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SHEEP MEN VOTE

Unanimously for Use of Poison Bait in Eradicating Predatory Animals

The sheep men of Coos county voted to a man at the meeting held in the Community Building here last evening, in favor of the use of poison in exterminating predatory animals, and some recommendation will be made to the county court asking that its order, forbidding the use of poison by the government hunter, be rescinded.

There were about one hundred in attendance at the meeting who listened for an hour to Stanley Jewett, supervisor for Oregon of the Biological Survey, give a history of the building up of the Survey from small beginnings, and what it has accomplished, and his talk was followed by a general discussion of the poison bait question.

Mr. Jewett declared the Survey had no intention of forcing the use of poison bait for coyotes and bob cats on any community which did not desire it; too many counties want it. But he did say that the experience of the men in control of government activities proved conclusively that poison is the most effective means for protecting stock, wild life, etc.

In the discussion which followed several sheep men spoke in unqualified terms in favor of the use of poison bait. Pat Easley, of Powers, gave a record of his own keeping which showed how his lamb loss had dropped from 58 in 1924, 78 in 1925 and 68 in 1926 to four last year when the poison balls were distributed over his sheep range. "Even if the government hunter cannot use it here," he said, "the sheep men will use it themselves, for their own protection."

Lans Leneve was the only one to voice an objection to the use of poison and when he offered to bet \$100 that he could kill more coyotes with traps than the government hunter could in twice the time with all the poison he could carry. Mr. Easley called the bet pronto and placed his check for a hundred in the hands of Geo. T. Moulton.

A. N. Gould, president of the Game Protective Association, stated that the sportsmen had no wish to interfere with the sheepmen and their protection when they went on record as opposed to the use of poison bait, and L. A. Liljeqvist said that if the protective association had made a mistake in opposing poison use that they wanted to rectify it. It was facts they wanted and the unanimous vote of the fifty or more sheepmen present, which he called for, in favor of permitting the use of poison bait, convinced him that the protective association should withdraw its opposition.

John Miller had at the meeting two month-old lambs, killed by coyotes the night before. The varminths had killed by biting the throat, had then bitten the tongues out of the lambs' mouths and sucked the blood. The nose of one lamb had been bitten off.

Mr. Jewett said that not only was the use of poison bait the best protection for sheep, but that it did more to conserve game and fur-bearing animals by far than any injury the poison did to deer, mink, coon, badger, birds, etc.

Bear are not regarded as a predatory animal but where one becomes a killer the government hunters kill ruthlessly, although they do not hunt the bear as a regular thing. Porcupines are considered predatory, especially in yellow fir districts and are ranked as a predatory animal.

Referring again to the coyote, Mr. Jewett said that the varmint is the most aggressive and dangerous predatory animal in Oregon, and due to its rapid breeding it takes constant fighting to keep its number as low as it is. The animal has been known to travel eight or ten miles from its pups at night to find its prey and that to trap around a sheep range really gives no assurance of protection.

Mr. Jewett was followed by Walter Holt, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers Association, of Pendleton, who spoke for an hour on the need of sheep growers to unite in the fostering of their business, by widespread publicity and urging an increase in the human consumption of mutton. The average yearly diet for people in the United States is 1608 pounds of all foods, Mr. Holt declared, and of that amount the annual consumption of mutton is 5.8 pounds.

The sheep is the cleanest of all red

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Leo Cary Elected to Board

The board of directors of the Coquille Lumber Co., at a meeting last Saturday, elected Leo J. Cary to the board to succeed Jas. Hobson who died last month. That was all the business transacted, although a number of contemplated improvements and additions at the mill were discussed. One of these is the extension of the steam line to cover the entire business section, and another the possible installation of a dry kiln.

The showing made by the mill in February was the best of any month since its reopening last year.

