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A. H. POWERS DEAD

Heart Failure When His Car Struck Pole in Southern California the Cause

Albert H. Powers, one of the best known and most prominent timbermen in Coos county for the past 20 years, died suddenly near Indio, in the Imperial Valley, some time yesterday. Details are yet lacking as to time and what caused the accident, but death was caused by heart failure when the car in which he was returning to Indio, struck a telephone pole.

His son, Fred, who had started north yesterday, was stopped between Los Angeles and San Francisco and arrived in Los Angeles this morning.

Funeral arrangements cannot be made here until word from his relatives, but it is expected that the services and interment will be at Marshfield.

Albert Henry Powers, who was born in Ottawa, Canada, was 67 years of age, and had been engaged in logging and lumbering all his life until he sold out to the Coos Bay Logging Co. a couple of years ago. He had practically retired at that time, but was still president of the Powers-Davis Lumber Co.

Mr. Powers was in Coquille two days before Christmas, when he took dinner with his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Berg. He left immediately after that for Indio, where his wife and daughter, Margaret, have been for several months. Indio is a health resort and Mrs. Powers has been under a doctor's care there.

Besides the widow he is survived by six children, two sons and four daughters. Fred and Albert Powers reside in Powers, Mrs. Hazel Bodell, in San Francisco, Mrs. Lucy Dixon in Marshfield, and Mrs. Florence Berg in Coquille. Miss Margaret's home is in Marshfield.

"Uncle Al," as he was known to hundreds of loggers, business and professional men, and friends in southwest Oregon, was for many years the most prominent timberman in southwest Oregon. His logging operations, when he was the head of the Smith-Powers Logging Co., covered all sections of Coos county. Prior to coming to Oregon he had been engaged in the logging business in Minnesota.

Curry Pioneer Passes

John W. McKenzie, pioneer and prominent citizen of northern Curry county, died in Tucson, Ariz., last Sunday afternoon. He had been in Arizona several months for the benefit of his health.

Funeral services were conducted at Port Orford cemetery yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. S. Smith, of this city.

Mr. McKenzie was born Jan. 1, 1865, in Moree, Australia, and lacked but three days of being 65 years of age. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie who settled at the mouth of Elk river soon after their son, John, was born.

The family home there was one of the oldest houses in this part of the state and one interesting event occurring there was the marriage of Joaquin Miller.

John McKenzie, who had never married, is survived by three sisters, Miss Ena McKenzie, of Port Orford, who was with him when he passed away; Mrs. Anna Schuyler, of Lompoc, Calif.; Mrs. Florence Adolphsen, of Port Orford; and two brothers, David and Robert G., of Port Orford.

Mr. McKenzie had been a rancher and stockman all his life. He was an honorable and upright man, highly esteemed by all who knew him and in his passing Curry county loses one of its foremost citizens.

Chiropractor Locates Here

Dr. J. F. Young, a chiropractor who comes here from Newberg, Oregon, has rented the upstairs of Mrs. Ida K. Owens' house at the corner of Second and Moulton street and fitted up an office for the practice of his profession. The doctor's wife is a sister of Mrs. Schofield; her husband, Dr. Schofield, having formerly practiced osteopathy here.

A Pleasant Prospect

John Hickam has an unpleasant two months ahead of him. Due to an injury received from a fall at the mill a year ago this month, the physicians of the State Accident Commission have recommended that he be placed in a plaster cast, from his chest to his knees. Dr. Jas. Richmond will attend him.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

1930 Licenses Are Necessary

Traffic Officer C. C. Williams, in an hour or so here yesterday, ordered the owners of 15 cars to secure temporary licenses from the sheriff's office at once. This caused a rush to secure the temporary permits and 68 were issued by Mrs. Alice Perrott yesterday. Nearly as many were issued on Tuesday, enriching the county funds by more than \$25 for the two days.

At the same time those securing the permits, made application for the six months' license sticker.

The temporary license costs 25 cents.

West Coast Started New Year's

The West Coast Lumber Co. mill, formerly the Wernich-Finley, began operating Wednesday morning with 52 men. If there is anything to the idea of starting the new year right there should be an uninterrupted run and production at the plant during 1936. And continuous operation is what the plans of the West Coast company call for.

