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ABOUT OIL WELL

Messrs. Gault, Ewell and Dement Address Chamber of Commerce Meeting

A. E. Gault, Wallace Dement, and Mr. Ewell, of the Fat Elk Gas & Oil Co., were in attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday evening and each was called on to address the meeting by President C. C. Farr.

Mr. Gault said there had never before been a real test for oil made in Oregon, the deepest well yet drilled in the state being 3100 feet. He quoted Freeman Hobson, a well-known geologist, as saying that the Fat Elk Gas & Oil Co. had the best wild cat proposition he ever saw. Another geologist, C. Y. Wells, says that it is the best opportunity for production in Oregon or Washington and the only one he would take a chance on.

Mr. Gault said that the bit would keep going down until it reached the 5,000 foot level at least, unless production was struck at a higher level; and he asked the people of this section for their co-operation if they have the same confidence in the country's resources that the officers of the company have.

Mr. Ewell, in his remarks, referred to the statement of Mr. Reading, Lone Star Oil Co. official from Dallas, Texas: "If you strike a worth while gas development, wire me at once."

Mr. Ewell commented on the scarcity of houses in Coquille, and added that the Hotel Coquille was the one institution which was keeping pace with the progress of the country.

He has the utmost confidence in the gas and oil development of this section, and quoted one of the four geologists here during the past two weeks as saying that he never saw more flattering prospects for gas and oil.

Mr. Ewell stated that the formation and structures indicated that the oil drilling at the mouth of the Columbia river would have to go to least 4,000 feet lower than they would have in the Coquille valley to strike the oil level.

He also commented on the fact that the company was getting more support away from home than is being given here, and added that there would be need of a great deal of co-operation in the next six months.

Wallace Dement dealt at some length on the geological surveys made in Coos county, and the unanimity with which geologists agreed that the Pulsaki structure gave the best indications of gas and oil.

The trend of the oil-indicating formations runs east of north from the present operation beyond Fat Elk, which would make the line run north at the western boundary of Coquille.

Mr. Dement also commented on the fact that the Fat Elk company is not a promotion proposition, seeking to interest investors to put up their money on a fly-by-night scheme. These men have invested thousands and thousands of dollars of their own funds, hundreds of times more than they are asking anyone else to invest and their confidence is shown by the fact that they are investing practically all their own accumulations in this gamble with nature.

Mother and Daughter Dinner

A Mother and Daughter Dinner is being planned by the girls of the Home Economics Club to be held in the high school auditorium Friday evening, March 28, at 6:30 o'clock. The plates will be fifty cents each.

The girls are planning, preparing and serving the dinner in honor of their mothers and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Reservations can be made with girls of Home Economics Club who are selling tickets. Reservation must be in by Wednesday evening, March 28.

The New Grand Jury

A new grand jury was drawn in Circuit court last Monday. Geo. W. Swinney, of Coquille, was named as foreman. The other members are Patrick J. Rooney, Marshfield; Fred Lafferty, Norway; Earl R. Martin, North Bend; W. E. Hoagland, Marshfield; Kate Brady, Coquille; Sadie Harlocker, Myrtle Point.

R. H. Mast, who injured his back

three weeks ago when he fell from the back porch of his home, was brought down from the Mast hospital at Myrtle Point, Sunday, by his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Leslie. Mr. Mast is improving but it will be three or four weeks yet before he is able to get out.

Optimism Prevails in Coquille

A feeling of optimism pervades Coquille that the year 1930 is to be one of the best industrially and commercially that this city has experienced.

Houses and apartments are scarce, one real estate dealer reporting 31 requests in two days, for rental places.

The influx of visitors is amazing. Some are interested in the oil well possibilities, but the advertising of Coos county in southern California is doing more than anything else to bring people in here.

The office of the State Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles is directing people this way, and the daily broadcasting by the company which bought thousands of lots and tracts from the county last year, is attracting attention. People are coming north to view the lots they have bought or to inspect before purchasing.