Stage Line Also Has Rates

A week end rate through March was announced yesterday by the Pacific Greyhound stage lines, good to certain points in Oregon. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday round trip tickets will be sold at 70 per cent of the one way rate, which makes a round trip to Portland from Coquille cost something like \$6.05; to Salem \$5.00; to Eugene \$3.40, and to other points in proportion. Returning it is necessary to leave destination before midnight on Tuesday, and not required to be home by that hour.

WILL NOT CUT TEACHERS' PAY

The Coquille school board, in session Tuesday, spent considerable time in discussion of teacher employment for next year. No definite action was taken for the board does not know yet how many teachers do not intend returning. Miss Eleanor Brown has filed verbal notice that she has a position elsewhere next year. But until the contracts are returned the board will not know who will be here next year.

After a thorough investigation of teachers' salaries paid elsewhere the board found that Coquille still is a trifle below the salaries paid in schools of this size in the state, and voted to maintain the schedule of \$1000 minimum and \$1300 maximum for grade teachers, \$1200 minimum and \$1500 maximum for high school. The yearly increase is \$75 per year until the maximum is reached.

Special teachers in the high school are not affected by that schedule. The salaries of E. F. Grider, high school principal, and H. H. Hartley, science teacher and coach, were each increased by \$100. And the amount paid Mr. Hartley is still \$200 less than the amount paid for science instructor and coach when different individuals filled those positions.

Praises House Membership

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton returned last Friday from Salem where the 36th session of the Oregon legislature had closed that day.

The Sentinel will next week have more to report of Mr. Norton's observations on the session, for he is to talk at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the city hall next Wednesday evening. He says of the membership in the House that it was of a very high order, nearly all being men of prominence and standing in their communities. They were not radical, with few exceptions, but could sit around a table in committee meetings, think for the common good, and when shown that another course than their preconceived one was best, could change with grace. This made for harmony, and although the charge is made in some quarters that there was no efficient leadership in the house, the very character of the membership made an outstanding leader impossible.

Mr. Norton is convinced that the results will show how efficient the legislature really was. He is sure the tax program, which was worked out by the legislature and approved by the governor will eventually work to a lessening of property taxes. There are some Portland publications which are fighting the intangibles and the income taxes whose wish it is to see real property bear all the burdens of government, and they have criticized the legislature for its attempts to force bond and mortgage holders to bear a just proportion of the growing taxes. That there are immense incomes, not received from land, which should help pay the expense of government is well known, and the legislature has been working with that desirable aim in view.

To Dance in I. O. O. F. Hall

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Coquille are planning a dance in the new I. O. O. F. hall after lodge next Friday evening, March 20. All members of the two lodges and invited guests will participate. Refreshments will be served.

BISHOP MOORE CHAS. WEBB DIES

Delivered a Powerful and Most Interesting Sermon at Pioneer Church

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the M. E. South church, one of the youngest bishops in the United States was greeted with an audience in the Pioneer church last Sunday morning which filled every available seat.

Bishop Moore is a splendid speaker; his utterances give evidence of deep thought and his delivery is most pleasing. He took for his text the fifth verse of the second chapter of Philippians in which St. Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

To have such a mind, which he said did not refer to the intellectual life of man, but rather to the heart or soul; one must have the purity, the honesty, the justice, the submission, the compassion and the faith of the lowly Nazarene. In him those attributes were perfect, and the speaker proceeded by illustration and the choice use of word pictures to portray the full meaning of the words which Paul wrote to the Philippians church and which applies just as truly, if not more so, to the present generation.

The sermon Sunday morning was not eloquent in the usually accepted sense of the world, a discourse with most thought given to polished relationship of words, but was a powerful stimulant to the thought of the vital things of life, by a personality which doubted not the truth of every word he spoke. His every utterance breathed a conviction and he was listened to with absorbed attention by many who are not frequent attendants at church services.

Special music for the occasion was rendered by the choir of eight and by Mrs. Lyman Carrier, in solo. The baptismal service was administered to the infant children of Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Walters and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller, during the hour.