The mill started the first day cutting about 60,000 feet and Manager D. D. Hall expects to keep the production up to that figure.

THIRD CAR SKIDS OFF THE BRIDGE

Another miraculous escape from serious injury at the Spurgeon bridge intersection with the highway occurred last Saturday morning. Marion George, driving a new Ford roadster, was the victim this time, and he went through the same hole that two other cars had gone through earlier in the week.

His car skidded to the edge, balanced momentarily, and then took the plunge, landing on its rear end and then turning over with its wheels in the air.

That Mr. George escaped crushing, or even a scratch, is due to the unbreakable windshield of his car which held it up from his body. The car was, of course, dented and mangled somewhat, but he drove it out and back to the highway.

A barricade of timbers, four feet high, has since been bolted to the bridge and makes that turn comparatively safe, although it is still slippery when wet.

Will Install Jan. 7

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters please note that installation of officers will be held at a special meeting called for that purpose on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The change was made because of the first regular meeting night of the month falling on New Year's day, and for the last meeting of the month, Jan. 15, the social committee of the Pythian Sisters has made arrangements for entertainment that will employ the entire evening after a brief business session of each organization.

Members please bear these announcements in mind as no further notice will be made through the press this month.—Press correspondent.

First Street Buildings

Besides the Grimes' building, excavation for which has been completed and the concrete footings poured, two more buildings are practically certain to rise on First street this year. Reference is to the hotel annex and the Odd Fellows building across the street from it. Announcement as to construction dates cannot be made at this time, but there is no doubt that both will appear as part of Coquille's 1936 building program.

To Have Subscription Campaign

Geo. H. Dahl, a subscription solicitor recommended by the State Editorial Association, has been engaged by the Sentinel to work in Coquille and the Coquille valley for the next few weeks and subscribers or those becoming subscribers may rest assured that his calls are authorized and that the Sentinel will back him up in what he says or does.

Men's Bible Class Elects

The Men's Bible Class which meets in the K. P. Hall each Sunday at 9:45 recently elected W. L. Bailey as president; Nile Miller, vice president, and Homer Moore as teacher. The class will continue to meet in K. P. hall. We extend a hearty invitation to the men of the community who have no Bible School preference.

Berg's Offices Closed This Week

The law offices of J. Arthur Berg here will be closed until the first of next week on account of the death of A. H. Powers.

LIGHT CITY GATES

Handsome Markers at Three Entrances Illuminated New Year's Eve

Lights were turned on at each of the three gate post entrances to Coquille Tuesday evening, and the resulting brightness makes the effort and money spent by the Coquille Woman's Club extremely worth while.

The posts are stationed on each side of the highway, near the State Highway shops, a short distance south of the Hall street entrance to the city, and just beyond Tenth street, below the high school building.

The pillars are of concrete, stuccoed, and surmounted with 100-watt lamps, covered by artistic globes, they make a neat and attractive gateway sign. The word "Coquille" will appear on each post when finally completed.

These entrance markers have cost the Woman's Club \$350, and the ladies are to be highly commended for their interest and accomplishment. There are no city entrance markers along the Pacific Highway any nearer or more attractive than the ladies have provided for Coquille.

More Salmon Bootleggers

Acting on telephone information from A. M. Fish who was in Curry county that illegally caught fish were coming up the highway, Deputy Warden C. A. Hearing started south from Bandon, Monday. He met the truck, with T. J. Kirck and A. C. Ingram, of Gold Beach, aboard, but after he had gone on 150 yards to turn around it was a long chase back to Coquille. On account of the curves he could not pass the whizzing truck until he came to the dike between the Fat Elk and the bridge here.

As he drew alongside he sounded his siren, showed his badge and called to the men to stop, but they kept up their furious gate until Mr. Hearing was able to edge over in front and they stopped to prevent an accident. They had 13 salmon aboard.

The men pleaded not guilty in Justice Stanley's court Monday afternoon and their bail was set at \$300 each.

