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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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DOC STILL IN JAIL

Assistant District Attorney Here From Calif.—Says Doc Owes \$7000 Here

Lonar J. Meltzer, assistant district attorney of Alameda county, Calif., and G. Homer Cobb, of Oakland, were in Coquille a couple of days this week, investigating Doc Fitzgerald's gold extraction activities here last fall.

Doc is still in jail in Oakland and his trial is to come up soon. Mr. Meltzer came up to familiarize himself with Doc's operations here so that he would be informed on any subject that Doc's attorneys might introduce at the trial, and in which Mr. Meltzer is to act as prosecuting attorney.

He stated in the Sentinel office yesterday that he found it almost impossible to secure any help from the people of this section who had helped Doc in a financial way, and he had the names of all those who are out funds, either for stock in Doc's So-so-zone company, or who had advanced him money for any purpose.

The secret of Doc's amalgamation process is no longer a secret, for the court in Oakland had it placed in the records of the case. There were five ingredients of the solution, three of them being water, common lye and quicksilver. A nitrate and an acid were the other two.

A mining engineer, called in by the court at Oakland, pronounced the solution worthless as a means of amalgamating gold, according to Mr. Meltzer.

Mr. Cobb was assisting at the plant here for a few weeks and it was at his instance that this last prosecution was brought.

Mr. Meltzer says that as nearly as he can arrive at the figures, Doc sold about \$2000 worth of stock locally, and left owing about \$5,000 part of it a mortgage on the plant, and the rest for lighter box construction, labor, personal expenses, etc.

According to the attorney, Fitzgerald's scheme was a graft, pure and simple, and those who assisted him financially never had a chance to realize a dime from their investments.

Father and Son Banquet

There were 113 fathers and sons who sat down to the tables in Pioneer Hall Wednesday evening for the annual Scout banquet and the diners enjoyed the dinner served by the ladies of the church.

The program consisted of songs by the banqueters, a solo by Don Farr, a fine demonstration of bandage application by Fred Fuhrman and John Unsoeld, and a clever mind-reading stunt staged by Don Smith and George Ulett Jr. There was considerable noise at the tables and George could not always hear the promptings from behind the curtain, and a general laugh followed a loud stage whisper, "a fork" which Don was holding in his hand, but George, blindfolded, could not see.

The meeting was presided over by Ned C. Kelley, who has a longer record for keeping Scouting before the boys than any other man in Coos county.

Ray Jeub gave the only talk on the program. He dealt principally with Scouting as a benefit to the boys, and the need for constant co-operation by parents as well as the other men in a community, to help the boys get all the good there is possible out of this wonderful organization.

Still Figure on Drilling

W. E. Marrion, president of the Coast Oil Co., was a Coquille visitor this week. He left yesterday morning with Mrs. Marrion for Portland. He had nothing to say about when drilling might be expected to start at the Fat Elk hole, but the company has not given up hope that the necessary lease will be signed and the bore carried to a greater depth.

J. J. Jutay and J. Ellia Loreman returned Wednesday evening from a trip to northern California where they had gone on business for the Coast Oil Co.

4 Days a Week at the Plant

Geo. A. Ulett stated this week that beginning next week the Smith Wood-Products plant would be running on a four days a week schedule, and he hoped in a few weeks to be running on full time.

If you want to subscribe for a Portland daily the clubbing combination we offer with the Sentinel will save you money.

Mayor Is Stepping High

Mayor and Mrs. J. Arthur Berg are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine and one-half pound boy who arrived to make his home with them last Monday morning. The young man made his appearance at the Wesley Hospital in Marshfield. His honor does not know yet whether his red-headed son is a southpaw, as Art was in his baseball days, but he has been named J. Arthur Jr. and will undoubtedly carry on in his athletic father's footsteps. Mr. and Mrs. Berg's two other children are girls. Both mother and son are doing well.