Dairy Inspector Appointed

The county court this morning appointed Lawrence Rackleff, of Myrtle Point, as dairy inspector, at a salary of \$175 per month, for ten months a year, and he will enter on his duties at once.

The court has delayed appointing a dairy inspector since the first of the year, not feeling certain that the people of the county wanted one, but as soon as the court members became convinced, they took action at once. Last December's budget contained an item for that purpose.

Mr. Rackleff was formerly manager of the Looon Lake cheese factory and has also had experience on dairy farms. He knows the needs of the dairy industry from both the producers' and the manufacturers' standpoint.

He is to furnish his own transportation. Another appointment made by the court was that of J. E. Rose to be constable of district No. 4 at Bandon.

Band to Give a Dance

The Coquille Band is planning on giving a dance in the Community Building next Saturday evening, March 21. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of uniform caps, additional blouses and if possible some new instruments will be secured.

The band is gradually being built up into a very strong organization. With about 20 members reporting regularly for practice, it is hoped to have 35 or 40 by summer. The efficiency of the band, as a playing unit, is also markedly improved since the organization last year.

A good band is one of the best advertisements any community can have and under the able direction of Earl Nosler, the local band is developing into a mighty good one. Their dance should be supported, even by those who do not trip the light fantastic.

Organization Postponed

There were only eight present at the Community Chest committee meeting in the city hall Wednesday evening, and as several other organizations expected to be represented, it was decided to postpone an organization of the committee until Tuesday evening, March 24.

Those present were W. A. Zosel, president of the Chamber of Commerce, A. T. Morrison, representing the Chamber; R. A. Joub, the Legion; Mrs. C. W. Gano, the Legion Auxiliary; Miss May Sanders, the 4-Square Church; N. C. Kelley, the Lions Club.

Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke in Portland Last Saturday Morning

Charles Webb, for more than 40 years a resident of Coquille, passed away at the Leo Vader home in Portland last Saturday morning at five o'clock. Paralysis was the cause of his death. He suffered his first stroke a year or more ago while visiting his niece in San Diego, Calif., and early last month had gone to St. Martin's Springs for treatments, but remained only a short time there. He was on his way home when he became worse and stopped in Portland.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p. m. at the chapel here by T. B. MacDonald. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Chas. Webb was born in Benton county, Missouri, Oct. 15, 1852, and was 78 years of age last October.

He was married to Susan Miller, sister of the father of A. G. Miller of this city, in Missouri, and they came to Coquille in the late 1880's. One daughter was born to them, Cella, who died within 33 days of her mother's death in 1910.

Mr. Webb leaves two brothers, Henry and Garland Webb, at his old home near Warsaw, Mo. His only relatives in the west are his nephew, Allie Miller, of this city, and niece, Mrs. Conrad Bley, of San Diego.

In his younger days Mr. Webb was a logger. He spent ten years with Alex Smith, later conducted the Lyons' camp on Rink creek, and was watchman at the mill here for some years.

When he quit the timber industry he bought the ranch where Piper Johnson lives, below Coquille, and spent considerable time developing it. For the past 15 years he had been retired from active life and lived alone in his house on the Marshfield highway near the intersection with Fifth street.

In his boyhood he lost the fingers of his right hand when they were caught in a cane mill, and it was surprising how much use he could make of the stump in driving an automobile and in all other hand uses where most of us use fingers.

In Circuit Court This Week

Dave Davis, indicted by the grand jury on two liquor counts, was convicted on neither in the Circuit court the past week. Last Saturday a jury found him not guilty of possession of liquor, and on Monday, after hearing the evidence on the possession of a still charge, Judge Brand instructed the jury to render a not guilty verdict. From the evidence there was nothing on which to base a charge in the still case.

