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THE LAST VETERAN

In Coos County, of Civil War, J. M. DeLong, Buried Yesterday

Jasper M. DeLong, the last surviving veteran of the Civil war and G. A. R. member in Coquille, and also in Coos county, was called from his earthly suffering at five o'clock Tuesday morning. He was past 91 years of age.

Until two years ago he had never known a sick day in his life, even in the Civil war his only injury was on the forehead where he was struck with a rifle butt in a hand to hand conflict. While on a visit in Nebraska two years ago he became ill and for the past nine months had been quite feeble.

Funeral services, at the Gano Funeral Home yesterday, were conducted by Rev. G. A. Gray in the presence of a very large attendance of friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their last respects to one whom they honored and loved.

Jasper Mathias DeLong was born in Iowa, Feb. 12, 1845. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company I of the 21st regiment, Iowa Volunteers, and served through exactly three years of the Civil war, being mustered out as a corporal, July 15, 1865.

During his service to his country he was engaged in the battles of Fort Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River bridge, and was present at the sieges of Vicksburg, Jackson, Spanish Fort, Blakeley and Mobile.

For thirteen years after being mustered out he was a freighter through Utah, Montana and Colorado, and he has told friends here of the frequent battles his wagon train engaged in with the Indians.

Later he was a farmer in Oklahoma and Kansas. He came to Oregon sixteen years ago and resided in Arago for twelve years.

On Aug. 12, 1932, he was united to Mrs. Julia Grow, who survives him. They made their home on North Coulter for the past four years.

Surviving the deceased are six children by a former marriage, Mrs. Lula Ridenour, of Calumet, Okla., Mrs. Patience Green, of Ranier, Ore., Earl DeLong, of El Reno, Okla., Mrs. Emma Souther, of Pontiac, Mich., Mrs. Ardna Griffin, of Myrtle Point, and C. A. DeLong, of Salem, Ore.

He is also survived by a brother, Wm. DeLong, of O'Neill, Nebr., and a sister, Mrs. Madeline Hink, of Winslow, Ariz.

Mr. DeLong was a most interesting man to converse with and until afflicted with the infirmities of old age, his mind was most clear, and he could tell for hours of his war and Indian fighting experiences in a most entertaining manner.

His was a kindly nature and he made friends of all his acquaintances. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Baseball Schedule for June

The Coquille Loggers will meet the Empire club on the Empire club's grounds this coming Sunday, June 7. Joe Spencer, who pitched such great ball against the Loggers when the Roseburg Eagles visited here a couple of weeks ago, has signed to pitch for the Loggers and will be on the mound Sunday.

Other games scheduled by Manager Fortier for the next month, all to be played at Athletic Park here, include: June 14—Toledo Lions of the Oregon State League.

June 20-21—St. Louis Blues, a colored team.

June 24—Detroit Colored Giants.

June 28—Eugene Townies, of the state league.

July 4-5—Klamath Falls Pelicans, of the southern Oregon league.

New Liberty Most Attractive

The appearance of the New Liberty Theatre has been most heartily commended by all who have visited it in the past week, since its re-opening Sunday. It is unusual to have a metropolitan show house in a town the size of Coquille, but Messrs. Wood and Claver have made theirs the equal, except in size, of any motion picture theatre in Oregon.

M. P. to Close Tomorrow

Mayor Ralph D. Kring, of Myrtle Point, on Wednesday of this week issued a proclamation declaring Saturday, June 6, a holiday in that city on account of the Coos Bay bridge celebration. Practically all the merchants in Myrtle Point are reported to have signed the petition asking the mayor to so declare.

Bonus Bonds Here June 18

The adjusted service bonds for ex-service men, in other words the bonus, will be mailed from San Francisco on June 15, and will be delivered in Coquille on June 18. They are coming by registered mail and can only be delivered to the ex-service man they are addressed to, not even a wife may sign for the registry, and the addressee is requested to be at home to receive their bonds. Where the addressee is not known to the deliverer of the mail he must be identified by two witnesses known to the mail carrier or clerk who delivers the bond.

When it comes to sending the bonds in to Portland for redemption the ex-service man himself must make application at the postoffice and be personally known to the clerk. The checks for the redemption will be mailed from Portland.

