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## MINING OF COAL

### On Large Scale Is Proposed by Men Who Buy 800 Acres on Pulaski Creek

The development of the coal resources of the Coquille valley on a larger scale than ever before attempted in this section is a possibility of the very near future, according to Albert Rives who has accompanied four coal mine owners and operators in their investigations around the valley the past week.

The visitors left yesterday for Roseburg, after making a deal for the purchase of 800 acres of coal land, five to seven miles from Coquille, and located on Pulaski creek, between Arago and Riverton.

Outcroppings there show veins nine, twelve and thirteen feet thick within a distance of a few hundred feet, coal of a fine quality.

These men, who own coal mines in Washington, British Columbia, Wyoming and elsewhere, have a market of 5,000 tons a month in San Francisco, and the cheaper haul from the Coquille river is what induced them to come to this section. Their names have not been made public by Mr. Rives but he believes there is no doubt that the project will go through. It is not a stock promotion scheme. They have the money to develop the business here.

They stated that 600 of the 800 acres is underlaid with coal. They will employ from 150 to 400 men when they get to operating and are talking of laying out a small townsite where the employees will reside.

There is only one thing they will ask of Coos county, and it is a most natural request. That is, the improvement of the road leading from the mines to the river where the coal will be loaded on barges. Just where they expect to load could not be learned this morning, but when they return next week further details of their plans will no doubt be available.

### To Remodel Funeral Home

Henry A. and Charles Schroeder, who recently purchased C. W. Gano's interest in Schroeder and Gano, Inc., funeral homes at Coquille and Bandon, took charge of these places on Wednesday and are starting work immediately upon extensive remodeling and repairs at the Coquille Chapel.

This remodeling will be under supervision of Ebert L. Schroeder, who with his wife has recently returned from a six months' course in the San Francisco School of Embalming, where he had one of the five highest grades given in the school.

After the remodeling is done, Coquille will have one of the most up-to-date funeral homes in southwestern Oregon, incorporating many new ideas seen in California establishments.

According to present plans, living quarters will be incorporated in the new alterations, which will enable the person in charge to give continuous service during the entire twenty-four hours for ambulance service.

### Col. Miller Here Next Tuesday

It is expected that a large attendance will be present at the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting in the hotel next Tuesday noon, when Hon. Milton A. Miller, of Portland, is to speak. Geo. A. Belloni was named as chairman of the ticket selling committee at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday this week. Anyone desiring to attend should make arrangements with him, or at the hotel, prior to next Tuesday.

### Rev. T. R. Jackman Here

Rev. T. R. Jackman left yesterday to return to his work after spending a few days here with Mrs. Jackman who underwent an operation at the Knife Hospital last week. When word reached him that an operation was necessary he was up in Montana.

Speaking of his work he said he instituted five new Fountain churches last month.

### Pea Picking to Start Aug. 10

H. S. Cadman stated yesterday morning that pea picking on the J. E. Ford ranch near Cedar Point, would probably start the last of next week, from the 10th to the 15th, with the peak coming a couple of weeks later.

Sixty or seventy pickers will be needed to start the season and pickers should see Mr. Cadman at once.

Starting tomorrow the Coquille postoffice closes at 12:30 on Saturday instead of at 2 p. m. as it has done for the past year.

### Better Drilling Possible

There is nothing new to report about the gas well this week. W. E. Marrion drilled through the bridge last Saturday and has at last been able to secure a circulation of water between the six and eight inch casing, which will permit him to lower the inner casing to the bottom as soon as he completes the under-reaming.

The gas pressure continues strong with more oil showing in the ballings than has been seen for several weeks. This oil showing proves that it is not merely a marsh gas, as might be the case if there was no petroleum there.

### Rain Most Unusual for August

The 44 inches of precipitation during the past eleven months, since Sept. 1, 1934, is way below the average for this section. But if yesterday's morning shower is a criterion the coming season will see the mark up around the 60 inch average again.

It practically never rains in August in Coos county, and yet yesterday there was a light rain for some hours and again this morning a shower after daybreak tended to keep things moist.