Theodore Moore also escaped conviction, although he had practically admitted on the stand that he had hauled supplies to the still which Davis was accused of operating, and had hauled liquor away from it. As one county official remarked, it was the first time he knew of a man pleading guilty to an indictment and being found not guilty by a jury.

Fernie Morgan was found not guilty Wednesday of larceny of a shot gun. His case was heard and completed Wednesday and the same day Theodore Mayes was found guilty of forgery and sentenced to six years in the pen.

In an attempt to escape paying the penalty for his bad check stunts, Mayes had written a letter to himself, using the name of Cook, in which the fictitious Cook offered in make the amount good. It was so evident that Mayes was perjuring himself that the jury had no doubt as to his guilt.

Two criminal cases completed in one day comes pretty near to being a record in Judge Brand's experience. Mose Myers was found guilty by jury yesterday of stealing three pair of loggers' boots from August Olson in North Bend.

Will Shut Down for 10 Days

Rather than run in debt the directors of the Fat Elk Oil & Gas Co. ordered that drilling operations be shut down this week for a ten-day period.

The annual meeting for election of directors of the company is to be held in the hotel next Monday evening, March 16.

Thomas Brass, an inmate at the county farm, died there yesterday. He was born in Finland in 1864. Little is known of him and there will be no public services held at his interment.

Planning a County Council

Mrs. Lafe Compton, guardian of one of the Camp Fire girls groups in Coquille, is in receipt of an invitation from the Guardians' Association at Marshfield, for all guardians, Camp Fire girls, and their fathers and mothers to attend the public Camp Fire ceremonial, to be held in Marshfield next Friday, March 20, in the Elks Temple. This will be the first public appearance at the Bay and they are anxious to have a good attendance.

The hope is in the near future to have a county council organization similar to the Boy Scout council, and all the Camp Fire groups in the county are working to that end.

Coquille now has three groups which are very active and making good progress. This Camp Fire movement is just as essential as the Scout movement and both should receive the united support of all those interested in boys and girls—and we all are.

4 1/2 Inches Rain This Week

With four and one-half inches of rain the past week, bringing the year's total above 31, it has been more like the weather of ten or fifteen years ago than anything experienced before this winter. In fact as much rain has fallen in five days as fell during the whole month of February.

FORUM MEETING WED., MAR. 18

Next Wednesday, March 18, the monthly forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the city hall at 7:30. The meeting is to be addressed by Coos county's representatives in the legislature—J. E. Norton, and L. L. Knapp if he can get up here at that time.

Attendance is not limited to members of the chamber and everyone interested, as we all are, in what the legislature did at the session ending a week ago, is invited to be present. Many points not mentioned in press reports from Salem will be brought out by the speakers, and this will be an opportunity to get in closer touch with state affairs.

At the session of the directors Wednesday evening, a year's program for forum meetings was decided upon when arrangements were made to invite all civic bodies to present the entertainment feature at forum meetings. One, two or three will be heard on each third Wednesday of the month, beginning with the April session. Among the organizations to be invited are the Woman's Club, the B. P. & W., Flower Lovers Club, Lions, city council, Grange, Coquille band, high school student body, fire department, city teachers organization, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire girls.

Geo. W. Bryant, chairman of the membership committee for the chamber, said that the solicitation of funds for this year's activities had not been completed, but that a full report would be ready for the forum meeting next Wednesday.

Ladies to Give Waffle Supper

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church will serve a waffle, ham and egg supper in Guild Hall next Wednesday evening, March 18, to which the general public is invited. Those who have attended these affairs in the past, and know what the Guild ladies can do in the culinary line will not miss this opportunity and those who have never attended one of their suppers are missing a treat. Those who have attended need no urging, just a notice that the ladies will serve at 50 cents a plate.

