21 for he has not been seen since.

Meeting for Men and Boys

Dr. D. L. Coale announces the following as subjects for three services at the Pioneer M. E. Church Sunday: At 2:30 Sunday afternoon he will preach to men and boys only on the subject, "Some things men and boys should know." It is a mass meeting for all men and boys.

At 11 a. m. his subject will be "The Lost Christ," and at 7:30 he will preach on "Does the Bible Teach a Burning Hell?"

Bank Deposits Larger

The increased business activity in Coquille is shown by the larger bank deposits at the end of last year than there were at the close of 1927.

The report of Dec. 31, 1928, shows deposits of \$844,546.65 in the two local banks, while on the same date of the preceding year they were \$751,992.45, a gain of \$92,554.20.

The First National increase for the year was \$54,823.08 and the Farmers & Merchants' was \$37,731.12.

Figures Misplaced Last Week

A couple of quantity figures given the Sentinel by S. L. Godard, contractor, who built the new battery separator plant, got badly mixed by the time they appeared in print last Friday. The number of 5x7 feet windows in the plant is 200 and the amount of concrete used was 360 yards.

Postal Business Increases

The postal business at the Coquille office was the next largest the office ever did, totalling \$3,970.48. Only the last quarter in 1926 exceeded it.

The total business for the year 1928 was \$12,944.64 as against \$12,871.65 for 1927. The 1926 total exceeded the 1928 figures by \$400.

AT THE AGE OF 91

Mrs. Mary Ellen Goodman Passes Beyond Last Saturday

At the ripe old age of 91 years, Mrs. Mary Ellen Goodman, a pioneer resident of Coquille, passed away last Saturday afternoon at 2:20. Death was due more to the infirmities of old age than to any particular ailment.

She occasionally had smothering spells in recent years and suffered one Friday evening but had apparently rallied from its effects.

Her son, George, who with his family, lived with her, noted that she had been restless during the night and had gotten out of bed several times, but she appeared to be so nearly her normal self Saturday that he had been at his work when summoned to her bedside. Dr. Richmond arrived just prior to George's arrival, but she was beyond the power of medicine.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. D. Walters at the chapel here Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2 p. m., and were attended by a large number of her friends and acquaintances who loved and respected "Aunt Mary." The Relief Corps assisted in the last sad rites and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mary Ellen Ross was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, October 10th, 1837, and died at Coquille, Oregon, January 5, 1929, at the age of 91 years, 2 months, 16 days.

She was married at Springfield, October 18, 1858, to John P. Goodman and to this union seven children were born, all of whom are now living as follows:

Cassius A. Goodman, Carrol C. Goodman and Luther L. Goodman, all now living at Bandon; Milas M. Goodman, George P. Goodman and Carrie B. Stanley, all of Coquille, and Florence M. Upton, of Centralia, Wash.

Mrs. Goodman also left surviving her, sixteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was the last survivor of a family of thirteen children.

Her parents, William and Maria Ross, were Kentuckians of brave and proud old pioneer stock but did not side with the South during the Civil War. Mrs. Goodman's brother, John, served in the Union army, was wounded during a hard fought battle and died after four days in a field hospital.

Mrs. Goodman's husband also fought with the Union army, in the 114th, Ill. Infantry, was wounded and served in three separate southern prisons, 14 months in all, and his honorable discharge is prized very highly by their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman resided near Monticella, in Illinois, until 1878, and six of their children were born there.

In the fall of 1878, they moved to Missouri, where they remained about 18 months, coming to Portland in March of 1880, where they remained until the following Fall and came from there to Coquille and they resided here until their deaths. The husband, John P. Goodman, died in Coquille November 5, 1907. George P. Goodman, the youngest son, was born near Riverton in this county.

Mrs. Goodman was loved and respected by all who knew her and that includes a very wide circle of acquaintances in this vicinity because of her long residence here.

She united with the Methodist Church in infancy and remained steadfast in her faith until the end. She was also a member of the Relief Corps.

Vinton to Open Office Here

E. L. Vinton, who has just completed his sixth year as city engineer of Coquille, has decided to open an office here for the practice of his profession. Mr. Vinton has lived in Coos county for the past eight years and has been a licensed engineer for 17 years. He has been engaged in all kinds of engineering work—municipal, roads and highways, railroad, drainage district, anything requiring surveying or engineering. He is thoroughly competent and expects to perform engineering services wherever called in the county.

Afternoon Delivery by Market

J. L. Stevens has added an afternoon delivery to the service the Peoples Market gives and at present the truck leaves the shop at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Joint Installation Tonight

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will remember the joint installation to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall this evening.