Bert Gould Out for Surveyor

A. N. Gould, former county surveyor and deputy in the office for a period of twelve years, has decided to be a candidate for the office again, and this morning he filed as a candidate for the republican nomination.

Under the present arrangement the office is kept open for two days a week, and if he is elected Mr. Gould says he will be easily accessible the other four days.

He made a good record in the office which he left some 15 or more years ago, and is well qualified for the position.

O. O. LUND BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services were conducted in the chapel Tuesday afternoon by Rev. P. D. Hartman, for O. O. Lund, who passed away at the Knif Hospital last Saturday morning at 9:45. The services were largely attended by friends from all over the county. This and the profusion of lovely flowers showed the high esteem in which Mr. Lund was regarded by those who knew him.

Ole O. Lund was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, January 21, 1886, and passed from this life Mar. 26, 1932, being at the time 66 years, two months and five days of age. As an only child, his boyhood and early manhood years were spent with his parents in school and work in Norway—the land of the midnight sun, the fjords and all year round snow. Here his parents have both preceded him to the Great Beyond.

When 22 years of age, Mr. Lund came to the United States, living first in North Dakota for one year, where he continued his education. He then came west and pioneered in the early development of Coos county. After working in the mills on Coos Bay, he joined his wife's brother, Ole Samuelson and began hewing out a home on the head of Yellow Creek off the South Fork above Myrtle Point. It was during the earlier part of this period, January 1, 1892, that he married his devoted helpmate, Anne Samuelson.

Through the years that followed, their seven children were born and reared. At all times both parents were lovingly and patiently devoted to their home and family, nothing being too hard for them to undertake, even though many times the way was neither clear nor easy.

Mr. Lund lived his life sincere and unpretentious and one found him at all times the same—calm, loyal and true.

He was always an earnest advocate for the things that stand for a fine and progressive community, whole.

Holman to Have Opposition

Rufus Holman, state treasurer by appointment, will have opposition at the republican primaries in May. W. Milton Scherping, prominent Portland business man and world war veteran, filed yesterday and will make an active campaign for the office. Reports in the daily press and from other sources indicate that the state treasurer, who was appointed by Gov. Meier, and the governor are not in as close harmony as they were, and an open break is hinted, before Mr. Holman's term of office is over. His tendency to claim credit for all economies effected and for changes in state affairs are said to be responsible for the break in entente cordiale.

A Ford Here Next Week

C. E. Niles returned yesterday afternoon from Portland where he went to see the new Fords now on display there. He reports that Ford dealers, with 18 years connection with the company, pronounce the new eight and four models as Ford's masterpieces, and the finest looking car he has ever produced.

The middle of next week there will be a demonstration car in Coquille for a day and Mr. Niles says they will be able to begin delivery immediately thereafter.

PLEDGES SOUGHT CHILD HEALTH

Home Owners to Be Asked to Help Unemployment with Work on Homes and Yards

An executive committee, named by Mrs. W. S. Sickels, general chairman, met at the city hall Tuesday evening to make arrangements for the observance of Better Homes Week, the last week in April, and as a needed part of the program, this year especially, the solicitation of pledges for work to be done on homes, gardens and lawns this spring.

The committee named consists of Geo. A. Ulett, of the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. J. E. Norton and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman, of the Woman's Club; Mrs. Bertha J. Smith, of the B. & P. W. club; Geo. W. Taylor, of the Flower Lovers' club; and E. A. Jeub, of the Lions club.

The plan adopted is to have the city divided into six areas, and each of the above mentioned organizations take charge of a district. Pledge sheets are to be printed, showing a great variety of house and yard improvements which can be made and which the householder will pledge himself to have done in the next two months. The amount to be expended will also be shown.

If the members of the several clubs will take the interest in this matter which it deserves no one solicitor will have more than half a dozen homes on his or her list at which to call.

The idea back of the plan is to provide employment for those who are now out of work and the names of those who are unemployed will also be secured by the committees as they make the canvass.