Part of Camp 3 Shut Down

One hundred men were laid off at the Coos Bay Logging Co. Camp 3, when the men returned to work yesterday after the holiday lay-off. This means that operation on two sides has been discontinued, leaving four sides still cutting.

Whether the shut-down is only temporary or is to be permanent, could not be learned from the company's office at the camp.

There is a rumor in Coquille that the action means increased activity at the company's Eden Ridge camp, but this has not been verified.

Others Who Received Gifts

A further report on the Coquille merchants Christmas gift offer shows that Mrs. H. Cooper received the grocery offer of the Busy Corner; J. W. Powell the tire gift from the Coquille Service Station; C. W. Kline the sack of flour given by the Safeway Store; and Mrs. M. H. Wickham the bridge table offered by M. J. Hartson.

F. & M. Bank's Good Gain

The Farmers & Merchants Bank started the new year in a very healthy and satisfactory condition. Increase in total resources since its last report to the state banking department, on October 4, was \$37,152.78. Total resources in the report for December 31 were listed at \$324,073.52.

Odd Fellows to Install Jan. 10

Joint installation by Mamie Rebekah Lodge and Coquille Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be held in the lodge hall next Friday evening, Jan. 10. The meeting will be for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs only. Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies and all members are urged to attend.

Sunshine Garden Club Tomorrow

Due to lack of attendance last Saturday, the annual election of officers of the Sunshine Garden Club was postponed until tomorrow, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock, at the city hall. All interested are requested to be present.

December Fairly Wet

December went a long way toward catching up with the average annual rainfall in this section, with nearly 16 inches of precipitation for the month. This makes the total since Sept. 1, 18 1/2 inches.

BUDGET ADOPTED

And Marshfield Gets "Cut-Off" Road if the \$29,000 Item Is Legal

By a vote of 2 to 1, late Tuesday afternoon, the Coos County Court approved the budget for 1936, and all the facts and figures and oratory, presented in opposition to the Marshfield-Empire cut-off road, went for naught.

On the \$29,000 item for that road the court was divided as it has been so frequently the past year. Jas. T. Jenkins and Wm. Hagge voting to retain it in the budget, and Judge D. F. Thompson voting for its elimination.

The spending of funds for that unnecessary road at the present time is not going to affect any taxpayer to any great extent, but the fact that the expressions of opposition from all sections of the county, expressed at a public hearing, had no weight with the members of the court, or at least with two of them, made the holding of such a hearing a farce.

The repeated declarations by Marshfield supporters that the road would be built, in retrospect makes it plain that they knew what they were talking about.

Opposition to the \$29,000 item was voiced by seven of the ten granges in the county, and by resolutions from the Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers and North Bend Chambers of Commerce.

Practically the whole day Tuesday was devoted to a discussion of the item. Henry Gustafson, R. T. Bourns, J. E. Snyder, J. F. Gardner, Lee Myers, and others spoke against budgeting for the road.

J. W. McInturf was the principal Marshfield proponent to address the meeting, and was followed by J. E. Montgomery, Joe Larson, Ben Ostlund, J. Albert Matson and M. H. Mulloy.

The most enlightening talk of the day was that by Mr. Bourns in which he punctured the Coos Bay Times' wild assertion that Marshfield pays 66 percent of the county's taxes. Taking the official compilation of Assessor J. P. Beyers, Mr. Bourns showed that so far from being 66 per cent, the city of Marshfield pays but 16 per cent, and further declared if all monies used for purely municipal purposes were deducted the Marshfield percentage would be still less than 16.

All of this was not germane to the subject of the need for a cut-off road, but was presented to show the wild flights of fancy and imagination and misstatements into which the Times' writers were led by their enthusiasm for a project which will injure their sister city of North Bend.

The vote on Henry Gustafson's motion to eliminate the \$29,000 item from the budget carried by a small majority, while the vote on the motion to turn down the entire budget carried by a vote of 87 to 72.

Never in the years since the budget system was adopted in Oregon has there been so great an interest at a hearing and the Circuit court room was crowded with men and women whose sole interest lay in the adoption or rejection of that \$29,000 item for a duplicate road.