Grange Meeting Date Changed

Members of Coquille Grange No. 396, are hereby notified that the regular meeting date has been changed. Beginning Thursday, March 19th, the regular meeting date will be the third Thursday of each month. Important matters of special interest to farmers and dairymen will be discussed next Thursday night. All members are requested to be present. Remember: Thursday night, March 19th, Pioneer Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Taxpayers Meeting Tonight

At the taxpayers meeting in the court house this evening the committee appointed two weeks ago by Chairman W. L. Kistner, will submit its report on organization, and set of by-laws.

Every taxpayer is invited to be present and it will rest with those present whether a Taxpayers League shall be formed here at this time. The meeting will be at 7:30.

B. B. TOURNAMENT

Coquille, Myrtle Point, Marshfield, Roseburg Victors in First Round

Coquille's Red Devil basketball team, fighting to their utmost, swept to a brilliant, 39 to 29, victory over the bold Pirate quintet from Port Orford yesterday afternoon in the first game played by the local boys in the Coos County tournament.

In the opening quarter C. H. S., by a brilliant deluge of shots, took a 14 to 3 lead and seemed well on her way to an easy win. Then in the second period the Pirates played on even terms with Coquille: Shots from the middle and sides of the floor by Tichenor, Port Orford's basket throwing ace, were mainly the reason for the rally.

After the half, Port Orford working smoothly, gradually began to climb up on the locals. They either overshoot or broke through the devil defense to count basket after basket. The tall Helmkin and Conley and Fromm peppered at their ring incessantly, making a good percentage of their tries.

Going into the final period Coquille braced, with their defensive tightening and the offense breaking fast. Sure passes and dead shots, coming from a steady offense did the work which enabled our boys to be victorious. In the first game Myrtle Point beat Riverston, 32 to 11. Lineups:

Coquille (39)	Port Orford (29)
L. Seeley	F (7) Conley
Ellis (12)	F (6) Tichenor
Ellingson (8)	C (7) Helmkin
Pulford (10)	G (8) C. Fromm
Woodyard (6)	G R. Fromm
Shaver (3)	S (1) Jamieson
McCue	S Posting
Stevens	S

Referee, Coleman, O. S. C. Coquille meets Myrtle Point this evening at 7:30.

Surprising were the results at last night's games, not in the winners but the scores. Marshfield won from North Bend and Roseburg from Coos River by identical scores, 27-26. This means that Coquille will play Myrtle Point tonight and Roseburg will play Marshfield.

The winners of the two games tonight will meet for the right to go to Salem, tomorrow night and tonight's losers will stage a consolation play. Play will start both evenings at 7:30.

Baseball Will Soon Be Here

Those living in the neighborhood of Mayor Berg's home have been wondering why he is out behind his garage throwing stones most every night lately, but now the secret is out. Spring has come and Wild Bill Fortier has informed the mayor that he had better limber up his ageing left arm preparatory to throwing the first ball of the baseball season, only a few weeks hence. It is also rumored that Sheriff Hess will don the catcher's mitt and attempt to receive the pitch. In any event it won't be long now when Wild Bill will start his Leggers on their quest of another state championship.

Several improvements are contemplated at the old ball orchard, some of them being the erection of some bleachers along the third base line, putting up a new screen in front of the grandstand, moving home plate ten feet further from the stands, and a general overhaul of the whole plant. Also a flagpole is being considered and if all is done that is being planned the games this summer will take on the aspect of league ball, with modern parks.

Spring practice will soon be under way and Bill says the material on hand looks very promising and he has high hopes of repeating the success of last year. It will be, as in the past, the survival of the fittest when it comes to choosing the club, and Bill will place his men according to his own judgment and to the form shown during the training season. Some of last year's players have left and their places must be filled with new talent. To date, those who have signified their intentions to try for the club are Carl Gilbert and Steve Endicott pitchers, both with the club last season, and well known to the local fans. Marion Fischer, last year's valuable handy man, who played in every one of the 22 games, the only Logger who did so, and played every position but first base and pitcher, will be on hand again, as will Chick Houser, to vie for the catcher's berth. The latter is an

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