## MRS. SKEELS LETTER FROM ROME

The Sentinel today begins the publication of a letter received by Mrs. Birdie Skeels from her daughter, Mrs. Marvel Oberteuffer, who has been studying music in Rome, Italy, for the past two years.

This letter deals with the throngs and sights Mrs. Oberteuffer observed in the several churches of Rome about Easter time. We have found its personal very interesting and believe our readers will also. The second portion of Mrs. Oberteuffer's letter will appear next Friday:

March 30, 1934.

For the last two weeks Rome has been filling up with tourists and most of all "Pilgrims from every nation" who have come here at this time to see the closing of Holy Year of the Roman Catholic church. I have not gone to any of the churches or entered into this important event which has brought so many people here simply because I have had so much studying and work to do each day and then, too, because I am not a Roman Catholic and do not know and understand the things which are so important to them. But today I decided to take a vacation from my work and go with some of the American people who are here at the Pensione and Signore Onateky who offered to be our guide.

First thing in the morning after breakfast we took the tram to one of the four Basilicas, Santa Maria Maggiore. This church is on Via Cavour and I pass it every time I go to my voice lesson but only once before had I been inside and that was when I first arrived just to see the decorations of gold on its ceiling which is said to be the first gold brought from America to Spain.

Santa Maria Maggiore was built (Continued on seventh page)

### Gas Co. to Lower Rates

The Oregon Public Service Commission has approved the sale of the Coquille gas plant to the Coquille Gas & Power Co., and now the purchasing company has made application to the commission for permission to materially reduce its charges for gas. The company has not announced what the new rates will be, but they will be effective as of August 1, when approved. Not only will the rate be reduced, but there will be a ten percent discount allowed on bills paid by the 12th of the month.

A line of refrigerators, ranges and gas appliances will soon be installed in the company's office in the Richmond building, with some one always present to demonstrate.

Since the organization of the Coquille Gas & Power Co., two more stockholders have been added to the original six—W. H. Mansell and J. E. Paulson.

### Will Build Six New Cabins

LeRoy Rice, who this week sold his interest in the Ideal Bakery, is going to devote his time and attention to the Coquille Auto Park north of town on the Marshfield highway, which he owns.

He plans on renovating and remodeling the cabins he has there now, making them modern, and expects to build five or six new ones at once. He has a great deal of room there to lay out a splendid camp and he intends building it up to a point where it will be excelled by none in this district.

Calling cards 50 for \$1.00.

## MANY PIONEERS

### Attended Picnic Here Sunday—S. M. Nosler Made President of Permanent Association

S. M. Nosler was chosen president of the newly organized Coos County Pioneers Association last Sunday and Ralph Noah, secretary-treasurer. Both were elected for one year, and Coquille was again selected as the place for holding next year's picnic.

There were 350 or more present in Myrtle Grove park during the afternoon and many friends and acquaintances who had not met for years enjoyed shaking hands once more and talking over old times. There was not a section of the county nor a pioneer family which was not represented.

A community singing, led by Frank G. Leslie, preceded the picnic dinner, after which the afternoon was spent in reminiscing and visiting.

Jno. E. Quick, as chairman of this year's affair, named a committee, consisting of L. L. Bunch, Mrs. L. J. Cary, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Mrs. Maude Bean and P. E. Drane, to make suggestions as to a permanent organization. After a few moments conference they reported the association name and officers as above stated.

Vice presidents for the several communities for next year's picnic are: Ed Hoffman, Myrtle Point; Frank Lowe, Marshfield; Frank Van Leuven, Bandon; Lilly Demant, Powers; John Danielson, North Bend; and Mrs. Roy Roselle, Empire.

No age limit of specified residence in the county was set by the association. Any resident is eligible for membership.

Mrs. Annie Wolcott, sister of Frank L. Lowe, of Marshfield, enjoys the distinction of having lived longer in the county than any other person present at the picnic last Sunday. She was the first white child born on the Coquille river, at Parkersburg, in 1859.

Cass M. Hermann, of Roseburg, runs her a close second, however, for she came with the Baltimore colony in 1859. He is now 83 years of age.

