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HIGH WATER AGAIN

Coquille River Goes On Its Annual New Year's Spree This Week

It's becoming a habit with the Coquille river to go on a rampage for New Year's and get full, although this year it missed it a couple of days. Jan. 1, 1932, the lowlands to the south and west of Coquille resembled an inland sea with the dike between the bridge and Fat Elk covered with two feet or more of water, and on Tuesday morning of this week the same condition existed this year. And by Tuesday afternoon the water was nearly a foot and a half higher than a year ago. It still lacked a couple of feet of reaching the 1924 level.

The freshet was preceded by the most severe storm this section has witnessed in years. Starting Sunday and increasing in violence that night, the wind blew a hurricane and did not calm until Monday afternoon. It was accompanied by a deluge which totalled between five and six inches for the three days, starting Saturday.

Monday afternoon the road to Powers was under five feet of water at the Waggoner place above Broadbent. That night the mile of dike just north of Myrtle Point was under water and before morning the flood had reached the Coquille-Bandon section, pushing it out of commission until Tuesday evening and there was still a foot of water on the highway for several hundred feet beyond the Geo. Lorenz barn.

Both the Riverton and Ballards ferries were put out of commission, the piling and approach at the latter floating loose when the rising water pulled the piling up from the bottom.

While the storm did not put the main power lines out of business here, many side lines were out, that out Cunningham way being one of them. The juice was also off at Riverton for a night or two, and the repair crew was constantly on the job Sunday night and most of Monday.

Falling wires caused three radios to be burned out in the north part of town, one at Ralph Noeler's place and another at Sam Arnold's.

So far as reported there has been no loss of livestock, although the flood has seriously interfered with dairymen all along the river.

At the Smith plant here the water was kept out of the engine room by tightly battening the door and keeping an electric pump constantly in operation.

Ferb Emery and Ray Jeub and plant employees were able to control all the logs the company had in the boom up the river by constant surveillance and effort, while Roy Neal and Jim Brady kept the Coos Bay Lumber Co. logs, at the mouth of the North Fork, from breaking loose and spreading all over the bottoms up there.

Out at the Kanu Klub grounds, at Brewster valley, the water was within a foot of entering L. H. Hazard's cabin and only 16 inches below the floor of Bert Gould's.

Yesterday the water level had dropped six feet across the river here and unless another storm sets in the worst is past.

Relief Assn. Needs Supplies

The Coquille Relief Association, which has been functioning again for the past two weeks, with increasing activity, finds its stock of clothing, shoes, etc., for children, women and men, sadly depleted, with more calls every day than can be filled. The association is making another appeal to the public for anything which may be used to relieve distress. The committee will be glad to call for any article of wearing apparel.

V. F. W. Invites the Public

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold an open meeting, to which the public is cordially invited, in the W. O. W. hall, next Friday evening, Jan. 13. Two departmental officers, Cicero F. Hogan, department service officer, and Alfred G. Whiteside, department adjutant, both of Portland, will be in attendance to talk on the Bonus question and on the National Economy League.

Little Damage by Fire

The fire department was called out about four o'clock yesterday afternoon to the Paul McElwaine duplex house on Fifth street, just east of the highway. The fire was burning out and the fire was between the ceiling and the roof, but the department quickly extinguished it after chopping a hole in the roof.

Lions to Sponsor Scout Troop

The Coquille Lions Club at its dinner session yesterday adopted a major activity for the year 1933 by agreeing to sponsor Boy Scout activities in Coquille this year, provided the Chamber of Commerce wishes to be relieved of this responsibility. There was no thought nor intention on the Lions part to attempt to take on any activity belonging to the Chamber of Commerce, but because of its reduced subscriptions this year, the Chamber is perfectly willing to be relieved of the responsibility. The estimated amount needed for Boy Scout expenses in Coquille this year is \$70.