Moving pictures have been taken this week of the oil well drilling, of logging operations, of Coos Bay and the bar and jetty, in fact there will be a lot of Coos county pictures shown in southern California in the near future.

Tuesday evening hotel accommodations were at a premium here. It was even found necessary to send some of those seeking lodging here to neighboring cities.

Lafe Compton, for many years in the hotel business, says he never saw so many commercial men in a town the size of Coquille, as desired to stay here Tuesday night.

But with all the development possibilities apparently on the way to fruition, it is hoped that the expansion does not assume the proportions of a boom. That would be a calamity for the after effects are disastrous.

C. OF C. MONTHLY MEETING

Entertainment for the forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, in the hotel Wednesday evening, was furnished by Mrs. E. A. Woodyard, of the Chamber of Commerce, in who delighted her hearers with "Mammy's Song" and "When Love is Kind." She was accompanied by Miss Aileen Wilson at the piano.

None of the slogans submitted, and for which a \$5 prize was offered, were accepted, although each one possessed merit. It was decided to extend the time and receive suggestions at the next forum meeting, April 16.

Following are the suggested slogans received to date:

"Steer your wheel for Coquille."

"Climate mild, scenery wild, Coquille."

"Coquille, the land of milk and honey."

"Coquille's the cream in your coffee."

"Coquille's the stuff for your stew."

"Coquille stands or cows, but no bull."

"Here's a wheeze for Coquille cheese."

Bids for re-flooring the Community Building and installing showers, toilets, sinks, etc., in the northeast corner of the building, ranged from \$1783.90 to \$2572.

The lowest bid for the plumbing and fitting up of the shower rooms was that of W. A. Sloan, who bid \$568.80. E. W. Gregg submitted the low figure for the repair work, \$1204.

The discussion that followed the opening of the bids, covered all phases of the subject. A majority of those speaking were opposed to spending more money than is in sight for the improvement, approximately \$1300, and favored replacing only the rotten places beneath the floor, and not raising the floor at this time.

Others, thinking of a possible catastrophe should the floor sink while the building was crowded, spoke in favor of following the plans made by the building committee.

There could be little danger from the floor going down, for it is within a few inches of the ground, but if a large crowd became panic-stricken there is no telling what might happen.

There was no opposition to the installation of showers, toilets, etc., and that work will be done.

It was finally decided to leave the decision as to how general the repairs should be to the judgment of the Chamber of Commerce directors.

To Deport Chinaman

Roy J. Norene, immigration inspector from Portland, and H. Lowe, an interpreter, came in this morning to get Gee Wing Chow, sentenced to the pen during the February term of court for sexual perversion. The Chinaman is to be deported.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

CHANGES AT MILL CONTRACT IS LET

West Coast Co. Making Improvements and Repairs, Permitting Greater Production

One result of the changes being made at the West Coast Lumber Co. plant is an increased daily production. With an average of 54 men on the payroll, the cut is now 85,000 feet a day.

The old Sitka mill was not originally laid out for the most economical cutting, but the installation of a large conveyor belt from the trimming saw to the sorting tables has helped change conditions so that the movement of the lumber from the log to the sorting table is straight ahead and that means increased production.

When the Sentinel man was at the plant yesterday, the mill was cutting out 100 timbers, 32 feet long and 18x16 inches for the other dimensions. This was a 10-day delivery order for the Mare Island navy yard, and came from their specialty offer, now in effect, of quick deliveries.

A new dock is being built between the plant proper and the railroad switch. 175 feet of this has been completed and another 175 of old is now being torn out.

The elimination of fire hazard is another improvement on which the company is working. The huge blow pipe from the planing mill is being replaced and 100 feet in length is to be added, making it 235 feet. The pit will be moved out 100 feet from its present location, grates installed in the pit, and with the force draft it is expected to do away entirely with the refuse dump, each day's accumulation being consumed by next morning.