It is estimated by the local postoffice that there will be from 200 to 250 ex-service men who will receive their bonds at the Coquille office and the inspector who was here this week says it will require considerable night work for the postoffice force to keep the records and handle the bonds, both coming in and going out for redemption.

PAY UP OR WATER SHUT OFF

The city council Monday evening set June 1 as the date when the irrigation rates for the summer went into effect, which means that after the 7000 gallons for \$2.00 shows on the meter that the next 20,000 gallons will be charged for at five cents per thousand.

The water committee was asked to figure out and submit a revision of rate which will be more equitable as between users. That two or more houses on one line and meter outside the city, or that two or more families, living in one building, should pay less per family than do those who maintain separate homes, was brought out as being a discrimination against the latter. The new rates will affect apartment houses and in some cases homes outside the city limits.

Councilman Jeub called attention to the delinquency on the part of many users of water. "Those that can't pay, and we know they can't, get them off the lists and forget about them. But those who claim they can't pay, and yet are spending money for liquor and pleasure, cut them off without further notice," was his expressed idea with which the other members of the council agreed.

Grand Jury Indicts Five

The grand jury submitted its findings to Judge Brand in circuit court here Monday morning. Not true bills were found in the cases of Thos. Flint, Jr., charged with obtaining money under false pretenses; Raymond Foster and Allen Warner, each charged with larceny.

True bills were found in the following cases: Dick Barrett, who pleaded guilty to writing a worthless check for \$7.50. Sentence was deferred until the court had time to investigate his record.

Wesley (Jack) Phinneygar, for malicious and wanton destruction of personal property in a fit of anger at the house where he resided in the north part of Coquille. Eugene E. Laird was appointed to defend him.

Allen J. Cameron, for assault with a dangerous weapon. He pointed a gun at and threatened to shoot H. R. Haughton last summer at the time he was escaping after stealing slot machines in Powers.

C. R. Baylor, for non-support.

Jack Chambers, on an involuntary manslaughter charge. He is the Marshfield cook who struck Harvey Nuss with his fist at the bay a few weeks ago. In falling Nuss struck his head on the pavement, death resulting.

Hode Caughell Far From Well

C. G. (Hode) Caughell, of the tax collection department, shows improvement one day and is not so well the next and it will be some time before he will be able to get out again. The undulant fever from which he is suffering has made a very sick man of him.

Elton Brady to Haynes Motors

Elton Brady has accepted a position with the Haynes Motors on Hall street, across from Safeway, and Mr. Haynes states that he is now in a position to give the best possible service to Ford owners. Mr. Brady has been a Ford mechanic for years.

COOS BAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Dedication Celebration Starts Today --- Ample Parking Room for Visitors

Contradicting rumors that there will not be parking space in North Bend for the three-day bridge celebration—today, tomorrow and Sunday—Lyle Chappell phoned to the Sentinel yesterday that there will be ample accommodations for all cars. Some streets for a few blocks will be roped off for the parade line of march, but there will be no lack of parking facilities for the thousands of cars expected.

The program of events has been heretofore published in the Coos county press, the city of North Bend has been decorated with flags, bunting and trees for the gala event and, according to news reaching here from the bay side, everything is in readiness for the most stupendous celebration ever held on this Oregon coast.

The only disappointing feature in connection with the celebration is that Marshfield merchants decided to observe regular closing hours on Saturday, which means that there will be no holiday observance tomorrow in the other towns of the county and will prevent many Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon citizens from attending during the day.

But no one in southwestern Oregon who can possibly get there, will miss the opportunity to do honor to the officials who have made this dream of years a reality in the building of a highway bridge across Coos Bay.

Visitors for the bridge dedication who want to see the Saturday parade would do well to take a position some where on North Sherman avenue, this side of the city park, for the parade will come from the north and pass down Sherman to the city's center, says the Coos Bay Harbor. The parade is to pass, starting promptly at three, and pass before the grandstand and speakers' platform on the bridge approach.