The entertainment feature of the luncheon yesterday noon was furnished by "Bucko" Staninger, who accompanied his vocal selections on a plectrum-guitar played by himself. His singing and playing made a decided hit with the 20 Lions in attendance and he was called upon again and again.

Mrs. Loreman Dies in North

J. Ellis Loreman, the geologist who has been living here for the past year, received word yesterday that Mrs. Loreman passed away in Seattle on Wednesday and he left last evening for that city.

Mrs. Loreman left for the north a couple of months ago, after spending six months here with Mr. Loreman and had been visiting relatives up there. Her death was sudden and unexpected.

NEW COUNTY COURT SESSION

The county court which was in session here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, with Judge Thompson, John D. Carl and Chas. Doane present, found a huge stack of bills awaiting their official O. K., and many other matters needing attention.

One of the court orders was to the effect that one-half of the \$20,000 budgeted as an emergency fund, be set up as a Special Emergency Cash Fund in order to make available, when necessary, funds for destitution relief.

When the state relief committee representatives were here last week the policy of the county in paying county farm expenses and a portion of some employees' salaries out of the funds borrowed from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was frowned upon, and the policy has been discontinued. The funds may be used only for relief and not for executive work in handling the relief.

The court appointed A. T. Morrison as juvenile and probation officer at a salary of \$110 per month. Mrs. Edith McNelly and Mrs. Josephine Culver were named as deputies at compensation to be arranged for if their services are needed for special work, such as taking girls to corrective institutions at Salem or Portland.

Dr. M. Earl Wilson was appointed as secretary of the County Board of Health, subject to confirmation by the state board, at a salary of \$800 a year.

The county license fee for dogs was set at \$1 per year, regardless of the sex of the animal. This is the present policy of most of the counties in the state.

Busy Corner 18 Years Old

In the Busy Corner advertisement this week, J. E. Norton alludes to the fact that this popular grocery store has served the people of Coquille and vicinity for 18 years without interruption.

One fact Mr. Norton did not mention that all the present employees of the store were also employees when the Coquille Valley Mercantile Co. began its operations 18 years ago. This includes himself and son, H. S. Norton, Aaron Wilson and Clarence Tuttle. Of the three others who were associated with the Busy Corner at that time, Chas. T. Skeels has passed away, Oscar Nosler is living in southern California, and S. M. Nosler still lives in Coquille.

Plumbers Must Have Licenses

At the session of the city council Monday evening Marshal English was instructed to notify all plumbers that unless they took out an annual license, as required by the city ordinance, they would be subject to a fine of from \$5 to \$100. The marshal has notified all the plumbers who have shops, but he says there are nearly two dozen who do plumbing without owning a shop, and through the Sentinel he is notifying them that they must take out a license before Jan. 16, or be liable to fine.

ALL REAPPOINTED CITY TAX LEVY 60.3

City Officers, Committees and Commissions Named by Mayor Berg

The 1931-32 council adjourned sine die Monday evening after the previous session's minutes had been read and approved, and the new council at once organized by the election of R. A. Jeub as chairman of the board and the appointment of officers. All councilmen were present except C. W. Gano.

The officers appointed by Mayor Berg and who were confirmed by the council were the same as served the city last year: Wm. Howell as marshal, Louis English deputy marshal, S. V. Epperson water superintendent, W. S. Sickels city treasurer, Grant Corby city attorney, Frank Dungey street commissioner, J. Loy Stacer city engineer and manager over streets and water, C. W. Gardner fire chief, and Dr. W. E. Gregson health officer. All bonds for appointed officers will be the same as last year.

Committees of the council were named by the mayor as follows: Ordinance—Bryant, Jeub, Belloni. Finance—Jeub, Bryant, Gano. Fire—Gano, Medley, Belloni. Light—LeFevre, Jeub, Medley. Water—Belloni, Gano, LeFevre. Streets—Medley, Bryant, LeFevre. Mayor Berg appointed to the four year term on the Library board, Mrs. C. D. Walker. The other members of the board are Mrs. Geo. Chaney, Mrs. Geo. A. Uulett, Mrs. C. C. Farr and O. C. Sanford.