Mr. Jackman Talked on Service

Rev. T. R. Jackman, pastor of the Foursquare church, was a guest and one of the speakers at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday. He dealt principally with the service the church is doing in their commissary work, and among other things said that the itinerant needy man was compelled to show willingness to work, by cutting wood in the back yard of the church, before he was fed. The most worth while activity of any organization, whether it be church, lodge, service club or civic body, is service to humanity, and he believed a real service is being rendered by many Coquille organizations. He also commented on the fact that members of other churches are helping clean and repair clothes for the needy.

The members of the Foursquare church intend quadrupling their supply of canned goods this summer. Last year they canned 1000 jars of fruits and vegetables and intend to make it 4,000 this year in preparation for next winter's demands.

U. M. Carlton, of Cambridge, Mass., commented on the interest and life shown in the Lions Club here, comparing it very favorably with activities of service clubs he has seen in the east.

Henry Gustafson and Henry Lorenz were also guests and both spoke briefly.

R. L. Stewart reported that J. Loy Stacer was preparing plans for the completion of the swimming pool and that work would be started there shortly.

Resolutions were adopted by the club, condemning the untruthful, malicious and slanderous reports which had resulted in A. B. McLeod's removal from the highway shops here, and which ask the governor and highway commission to thoroughly examine his record and give him the clean bill of health to which he is entitled.

Another Lion, Frank W. Martin, became a key member of the International when the emblematic key was presented to him by President Jeub. The key is awarded to those who secure two new members.

Mrs. Jack Ford Improving

Dr. J. W. Wheeler reports that Mrs. Jack Ford, who was so badly burned two weeks ago, is showing remarkable improvement and that she will probably recover from the effects of the burns.

The Sentinel also wishes to correct one statement made last week in which our information was erroneous. A friend had gone home with Mr. and Mrs. Ford and when the fire did not start he went out to the car and drew off a cup of gasoline. As he approached to throw a little on the kindling it blazed up and as he jumped back he spilled gasoline on Mrs. Ford's clothing, which immediately caught fire from the stove.

CHILD HEALTH

Is the Purpose of County Association Formed Here Wednesday Evening

The Coos County Child Welfare Association was organized at the city hall here Wednesday evening, with 50 representatives present from all sections of the county.

R. A. Jeub was chosen as president of the association and Dr. J. R. Bunch as secretary, both of Coquille.

Chairmen of the four committees named were as follows: Medical, Dr. Jas. Simpkins, of Marshfield; Public Health and Administration, Mrs. Ethel Littler, Powers; Education and Training, Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, Marshfield; Handicapped Children, Judge D. F. Thompson.

It is the purpose of the organization to contact all service clubs in the county and have at least two from each named to serve on these four committees.

The purpose of the organization was outlined by Mrs. N. C. Twist, state health nurse, who told of various White House conferences, the first in 1909, when the subject of child welfare was inaugurated. The last was in November 1930.

In her talk Mrs. Twist said that Gov. Meier has called a conference on Child Health and Protection to be held in Salem, May 2 and 3, and it is hoped to have county organizations perfected all over the state before that time so that each section will be represented at the conference.

The purpose of the county conference and organization is to make a study of child welfare problems and get a picture of conditions in Coos county for the May state conference, so that the delegates to Salem may report and bring back definite recommendations for the follow-up work in Coos county, in the matter of protecting children.

The names of the four committees appointed gives a pretty good idea of what the object of the association is. That of Education and Training covers the following subjects: family and parent education along health lines, infant and pre-school children care, school child, vocation guidance and child labor, recreation and physical education and the study and control of youth outside the home and school.

He Refunded the Money

There isn't anything that fakirs and grifters won't think up to fleece the public. We read recently of two old men flim-flammed of \$300 and \$900 respectively, in Kansas, who paid it to quacks who professed they had removed cataracts from the eyeball with a few drops of some liquid.