Col. C. T. Blumenrother, of Bandon, 48 years in Coos county, was another of the old time residents present, and there were many more. The president, Mr. Nosler, came to Coos county in 1872 and his sister, Mrs. Mary Gage, is the oldest living person born in Coquille. Geo. T. Moulton antedates Mr. Nosler by six years, having been born on the lower river in 1866. And his sister, Mrs. Nosler, is likewise a native of Coos county.

### Will Furnish Piling for Bridge

Coquille will receive some direct benefit from the building of the Coos Bay bridge in addition to the indirect benefit each section of the county will receive as the result of the spending over more than a million dollars on the Bay for construction purposes within the next two years.

R. A. Wernich stated the first of the week that he had received the contract for delivering 400,000 lineal feet of piling for the Coos Bay bridge. Delivery will begin next week and will be scattered through a period of one year, although he could rush it through in four months.

Four or five camps, between Hauser and Coos river, will be opened north of Coos Bay, with Charley Richert in charge. Of the ten men to be employed in each camp many will go over there from this section.

Mr. Wernich has had the contract for the past 60 days, but until the state's contract with the federal government was signed and the funds actually in hand, for the bridges, no publicity could be given.

### J. L. Smith Buys Bunch Home

A deal was completed this morning by which J. L. Smith becomes the owner of the Dr. J. R. Bunch home at the corner of Third and Beech streets. Possession is not to be given until after the first of September.

Dr. Bunch is building a home on his acreage tract at the south end of Hoover street, the Coquille Heights Addition, but is uncertain yet as to when it will be finished.

Mr. Smith expects to sell or rent his present home after he returns from his eastern trip next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, David, Don and Margaret intend leaving early next week, Monday if possible, in their Chrysler, on a six weeks' trip, going first to Michigan where they will visit a brother and later to Kansas where they will visit Mrs. Smith's mother, and other relatives, and friends in the Manhattan section of the state.

## MRS. O. T. BENDER

### Another Pioneer Answers Last Call Tuesday—Came to Coos County in 1859

Otilia Thursnela Bender was born April 3, 1854, at Lonaconning, Maryland. She died at the home of her son, A. H. Bender, near Myrtle Point last Tuesday, July 31, at 3:30 p. m.

She was the daughter of Dr. Henry Hermann and Elizabeth Hermann, who journeyed to Oregon and settled in Coos county, in the year 1859. Her father was a distinguished physician, who emigrated from Germany to this country and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, where he stood at the head of the eminent physicians and surgeons of the age in which he lived.

Dr. Hermann formed a colony of Marylanders, who crossed the Isthmus of Panama, thence by sailing vessel to San Francisco, Calif., continuing the journey by boat to Battle Rock, Port Orford, Curry county, and proceeded up the coast by ox team to the Coquille river, thence up said stream by row boats where they established homes.

Mrs. Bender was then a child of five years of age. The trials of that colony in opening up farms out of the Oregon forests were many, but to us who were not participants therein, the story is one replete with adventure and thrilling interest.

The house, now seventy-five years old, in which Mrs. Bender lived in girlhood, still stands on the old Hermann donation claim, six miles from Myrtle Point. There was no sawmill then to make the lumber; the timbers and boards were split out of red cedar logs; there was not even a cross cut saw in the vicinity; the tools used were an axe, hammer and frow, the latter a tool well known to early Oregon settlers, used to split shingles and boards. The house in spite of its age, is still in excellent condition.

She was married to Edward Bender in the year 1876, and five sons were born to this union, two having died in early life; the three now living being August H. Bender, Ernest E. Bender of Myrtle Point, and Dr. Chester L. Bender, of Portland; also four grandchildren. She is survived by one brother, Cass M. Hermann, of Roseburg; a sister, Mrs. Maria Hermann Baker, of Phoenix, Arizona. She was the sister of Binger Hermann, Mamell, Wash., Henry, Frank, and Ernest, all of whom have passed to their reward.

She resided in Coos county her entire life time. "Aunt Nellie," as she was familiarly known, was a friend to every one. It can be truly said she was in love with life. She was sympathetic, kind and loyal; she gave much to humanity. She lived to the ripe age of four score years and the following tribute which was written of one of our pioneer women belongs also to Aunt Nellie Bender.