The installation of a log splitter has just been completed. It is a specially made saw, 14 feet in length, 16 inches wide, and the engine or cylinder for its operation was made by the Coquille Machine Shops. With it the mill can rip a log nine feet in diameter and reduce it to a size which will permit its being placed on the main carriage.

Two additional power boilers are soon to be installed, and other additions and improvements are contemplated.

P. O. Equipment Arriving

Postmaster H. C. Getz says that the new boxes which the government will install in the postoffice, and which are expected soon, will have a three dial combination lock instead of the two dial now in use. All the equipment in the equipment in the new location will be new, the department equipping the office throughout. The safe, chairs, stools, racks, baskets and a lot of supplies have already been received and it is expected all will be in place by March 31, so that after the office closes that evening the mail and records can be moved and business started in the Grimes building at 5 o'clock Tuesday, April 1.

Jenkins Files for Nomination

Jas. T. Jenkins, of Parkersburg, county commissioner for the past five or six years, filed with County Clerk Watson yesterday morning his petition to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the democratic nomination to succeed himself.

Jim has made a good commissioner, the only general complaint being his vote on the Marshfield-Empire cut-off proposal last winter, and that is a closed issue now, there being no prospect that county money will be spent on the road this year.

O. S. C. Band Comes Tuesday

Accompanying the O. S. C. band which will give a concert and dance in the Community Building here next Tuesday evening, March 25, will be Dr. D. V. Poling, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Albany, a noted song leader, and known for his Y. M. C. A. activities during the war. Dr. Poling will speak to the students at the high school Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and the general public is invited to be present to hear him. The band will also give a short program at the same time.

Finest Weather in the World

Wonderful weather this section has been having for the past week, the regular "perfect days" that James Russell Lowell mentioned as coming in June. But we can expect a lion-like exit for the month. The nights have been quite cool and last Monday morning's frost was as heavy as any of the winter.

Insure your car with Ned C. Kelley.

HOTEL ANNEX TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

by B. F. Leisch--- 15 Guest Rooms

The first dirt, preparatory to building the hotel annex, was moved yesterday when a force of men and a team began digging for a chute where the excavated dirt can be dumped into trucks.

The contract for the annex construction was awarded Monday evening by the directors of the Coquille Investment Co., to B. F. Leisch, of Marshfield, at approximately \$35,000. His was the lower of the two bids submitted.

The approved plans for the building insure that it will be of high class construction throughout, and that the hotel addition will provide accommodations second to none in the state.

There will be 13 guest rooms in the new section, besides the two-room apartment which Mr. Compton's family will occupy. This means an addition of 15 rooms to the hotel's capacity.

Each one of these rooms will be equipped with bath, some with shower in addition, and Mr. Compton intends furnishing them in elegant fashion.

And if the conditions which prevailed the first of the week continue the added rooms cannot be finished too quickly.

Prohibition Repeal Is Leading

With 703,935 votes in, out of the anticipated 20,000,000 the Literary Digest Poll this week shows strict enforcement running third. Repeal of all prohibition laws leads with a vote of 287,885; modification comes second with 224,141, and enforcement votes number 191,909.

Oregon has cast 3,555 for enforcement, 2,779 for modification and 1,996 for repeal. Kansas is the only state thus far to cast a majority of its ballots for enforcement. The wet states of Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are piling up tremendous wet majorities.

B. B. Squad Goes to Salem

The Coquille High basketball squad which came within a couple of points of representing Coos and Curry counties this week in the state tournament at Salem, are enjoying that four day athletic exhibition as spectators instead. The boys are paying their own expenses, except for admission tickets, funds for which were voted by the student body. The eight boys who left in a couple of cars Wednesday morning for Salem were Ray Griffith, Denton Ellington, Randolph Lorenz, Everett Seeley, Stephen Card, Stanley Pulford, Linus Seeley and Ray Woodyard.