The latest here in this section was a fellow by the name of Dudley, from Los Angeles, who called on ranchers, and while he did not expressly so state, the rancher was led to believe that the fellow was a representative from the income tax collector's office. He delivered them a book in which to keep account of receipts and disbursements, talked to them about how to make out income tax reports, and for the book and service rendered asked \$12.50.

One man who paid it decided he had been stung and reported the matter to Sheriff Hess. Deputy Sheriff Culver finally found the fellow in a bathtub in a Marshfield hotel, and after Dudley had refunded the \$12.50, turned him loose.

Deer-Running Dog Killed

A deer-running dog met its just fate Wednesday morning. It had been running a doe, had torn part of the flesh away from its head and when it brought the animal down again on the Hughes place at Riverton, Mr. Hughes shot and killed both deer and dog. He then called up the sheriff's office to report what he had done. Deputy Pete Culver went down that afternoon to get the carcass and bring it up here to the county farm.

Guild Hall Dinner, April 6

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will serve dinner in Guild Hall next Wednesday, April 6, at noon. Everyone is invited to come, and it is generally known that the ladies of the Guild serve as splendid a meal as it is possible to get anywhere. The price will be 35 cents per plate.

Fred Wimer Moves Radio Shop

Fred Wimer this week moved his Radio Shop from the Drane building on Second street to the room at the rear of the Wilson Confectionery in the W. O. W. building.

Jury Hung in Ogren Case

Circuit court opened here Tuesday morning after a two weeks' intermission. The first case to come up was that of Wm. Kay and W. J. Conrad vs. Geo. P. Laird. The defendant was charged with trespass and cutting cedar on the plaintiff's land in Curry county. The jury brought in a verdict Wednesday for \$838.89.

The State vs. Wallace Ogren case was begun Wednesday and the jury which received the case at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, was dismissed at eight last evening, being unable to agree. The indictment was for assault and battery, the complaining witness swearing that the defendant had struck her in an argument over wages.

Today the state is prosecuting Robert Nation on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Raleigh Hoyleman, charged with issuing a forged check, will be on trial Monday, and on Tuesday, Sam Price will be on trial on a larceny charge. He was indicted for stealing two reels of cable from the Coos Bay Lumber Co. at Powers.

SHE WAS A REAL PIONEER

Mrs. Mary E. Hathaway, who was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery here last Saturday, was one of the pioneers of Coos county. She came west from New York state in 1869, three years after her marriage to Henry G. Hathaway, and was on the first emigrant passenger train to cross the continent. After stopping at Amity, Ore., for a short time they came to Coos county with Jos. Collier, father of Jos. Collier, who lives a few miles below town, when there was nothing but trails in southwest Oregon. She rode a pony while the men walked. Her year-old son rebelled after one day of being carried on horseback and one of the men had to carry him the rest of the way. Allen and Henry Collier were also in the party.

She was the first teacher in Coquille and the first in this district who had a certificate.

Her husband was always a pioneer, and although they went east to Iowa in 1871, they soon started west again, living in Colorado and Montana and in 1902 coming back to this section where he bought the place three miles below town on which Ernest Plapp lives. They purchased it from Chas. Strang's father. Mr. Hathaway died here in 1911, at the age of 81, and in 1914 she accompanied her son, George, and family to Farmington, Wash., where she passed away March 22, of this year. She had been ill for a month.

She was born Mary E. Mead, Jan. 3, 1839, and was two months and 19 days past 93 years of age. A forefather of hers and one of Mr. Hathaway's came to this country on the Mayflower.

Of the four children born to them, two survive, Geo. Hathaway and Samuel K. Hathaway, both of Farmington. She is also survived by five grand children and two great grand children. Her only brother died three weeks before she did, in Colorado. The late A. J. Sherwood was a nephew of Mrs. Hathaway.