On the Park Commission the mayor appointed Keith Leslie, chairman, Ray Jeub, Tracy Leach, O. T. Gant and Alton H. Grimes.

As members of the city boxing commission the appointments were A. H. Grimes as chairman, R. L. Stewart, C. W. Gano, F. F. Schram, and Dr. J. W. Wheeler.

All of the mayors appointments were confirmed by the council. The Coquille Valley Sentinel was named as the city official newspaper for the ensuing two years.

Licenses were granted to restaurants, rooming houses and pool rooms for those where application had been made and the others were ordered to have their applications filed by Jan. 15.

Those granted Monday night were: Restaurants—Tommy Wing, H. R. Dimmick, Lisle Goodwin, W. M. Morris, Grace Donaldson.

Rooming House—Tommy Wing and H. R. Dimmick.

Card and Pool Rooms—W. H. Fortier, Ed B. Miller and Hub Davis. The Veterans of Foreign Wars post was granted permission to use the council chamber every Friday evening.

The bond of Recorder F. G. Leslie, in the sum of \$1000, and with S. M. Nosler and J. L. Stevens as sureties, was approved by the council and placed on file with the mayor.

The council adjourned at eight o'clock, but the water and finance committees held a session for an hour and a half more, discussing city business and the policies to be pursued this year.

Ankle Broken and Sprained

Mrs. Phoebe Harry, who had been in the Mass hospital at Myrtle Point since last Saturday, was brought home yesterday with her left limb in a cast. She sprained her ankle and broke the large bone just above the ankle as she was leaving the Adventist church after morning service last Saturday. It was raining and Mrs. J. R. Bunch beckoned to Mrs. Harry that she would take her home, and as she started down the steps she fell, the break resulting. Dr. M. Earl Wilson was called and she was taken at once to Myrtle Point.

Woman's Club Meets Jan. 10

The January meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Episcopal parish house. Mrs. B. A. Roberts, who has travelled a great deal in the Orient, will tell about some of her travels in China, and Mrs. E. A. Woodyard will give a vocal selection. Meeting opens at 2 p. m.

Rainfall Totals 29 Inches

With a rainfall this month of a little over five inches, the total for the first four months of the weather fiscal year is 29 inches, nearly three inches less than it was at this time a year ago.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

CITY TAX LEVY 60.3

Reduction of 9.5 Mills From Last Year's Combined Rate

Tax levies for 1932 taxes, payable this year, were compiled and released by Assessor J. P. Beyers this week.

The Coquille city combined tax levy is 60.3 mills, a reduction of 9.5 mills from last year when it was 69.8.

The combined state and county levy is 18.5 mills, of which Mr. Beyers figures the county portion to be 2.59 mills. This distributes the Coquille levy in the following way: State and County 18.5; school district No. 8, 17.3; City, 22.8; Port of Bandon 1.7.

Following is the combined levies for each of the towns in the county, with the levy for each last year:

	1932	1931
Coquille	60.3	69.8
Marshfield	60.7	72.8
North Bend	86.1	87.7
Myrtle Point	62.2	71.3
Bandon	88.1	95.5
Empire	58.2	54.4
Eastside	71.3	82.7

Lakeside did not report any levy to the assessor.

Port levies are: Coos Bay 6.9; Bandon 1.7; Coquille river, nothing.

Special high school levies for districts in which there is no high school, 6.1 mills; Union High School No. 2, Myrtle Point, 14.1; Union High No. 3, Riverton, 7.7.

The school levies of all the seventy odd districts in the county vary very little from last year's figure.

County Budget Adopted

The opponents of our public schools persisted in their resistance to any increase in the per capita school tax at the public budget hearing last Saturday, and the \$10 per capita, as adopted by the budget committee early in December, was not changed. Nor was the total budget figure of \$659,836.33 changed in any way and the published budget was adopted by the county court that evening, exactly as advertised.