Prominent Oil Men Visit

Three men connected with the Lone Star Co., of Texas, were Coquille visitors last Tuesday. They came, of course, to see for themselves what the chances are for oil production in Coos county, and each expressed himself as most optimistic that the Fat Elk Oil & Gas Co. would make the strike which will mean so much to southwestern Oregon.

The men were C. Y. Wells, of Duncan, Okla., geologist; H. M. Thomas, of Walla Walla, Wash.; and R. W. Reading, an officer of the Lone Star, from Dallas, Texas.

Exclusive Shoe Store Opens

Perrin's Shoe Store is the name of the exclusive shoe store which will open for business in the Myrborg building at the south end of Taylor street tomorrow morning. A. H. Perrin, of Roseburg, who owns a shoe store there is opening a Coquille store which will be in charge of his son, E. A. Perrin. Another son, G. C. Perrin, is also connected with the business. Beside the popular priced line of shoes which they will carry for ladies, girls, men and boys, they will have a good line of hosiery for ladies.

Democratic Candidate Coming

The democratic central committee will meet at the Hotel Coquille 6:30 p. m., March 24th, 1930. Honorable Edward F. Bailey, democratic candidate for Governor of Oregon, will address the meeting. All democrats are invited. Reserve your plate from the committee: Dr. G. W. Leslie, chairman; Emil Gabrielson, secretary; L. H. Hazard or John Lawrence.

V. E. Wilson drove out to Eugene Tuesday to attend an optometric clinic there that evening. He returned early Wednesday morning.

Well Down More Than 400 Feet

Visitors at the oil well this week find the bore is down something over 400 feet, and the experienced drillers on the job are more confident than ever that production of oil or gas is sure.

Water running into the hole caused the crew to stop Monday and concrete the cellar to stop the caving in which was occurring, but drilling was resumed Tuesday.

Every strata thus far passed through has been as predicted by the geologists, oil sand in small quantities has been penetrated, and indications of gas are frequent. It all looks good to those who know indications.

\$1.50 per Thousand Tariff

The \$1.50 per thousand tariff on soft lumber, voted by the senate yesterday, is not as large a tariff as the western senators originally sought, but it is better than nothing. The proposal carried by a majority of only one vote in the senate.

Whether this action will be satisfactory to the lumbermen, who had been seeking an opponent for Senator McNary at the primary election, is not yet known.

Meeting of Hotel Stockholders

A meeting of the Hotel Coquille Co. stockholders has been called for next Thursday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock in the hotel. The meeting is for the purpose of electing directors and discussing matters pertaining to the company and the new annex.

ASK PAVING ON HENRY STREET

The city council Monday evening adopted a resolution, to be forwarded to the League of Oregon Cities, requesting the legislature to change the law which permits a city to use but 50 per cent of the road tax which is levied on property within its boundaries, the other half going to the county. Prior to 1927 a city received 70 per cent and the county 30. The petition also requested that authority be given the state highway department to make repairs on streets in cities of over 2,000 where those streets are a part of the state highway.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a concrete pavement on Henry street, from the bridge to Seventh, 26 feet wide. This was on petition of nearly all the property owners for those two blocks.

The map which the city engineer had prepared showing sewer outlet from the North End sewer improvement made last summer, to the river, with pipe large enough to accommodate the Spurgeon Hill district and the section between Fourth and Seventh streets, was adopted by the council, subject to the approval of the state health department. Under the proposed plan the outlet of the sewer would be in the river.

Marshal Brown's report on septic tank conditions on Spurgeon Hill, where the discharge from the tanks runs on to other property than that of the tank owner, was allowed to lay over two weeks to ascertain if the trunk sewer, above mentioned, was to be built this year.

The marshal was instructed to have lumber in the street at the corner of Heath and Fourth removed, and to have the missing 40 feet of sidewalk on Fourth, near the Julian Gregory property, built at once.