May Make Partial Payments

For the convenience of citizens who are delinquent in the payment of annual installments and interest for the retirement of liens against their real estate on account of street improvements, sewer construction, etc., I will until further notice accept partial payments in any amount, to be applied on such installments. Temporary receipts will be issued for such payments, to be followed by an official receipt for each annual installment as payments thereon are completed. The City Treasurer's office is at the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

W. S. Sickels, City Treasurer.

In commenting on the above Mr. Sickels says there is no provision for entering partial payments in the city's Lien Docket and that it will be necessary for him to install in his accounting system a special auxiliary ledger for this purpose. This will require considerable extra work on the part of the Treasurer, but he feels there is at this time a need for such a plan of co-operation with property owners. This method of handling the situation has the approval of Mayor Berg, City Attorney Corby and the Finance Committee of the City Council, there being no desire on the part of the city administration to press matters to the foreclosure point, unless necessary to maintain the city's financial solvency.

C.H.S. TO DEBATE

Will Represent Coos County in Meet with Ashland Next Thursday

Coquille High School will represent the Coos County District in debate here next Thursday evening, April 7, when the forensic squad of Ashland High journeys to Coquille for the meeting which will decide the southern Oregon inter-district championship.

Coquille will uphold the negative of the question: Resolved, that the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance. Madeline McKeown and Avery Combs will argue the question for the locals. The names of the Ashland contestants have not been announced to date.

Coquille High was appointed representative of the Coos County district for the coming inter-sectional contest after Marshfield High School, district champion, had announced inability to continue debating activities, due to finances. The appointment was received through the office of P. M. Collier, Portland, secretary of the Oregon High School Debating League.

The winner of the approaching tilt will meet the winner of the Northern Oregon District. The state finals are to be held in Eugene on May sixth, at which time the western champion will debate the eastern Oregon winner for the state title.

A critic judge is to be employed for the Thursday evening contest in Coquille, a faculty member of the speech department of either the University of Oregon, Oregon State College, or Willamette University, to be chosen. The debate is to be held in the Pioneer church. An admission charge of ten and fifteen cents will be charged to help defray expenses of the contest.

Dedication Committee Enlarged

The meeting at Gold Beach last Saturday evening, to further plan for the Rogue river bridge dedication on May 28, was attended by 30 to 35 men from points on the highway between Brookings and the Siuslaw river.

Following the 6:30 dinner in Sunset Inn the group adjourned to the court house where after an hour's discussion it was decided to have the dedication of the bridge and the celebration of the opening of the Coast highway, sponsored by the Coast Highway Association, with members of the committee appointed by the several civic bodies along the highway to act with the committee previously named at Gold Beach. It was left, however, with the Gold Beach committee to arrange all the necessary details.

Robert L. Withrow, secretary of the committee, and in charge of publicity, stated that the estimated cost of the affair was \$850, with \$650 already raised or pledged.

J. E. Norton was named as Coquille representative on the general committee, G. E. Kreiger, from Marshfield, and Otto Shindler, from Bandon. Those attending from Coquille were C. W. Gano, E. D. Webb, J. E. Norton and H. A. Young.

Peace Study Group

The Study Group announce the last of a series of lectures and discussions on the subject of World Peace to be held this evening in the city hall, beginning at eight o'clock.

The Boy Scouts have full charge of this evening's program and it is going to be very interesting to hear their attitude toward war, disarmament and peace.

In the book used as a basic text we find the following quotation:

"The earth needs the charity of youth to heal it, the ardor of youth to stir it and the faith of youth to lead it on."

Those who have attended these sessions have felt fully repaid for the time devoted to the subject and hope to see a full house at this last meeting.

Schools to Have Night Classes

The annual exhibit of school work in the grade buildings will be on the evening of Wednesday, April 13; in the Washington building from 7 to 9:30 and in the Lincoln from 8 to 9:30. The teachers and pupils will be in their rooms, the regular daily work will be carried on and parents and patrons are invited to visit the schools at that time.

The high school evening open house will be held later in the spring.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.