Dennis McCarthy made a talk at the public hearing Saturday morning, advocating that nothing be budgeted for county agent or herd testing work, but neither item was eliminated from the budget.

Assessor J. P. Beyers made one of the most interesting talks at the morning session. He hit direct from the shoulder, with the charge that the people themselves, and they alone, are responsible for our present high taxes. "You've got to get down to earth" was his contention.

"I'll work for you a whole year as county assessor for \$1.00, if you will do your part," was Mr. Beyers' declaration, but he went on to add that doing their part meant not only cutting down on public expenditures, but personal as well. "Those of you who cannot afford to own automobiles must give them up and cut all your living expenses to fit your means," was what the assessor meant by the public doing its part.

Mr. Beyers, Geo. Hampton, H. G. Kern, C. E. Maybee and others were present to advocate and urge a larger per capita school tax, but the motion that the budget be adopted was carried by a vote of 39 to 23. This was simply an advisory expression of how those present wished the court to act on the budget, and was not binding in any way on the court.

Basketball Here Tonight

Coquille and Myrtle Point high school basketball teams, both A and B teams, will meet on the Community Building floor here this evening, the first game to be a seven o'clock.

Following is the Coquille high school basketball schedule for the next two months:

- Jan. 6—Myrtle Point, here.
- Jan. 10—North Bend, here.
- Jan. 13—Bandon, here.
- Jan. 20—Marshfield, here.
- Jan. 21—Roseburg, here.
- Jan. 28—Roseburg, here.
- Feb. 3—Myrtle Point, here.
- Feb. 10—North Bend, here.
- Feb. 17—Bandon, here.
- Feb. 24—Marshfield, here.

I.O.O.F. Installation

The joint installation of Odd Fellows and Rebekah officers will be held in I. O. O. F. hall next Wednesday evening, Jan. 11. All Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are requested to attend. Preceding the ceremonies there will be a pot luck supper in the lodge banquet hall, at 6:30 to which all members of the two orders and their families are invited.

Hotel People Invited

Lafe Compton, of the Coquille Hotel, has sent out invitations to sixty hotel and resort managers, along the Coast Highway from Astoria on the north to Crescent City on the south, for a get-together meeting to be held in the hotel here on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, Jan. 21 and 22. The purpose of the meeting, as expressed in Mr. Compton's invitation is that the hotel people on the Coast Highway may become better acquainted with one another, that they may know the Coast Highway better by travelling over it, and that they may make plans for receiving the increased tourist travel which it is expected will be using the Coast road this summer.

This invitation to the hotel proprietors to assemble as guests of the hotel management here, is an innovation, but Mr. Compton believes it will prove beneficial for every hotel and resort along the highway.

Will Start Revival Sunday

A series of undenominational revival services will be held in the Baptist Church of Coquille, beginning Sunday evening at 7:30 and continuing every evening except Saturday at the same hour. The services will be conducted by two ladies, Miss A. M. Patterson, whose home is in Australia, and Miss C. Horton, who lives in Washington. They invite every one to come to their services and hear the gospel.

C. of C. WILL SUPPORT HIGHWAY

A letter from the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce was read at the Coquille Chamber meeting Wednesday evening in which it was urged that Coquille, as well as all other communities along the Coast Highway, do its utmost to help in financing the work of the Coast Highway Association to the end of its fiscal year, April 1. The Coquille quota is \$100.

After a report by J. E. Norton on what Ed Miller has accomplished in establishing contacts with travel organizations in directing travel over the Coast highway, and a further optimistic estimate of what tourist travel will be the coming season, President R. L. Stewart asked for a vote on whether the directors favored making the support of the Coast Association one of the major activities of the Chamber for this year. Thirteen of the 20 directors were present and the vote was unanimous that the Coquille Chamber support the Association to the limit of its ability.

Mr. Stewart thereupon volunteered to personally call on business and professional men in Coquille and attempt to secure a dollar a month contribution from 20 men for the five months from Nov. 1 to April 1.