"She was born to humble estate. She bore no title and she inherited no fortune, but she accepted the conditions under which she was born and in which she was destined to live, without a murmur or voice of regret, and she gladly met and performed every duty that arose in her path, from youth to old age; and in the performance of these duties, she was just as steady and true as the rhythmic tramp of Time."

"Death robs the living, not the dead. They sweetly sleep—whose tasks are done,

But we are weaker than before  
Who still must live and labor on.  
For when comes care and grief to us  
And heavy burdens brings us woe,  
We miss the smiling and helpful  
friends  
On whom we leaned long years ago."

### Gano Opens Funeral Parlors

C. W. Gano, whose connection with the Schroeder Funeral Parlors ended Tuesday evening, is opening one in his own name at the corner of Third and Coulter streets. He has purchased the old Collier house, east of the Catholic church, and is having it remodeled to meet his needs for a funeral home.

Mr. Gano left Wednesday for Portland to secure a new hearse which he will drive down.

In opening a new business in Coquille Mr. Gano needs no introduction. He has been well and favorably known in this section for years. He is this year the president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce; he is a past commander of the Coquille American Legion Post; and is a member of the Coquille city council.

The Past Grand Club, I. O. O. F., will meet this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Evelyn Oerding at her home.

### Reception for New Pastor

Tuesday evening a most cordial reception was held in the Pioneer Methodist banquet room for Rev. W. Raymond Wilder and family. Beautiful decorations of evergreens and cut flowers were used in artistic arrangement about the room. S. M. Nosler was master of ceremonies and introduced the program numbers as follows:

Walter Fiscus of the Church of Christ gave the address of welcome. M. O. Hawkins pledged support of the members of the Pioneer Church. Mrs. W. A. Ireland gave a reading which was greatly enjoyed by those present. A vocal trio, consisting of Audrey Aasen, Edythe Farr and Margaret Purvance, delighted the audience with two popular songs. Mrs. Chas. Oerding pledged support of the ladies' missionary society. Ernest Purvance pledged support of the Sunday school. F. G. Loele and O. T. Gant sang a vocal duet accompanied at the piano by Mrs. M. O. Hawkins.

Mr. Wilder gave a response and stated that he was sure that his stay in Coquille would be pleasant and successful. After the program refreshments were served and a social evening enjoyed.

## PENSION QUESTIONS, ANSWERS

Q.—Will you have to sell everything in order to get this pension?

A.—No. You do not have to pauperize yourself for this pension.

Q.—What do economists say?

A.—Economists set the \$200 figure. Such economists who are not under restrictions by laws prohibiting them making comments favor the plan. Dr. Samuel M. Dick, of Pasadena, is an economic authority. He holds the American Economic Association award, and has followed economic movements many years.

Q.—Aren't you afraid young people will loaf?

A.—No. Youth wants work. Young people want to have their fling at running this world. For youth commercial wars will still exist. Prizes are still to be won. A loafer will get the same treatment a slacker did during the war times. But remember your own youth. You didn't loaf. And human beings are very much alike.

Q.—Does every pensioner have to be a citizen of the United States?

A.—By all means. You should read over the Townsend Plan of Old Age Revolving Pensions as published in the booklet.

Q.—When the Townsend Old Age Revolving Pension bill becomes a law will it be necessary for Uncle Sam to place a government official in every town and city to look after the payment of the pensions?—M. T.

A.—We hardly believe this would be necessary. However, such a matter would be in the hands of the Treasury Department, or whatever department the enforcement of the law was left to.

Q.—Should persons who have signed the small petitions in back of booklet be requested or permitted to sign the large one?

A.—Yes, the small petition should be mailed direct to the Congressman in your District and is an indication to him of what you desire. The large petition after being filled should be mailed to National Headquarters of the O. A. R. P. at 148 American Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. These petitions will all be presented to Congress at the same time when it convenes next January. We hope with your aid to be able to present 20,000,000 signatures to Congress at that time.

Q.—Will a name be discarded if the age is not signed or is that essential?