But the budget has been adopted and the road will probably be built, unless some one can convince a court that a budget item cannot be adopted for a road which has no existence.

The road asked for has never been petitioned for; it has not been surveyed by county officials; nor has it been viewed nor laid out. It has no existence, and it is a serious question whether funds can be budgeted for a proposed road.

The only other item of the budget on which a discussion arose was that of the \$500 increase in funds for the county agent's office which, with Curry county funds, will be used to secure an assistant county agent who will devote half his time to Curry county.

Speaking, he said, for the Coquille Grange of 80 members, Lyman Garriar asked that the county agent budget be eliminated, prefacing the request with his reasons for asking the discontinuance of the service.

A reply by County Agent Hale was followed by a vote of the meeting favorable to continuing the county agent service.

Chas. Webb Improving

A letter to A. G. Miller here, from his sister in San Diego, last Saturday, conveyed the information that their uncle, Chas. Webb, had shown some improvement, although still in a serious condition.

Dairy Night School, Jan. 9

The subject for the night dairy school at the high school next Thursday, Jan. 9, is "Summer Feeding and Balanced Rations." 1—To have cows in good flesh to freshen. 2—Feed more carbohydrate grain feed when grass is young. 3—Increase protein in grain as pasture dries up.

Due probably to the fact that the holiday season had just ended, there was not a sufficient attendance last evening to warrant holding a class, but M. W. Cuning, Smith-Hughes instructor who is conducting the classes, expects to have a larger attendance for the succeeding Thursday evening sessions.

Burr Rents K. P. Garage

With the sale of their gas pump and tools to Lycourgos Lodge, Knights of Pythias, yesterday, Stroud & Brown, who have handled Oakland and Pontiac cars here for years, have quit business.

The deal means the remodeling of the building by the lodge and its occupancy by the Geo. F. Burr Motor Co. with a complete line of Durant cars.

Before Mr. Burr occupies it, however, the lodge will put on a new truss roof, remove all partitions from the room, and transform it into a very convenient and commodious show room, with repair shop at the rear.

MASONS, STAR, INSTALLATION

A large attendance was present at Masonic Hall last Friday evening to witness the joint installation ceremonies of Beulah chapter and Chadwick Lodge.

Miss Edna Robinson, retiring worthy matron, acted as installing officer and Mrs. Violet Lorenz as marshal. The following is the list of those inducted into office:

W. M.—Lorraine Vinton
W. P.—W. E. Bosserman
A. M.—Frances Zosel
A. P.—Theo. L. Clinton
Sec.—Rudy Fish
Treas.—Alice England
Com.—Clara Bosserman
A. Con.—Catherine Rubie
Chaplain—Ora V. Maury
Organist—Inez Glaisyer
Marshal—Edna Robinson
Adah—Mabel Clinton
Ruth—Lucille Johnson
Esther—Camilla Lorenz
Martha—Bess Maury
Electa—Edna Hooker
Warder—Imogene Neal
Sentinel—Wm. Bettys
E. A. Walker, who has filled the office of master of Chadwick lodge since the departure of Jos. A. Harville, early in 1928, acted as installing officer for the lodge, assisted by O. C. Sanford as marshal.

C. C. Farr, worshipful master-elect, was not installed, being absent from the city. The following is the list of those installed:

S. W.—H. E. Hess
J. W.—A. H. Grimes
Treas.—L. H. Hazard
Sec.—R. H. Mast
S. D.—W. E. Bosserman
J. D.—C. S. Lehmanowsky
Chaplain—C. L. Willey
Marshal—O. C. Sanford
S. S.—F. W. Woodhurst
J. S.—L. L. Hooker
Tyler—E. H. Kern

A pleasant social hour followed and refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee, were served at a late hour.

Coquille High Shows Good Form

Powers high school, of the B basketball league, and Coquille, of the A, met on the Community building floor last night for a pre-season game which was refereed by W. V. Ferguson. Coquille won, 26-6.

The game was fast in the first half with the Coquille squad doing some brilliant shooting, quick breaking, good passing and clever offensive work. The score at the half was 18-4. Powers was unable to break through the Coquille defense.