To Enforce Parking Regulations

The irritating and annoying condition caused by double parking and the fact that Coquille streets are lined from eight o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening with cars belonging to business men and employees, was brought up by Mayor Berg at the city council session Monday evening. He stated that he had been forced to change his view on the parking situation and believed that a two-hour parking limit on the main streets must be enforced. One reason for the congestion is that so many driveways in front of business establishments have reduced the curb facilities very materially. But the worst feature is the habit of all those spending the day down town to park in front of their places of business, leaving no space possible for the customers of those same merchants.

The tendency of automobile dealers to leave so many cars standing on the street, and of truck drivers to leave their machines double parked while they visited a merchant to take orders, were other annoyances mentioned by the mayor, who requested the council to give the matter of parking some thought and have suggestions for a remedy ready at the next council meeting.

Beulah No. 6 at Grand Chapter

All the officers of Beulah Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., beside many other members, are planning to be in Portland next Monday at which time the grand chapter convenes. Mrs. Inez J. Glaisyer, a member of Beulah chapter, will preside at the sessions as Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Mabel Ulett is Grand Marshal, and another member, Betty Glaisyer, is to act as page.

The officers of Beulah chapter will exemplify the initiatory work at the Wednesday evening session when Dorris Compton, Gretchen Neal and Zelma Bosserman, of this city, will receive the degrees and become members of Beulah chapter.

Former Residents on Visit

Jas. A. Stauff, of Ojai, Calif., his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Stauff, and Miss Lively, were Coquille valley visitors from last Saturday until they left for home yesterday. Mr. Stauff is a brother of County Treasurer Chas. Stauff, and he still owns the ranch at Arago on which C. S. Webb lives. The visitors left Arago about 30 years ago but have been back occasionally on visits. He is now connected with the California highway department.

Of Streets and Lights to Be Started by City This Summer

The city council declared its intention to install a business section lighting system, at its session Monday evening. The notice of that declaration appears in this issue of the Sentinel and should anyone be opposed to giving Coquille a better name as a progressive, well-lighted city, they have 20 days in which to file a remonstrance against the improvement.

City Engineer Stacer's estimate was that it would cost \$7,231.09 for installing a single circuit, and \$8,002.31 for a double circuit which would permit half the lights to be turned out at midnight. The front footage to be assessed is 5740 feet. The saving in juice if every other light of the 45 was turned off at midnight was estimated at \$280 per year.

The council also began on another improvement, that of graveling the streets in the north end, building sidewalks, and possibly extending the sewer on streets not now served.

Jim Child was one of several in that section who asks for sidewalks, graveling, sewer and water improvement and he was present to voice that request.

The council has no desire to force street improvements in the north end district but if a majority of the people there wish to have more conveniences the council members do not feel that a minority should be allowed to dictate. They therefore instructed the city engineer to prepare plans and estimates with the probability that a declaration of intention to improve the streets will be made at the next meeting.

Application of M. M. Newdall to install an advertising sign in the parking in front of the Haynes Motor Co. on Hall street was granted.

At the request of the county chamber of commerce the council adopted a resolution asking that the 3-C camp at China Flat be retained and that the work on the road from Powers to Agness be continued.

The application of Mrs. Bonnie Walker for a restaurant license for the Tip Top was granted and her bond approved.

The remonstrance of near-by property owners that the odor from the whey plant is offensive and that the noise of night operation was a nuisance, was referred to the city attorney for investigation.

A Quitting Business Sale

The T. Warner store in the Odd Fellows building was closed yesterday, allowing for the arranging of stock and marking down of prices for the Quitting Business sale which opened this morning.

Sam Taylor, in his adv. and on bills, announces that every item of merchandise in the stock will be reduced to a price that will move it out the front door, in possession of a satisfied customer, and every man or boy will save money by looking over his stock of clothing and gents' furnishings and making their selections there.

Postmasters to Grants Pass

Postmaster M. O. Hawkins of this city expects to attend the Oregon State Postmasters' association which will be held in Grants Pass next week, June 11 and 12. Elton Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, president of the Oregon branch of the National League of District Postmasters, will preside at the sessions. Beside the banquets and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the sessions will be addressed by postmasters and inspectors of prominence from Portland, Seattle and other cities, by Hon. Edmund B. Windsor, of Castle, N. Y., Hon. Harrison Parkman, of Washington, D. C., and Hon. Wm. L. Slatery, of Washington.