A.—The age is not essential in the signing of a petition except that it shows to the Congressman that this plan is not desired alone by the persons past 60 years of age.

Q.—In purchasing a home on the (Continued on fourth page.)

### E. Seelye Buys Bakery Interest

Another of the business changes taking place in Coquille this week was the sale by LeRoy Rice to Everett Seelye of his half interest in the Ideal Bakery. Everett has been employed there in the past and is well acquainted with the business end, which he will manage. Chas. Gallas, his partner, will continue to operate the manufacturing end of the bakery.

Miss Gladys Williams has been engaged as saleslady for the retail department.

Mr. Seelye says the bakery will specialize in slow-baked bread, made of milk and quality materials, and in the finest of pastries. Watch their display windows for attractive cakes, cookies, etc.

## A PIONEER BAND

### Coquille Trombone Band, Pictured in Portland Daily—Home Burned in 1892

A couple of weeks ago the Oregonian showed a picture of the original Coquille Trombone Band, taken in front of the Central Hotel at Marshfield in 1888. There were ten members at that time of whom H. N. Lorenz, Geo. A. Leach, Will and Curt Price and Bird Nosler are still living.

By 1892 the band had increased to 16 pieces and when the Honeywell Hall, across the street north from where the Busy Corner now stands, burned in May, 1892, it moved Will Price to write the following "Obituary of the Trombone Band," for all the instruments were destroyed by the flames:

You all have heard of the Trombone Band,  
And how the small boys after it ran,  
But it is no more, it went up in the flame  
And all there is left is its glorious name.

We used to march out on dress parade  
And how the people would treat us to lemonade;  
But now we march in single file  
And there isn't a boy that can raise a smile.

The boys go around with downcast eyes  
And occasionally you hear them heaving sighs;

The horns are all gone, and music too,  
So what are the poor fellows going to do?

We used to go out and play Boomer-der-ee  
We played it well and caused much glee;

But that time has passed, we will play it no more,  
But will sing it for you on that beautiful shore.

Curt Price and Sam Nosler in a pioneer "fanning" bee on Tuesday named the following as those who lost horns and drums in the 1892 fire, and their present address, if living:

Will Price, San Mateo, Calif.  
C. C. Price, Marshfield.  
Jas. Whetstone, Portland.  
S. S. Norton, Redding, Calif.  
Bird Nosler, Shasta, Calif.  
Geo. Leach, Henry Lorenz, S. M. Nosler, J. E. Norton, Hal Baxter, all of Coquille.

A. A. Leach, Al Wilson, E. A. and Chas. McDuffee, Chas. Wickham and Chas. Harrington, all deceased.

### Farmers to Picnic Sunday

The annual farmers' picnic will be held at the Norway Grove next Sunday, August 5th, the program starting at 11:00 a. m. when preaching services will be conducted, according to George E. Hampton, Pomona Grange Master.

The farmers' picnic is sponsored this year as usual, by the Pomona Grange, and all are cordially invited to attend whether Grangers or not. The program will be under the direction of Mrs. Beth Culver, of Bridge, who is Pomona Grange lecturer. A speaker will be provided by the State Grange Executive committee in addition to the local talent which will be on the program.

J. N. Jacobsen, president of the Coos County Dairy Association, and other members of this organization will appear on the program. Each Grange has been requested to send a tug of war team consisting of five men to compete for an attractive cash prize.

Mrs. C. A. Holvenstott, chairman of the Pomona Grange Home Economics committee, has requested each family to bring lunch, dishes, and silverware; and states that coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the committee.

### Glendale to Play Sunday

The Glendale ball team which gave the Loggers such strenuous opposition in a two game series in June, will furnish the opposition at Athletic Park here Sunday, Aug. 5. That club has been strengthened since its appearance here and Glenn Murray will have to bear down to the limit to hold them now. Game at 2 p. m., admission 35c.

### Coquille Grange on Aug. 16

The Coquille Grange, at its next session on Thursday, Aug. 16, will have a big initiation ceremony for the third and fourth degrees. A potluck supper for all Grange members, whether of the Coquille Grange or not, will precede the meeting, and all Grangers are invited to attend.