Resigns as Dairy Inspector

Dr. W. V. Glaisyer this week presented to the county court his resignation as dairy inspector of Coos county. This position has been paying \$50 a month, and J. D. Mickle, state food inspector, has agreed to have semi-annual inspections of dairies made for that figure, plus the sum of \$250 which it is expected to raise among the interests connected with the dairy business.

Dr. Glaisyer did not resign his position as herd and meat inspector.

Treasurer Redeems Warrants

City Treasurer W. S. Sickels reported to the council Monday evening that he had called in and redeemed all general fund warrants issued prior to last August 1, in the amount of \$4,038.45, and water fund warrants, totalling \$2,207.57, up to September 1. The city is not on a cash basis, but is within six months of it.

Phone 103-L for assistance in housecleaning. The City Cleaners will give your daintiest drapes or curtains particular attention and return them sweet and clean.

COOKING SCHOOL

Coquille Valley Sentinel to Hold One Next Month---Mt. States Power Co. Assisting

A two-day cooking school is to be conducted by the Sentinel, in co-operation with the Mt. States Powers Co., on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15th and 16th of April.

These cooking schools have proved quite popular in large cities and smaller towns, but it is the first one to be held in Coquille.

Detailed plans for the two days will be announced later, but the school will be in charge of Mrs. Irene Kerr, home economist for the Westinghouse range company.

There will probably be no cooking contests, with daily awards, but the power company is planning to give a prize each day to one of those attending the school. The new range, which will be used, is going to be sold to the highest bidder, irrespective of the amount offered. Sealed bids will be received both days.

Every lady or girl in Coquille or vicinity, or elsewhere, is invited to attend the school on both days.

The exact location for the school has not been determined, but it will be in either the corner room of the Sentinel building, now occupied by Geo. Unsold, or in one of the rooms in the new Grimes building.

Huge Head of Broccoli

Why is there not more broccoli, the winter cauliflower, grown in Coos county? The local product has a better flavor than any of that shipped in and it grows to perfection here.

This week W. C. Griffin, who set out upwards of 2,000 plants on his place at Arago, brought a head of broccoli in to the Sentinel office which weighed 9 1/2 pounds, measured 39 inches in circumference, and was the prettiest thing of its kind we ever saw. Mr. Griffin said he could have had one hundred or more of the same size, but they are too large for the ordinary family.

Broccoli does the best about the third year it is planted on the same ground, and there is no question that Coos county could compete on equal terms with the Umpqua valley if the local farmers went into it on the same scale.

Coquille Broke 74 Sunday

With E. D. Graham and C. D. Ray turning in straight 25's last Sunday and Geo. W. Bryant breaking 24, the Coquille Rod & Gun Club got back into the stride which has made it so formidable a contender in the telegraphic shoot in previous years. It won three out of four contests Sunday and moved up in standing among the 26 competing gun clubs. There were a number of others who broke 24.

Next Sunday the club matches marksmanship with Nestucca, Pilot Rock, Huntington and North Bend. The latter will probably prove a tough opponent for at least three of its members have gone straight every Sunday to date.

I. O. O. F. Grand Master Here

Emil Peterson, of Astoria, grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for Oregon, paid Coquille Lodge No. 53 an official visit Tuesday evening. About 40 members were present and following the special meeting which the grand master addressed, a banquet was served in the dining room.

Mr. Peterson says the order is prospering in Oregon and that he found the local lodge in a very satisfactory condition.

Students Home for Vacation

Students coming in from the State College at Corvallis the past day of two are Fredah Baxter, Marietta Hafford and Lester Wilson. These already home for the spring vacation from the university at Eugene are Alice Collier, John Seeley, Jim Agostino, and Avis Hartson and Jean Young are expected today. Jean Pierce arrived last night from Ashland where she is attending Normal.

Trustees Work on School Yards

The request of the Coquille school board that inmates of the county jail be permitted to work in the school house grounds beautifying program, was granted by the county court this week and the sheriff directed to turn the men over to Geo. S. Davis who was sworn in as a deputy sheriff for that purpose yesterday. His salary will be paid by the school district.