Coquille slowed in the second half but retained possession of the ball most of the time.

Following are the line-ups and the individual scores:
Griffith 8 F Stallard
Lorenz 8 F Hubbard
Ellingson 2 C 4 Stewart
Chard G Warner
E. Seeley G 2 Winkelman

Substitutes: For Coquille, Pulford, 3, L. Seeley, McCue; for Powers, Lewis, Rolfe.

Have your brakes lined. Wet weather is here and good brakes are necessary; bad brakes may cost you your life. Stop at the Ford Garage and get their price for lining your car.

TO DRILL FOR GAS

Fat Elk Oil & Gas Co. to Start at Once Three Miles South-west of Coquille

An activity which may have far-reaching results in the development of southwestern Oregon was made public at the Lions Club meeting yesterday by A. E. Gault, of Marshfield.

We have heard rumors for some time of a gas and oil drilling operation to be begun beyond Fat Elk, but not until yesterday could definite information be secured.

The company, which has been incorporated as the Fat Elk Oil & Gas Co., and has leases on 8,000 acres of land, most of it blocked in the section east and south of the highway between Coquille and Riverton, is incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon. It has a capital stock of \$300,000, and has a permit from the state to sell \$75,000 worth. \$25,000 has been paid in by its incorporators and \$7,000 or \$8,000 additional has been subscribed.

The \$25,000 has been used for the purchase of a \$20,000 drilling machine, and other necessary equipment. An 84-foot derrick has just been completed one-quarter mile south of the S. M. Olsen home, beyond Fat Elk, and Mr. Gault says they expect to "spud in" by Jan. 15, and begin drilling.

Four geologists—C. C. Fristos, W. M. Zuber, Dr. Eric Stark and H. M. Horton, the latter two having been with the Standard Oil Co.—have approved the location selected for drilling and declare the geological structure to indicate oil. It is what is known as the "Palaski structure," and the geologists declare the formations and structures almost insure oil and gas.

The company expects to work two crews, each on a 12-hour shift and to continue drilling for three or four months, and figures that the oil or gas shale may be penetrated at a 2,000, 3,000 or a 7,000 foot depth.

The officers of the company are Mr. Gault, who is president; J. F. Ewell, vice president; Karana McRae, secretary-treasurer. The other directors are H. T. Wimer, of Coquille; Chas. Hagen, of Roseburg, and Leon Sells, of Eugene. Mr. Hagen, who had years of experience in the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas oil fields, will be in charge of the drilling.

"We would rather strike gas in good volume than oil," was Mr. Gault's assertion. He figures that natural gas would prove a more potent attraction for factories than oil would, and of course he is correct.

And another statement he makes, that a real test well has never been sunk in Oregon, is probably correct. No well has yet been sunk deep enough to prove that there is no gas nor oil in this country.

Cannot Shoot From Highway

At the request of Deputy Game Warden C. A. Hearing the following extract from the Game Laws of Oregon is printed in order that every one of our readers may know this feature of the law:

"Shooting from Public Highways Prohibited—Section 20—It shall be unlawful at any time in the state of Oregon to shoot or discharge any gun at any game bird or non-game bird, or game animal or non-game animal, from, or while upon, any railroad right of way, or any public road or highway."

This feature of the law has been much discussed here this week because of the shooting of a crippled duck from the dike highway last Sunday.

Movietones of Log Splashing

Webber Hall, of Portland, registered at the hotel here Wednesday and yesterday morning went out to the splash dam above Remote to take a picture of a log splash for the Fox Movietone people. Not only the picture but the noise of the splashing were recorded.

Robt. Stewart, of the power company, made the arrangements with Mr. Heath of the Middle Fork Boom company, for the operation at this time. It is expected that another splash will be filmed tomorrow morning at a dam lower down the river.

Hotel Dining Room Redecorated

The dining room of the Hotel Coquille was reopened New Year's day, after being closed since Christmas for re-decorating. The walls and woodwork of both the main room and the small room at the rear were brightened by new paint and new drapes were installed at the front windows.