The Chamber of Commerce funds, with only about \$300 as yet pledged for this year, will hardly be able to take care of this \$100 needed by the Coast Association, but if the average man could be given the message of increased tourist travel over the Coast Highway, as a few who attend County Chamber of Commerce meetings have heard it, showing a many fold actual return in cash for the moneys expended by the Coast Association, there would be no question of financing the association's operations.

Many other matters of public interest—taxes, schools, warrants, etc., were discussed at considerable length by the directors Wednesday evening, but no action was taken on any of those matters.

The report of Treasurer W. S. Sickels for the past six months showed that there was a balance of \$104.94 on July 1, to which was added \$323 for dues paid by members, or a total of \$427.94. Expenses for the period were \$263.93, giving a balance on hand Dec. 31, of \$164.01.

Klines Move to Portland

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kline and two boys left yesterday for Portland, where they expect to make their home for at least the next six months. Mr. Kline is in the employ of the Forest Service of the federal Interior Department and the office work on which he is engaged will keep him busy for that length of time.

They shipped their household goods to Portland but have not sold their home place on Knowlton Heights, and when the lumber business returns to normal here, Mr. Kline hopes to return to Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline have been very popular residents of Coquille for several years, and it is hoped they will again make their home here.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

Only Living ex-President of the U. S. Dies Suddenly Yesterday

Calvin Coolidge, the only ex-president of the United States, died suddenly from a heart stroke, at his home in Northampton, Mass., just before noon yesterday. Mr. Coolidge was 60 years old on the fourth of last July.



The funeral services will be very simple, being conducted at his home at 10:30 Saturday morning and his body will be laid to rest beside the remains of his father in the family plot at Plymouth, Vermont.

Calvin Coolidge was one of the most uncontentious men ever to occupy the most exalted office in the United States. Probably he would not be classed as one of the greatest presidents ever to serve the United States, but he left the office after about six years of service with fewer enemies than any other president, and regardless of party he was the friend of all the American people.

The following press dispatch tells of the esteem in which he was held by leaders of the United States:

The world's great men wrote an epitaph of acclaim for Calvin Coolidge in a great outpouring of sorrowful expressions at his passing.

President Hoover, his successor-elect, Franklin D. Roosevelt, cabinet men, governors, heads of foreign nations and their ambassadors, educators, ministers, heads of great industrial and business enterprises, all attested by their words the esteem in which the ex-president was held.

"His name had become in his own lifetime a synonym for sagacity and wisdom," said President Hoover in proclaiming a 30-day national period of mourning. "His temperateness in speech and his orderly deliberation in action bespoke the profound sense of responsibility which guided his conduct of the public business."

Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "I am inexpressibly shocked at the news of Mr. Coolidge's death. The nation suffers a great loss in his sudden and untimely passing."

John W. Davis, who opposed Coolidge for the presidency in 1924: "Those who differed from him politically never questioned his integrity, patriotism or devotion to public duty, and friends and foes alike must regret that the country is deprived in this critical time of his cool and experienced judgment."

Alfred E. Smith: "I had a strong admiration for him. Since he left Washington I have been pleasantly associated with him. I am deeply shocked and deeply grieved."

Charles G. Dawes, vice-president under Coolidge: "The loss is irreparable."

Vice-President Curtis: "The nation has lost one of its strongest men—a man who was liked and whose ability were appreciated by the peoples of all the civilized world."

High Water at Cottage Grove

Theodore Clinton, who had spent the holidays with his family at Mrs. Clinton's parents' home near Portland, and Kenneth Lawrence, who went up to Portland last week to see his brother, Perry, found it impossible to return Sunday as they had planned. Between Eugene and Cottage Grove the highway was under several feet of water and at the latter city there was three feet of water on the main street, with a boat tied up at the Bartel Hotel, a la Venice in Italy.

The water came there in a rush, rising almost three feet in two hours. Lawrence and Clinton had to wait over a day before they could get home.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.