Cases Settled for \$6375

After the jury had been empanelled in the cases of Elsie S. Wood and Mary Frances Sullivan vs. Jas. P. Mattei, last Monday morning, the counsel for the parties involved settled the cases. The defendant agreed to pay Mrs. Wood \$4875, and the Sullivan girl \$1500 for injuries and damages they received in an auto accident at Myrtle Point.

Judge Brand set next Monday as the date for trial of the cases of Cora E. and Wm. H. Wann against Paul Stephan, of Bandon, for the injuries they suffered when Stephan's Buick hit their car several weeks ago, a mile below Riverton.

A Logging Camp Victim

Lurray Thomas Miller, 21, was instantly killed at the Garouette Bros. logging camp on the Carmichael place on Fat Elk last Monday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock when a log he was chasing to unloose the choker, rolled back over him, crushing his head. The tree was one of ten thousand feet and as it started to roll back he either slipped and fell or else was unable to get out of its path. No one in the vicinity witnessed his death.

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder funeral parlors in Myrtle Point yesterday afternoon.

Ray Miller was born in Myrtle Point, May 1, 1915, and graduated from the high school there in 1933. He had been working in the camp for only a week.

His father, Daniel C. Miller, passed away in March, 1933. Surviving relatives are: his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Miller, of Myrtle Point; four sisters, Mrs. Violet Hayes, Glendale; Mrs. Elizabeth Robison, Arago; Mrs. Nellie Billings, Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Zelma Dillen, of Portland; two brothers, William Miller, Coos River, and Isaac D. Miller, of Arago; four half brothers, Earl E. and Thomas Royer, of Powers, and George and Ira L. Royer, of Myrtle Point.

FIGHT WRECKS RESTAURANT

Four men were fined in Recorder Leslie's court, Tuesday morning, on the charge of disturbing the peace. Two of them, Schuyler Cook and Glenn Brannon, pleaded guilty and were fined \$15 each. The other two, Paul Crouch and Walter Boren, stood trial, were convicted and fined \$20 each by the recorder.

The melee occurred Sunday evening in Tommy Wing's restaurant on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Boren, the latter's sister and Paul Crouch were in a booth there when two women became engaged in an altercation which was followed by a hair-pulling contest. Mr. and Mrs. Brannon and Schuyler Cook were also eating there and Brannon attempted to separate the women. This caused one of the men in the other party to attack Brannon and from then on it was a rough house fight. Cat-up bottles, sugar bowls, water glasses, anything that could be gotten hold of, were used as weapons.

A water glass, which missed its victim, hit the plate glass window and shattered, without even nicking the window.

Mrs. Boren's sister, hit by a fist, fell over the counter, injuring her back, which broke up the fight, and part of the crowd left before the arrival of the police. Marshals English and McCreary were over on Spurgeon Hill when the call for police came in.

They quickly rounded up those mixed up in the affair, took the injured woman to the hospital, and summoned the men to appear in court.

Marshal English, who gave the Sentinel this story of the fight, said that one of the women lost great handfuls of hair and that one of the men, cut on the head with a broken water glass, had nearly a dozen lacerations.

Tommy Wing's restaurant was pretty nearly wrecked during the fighting, in which he was in no way implicated.

Snyders to Make Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Snyder have moved from Portland to Coquille and will make their home here in the future. Mrs. Snyder, who suffered a broken arm and leg a few weeks ago, was brought down Sunday in the Schroeder Bros. ambulance. Mr. Snyder and daughter, Pearl, arrived Wednesday, accompanying a friend, Mrs. Posthumous, who is visiting here for a few days.

Sang for the Lions

Mrs. Maud Woodyard was the guest singer at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday noon and graciously remained to sing with the members in a number of songs which were more plentifully sprinkled than usual in the rapid fire hilarity of the meeting. Bobby Burns, club pianist, also made a hit with the playing of a rollicking number of his own composition.

Will Teach at Riverton

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robinson, who have been teaching at Lostine, Ore., for the past few years, came in Sunday to spend the summer visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Dey, and other relatives and friends here. Wayne will be in the Riverton high school next year.

COMMENCEMENT

For C. H. S. Held Last Friday--- Interesting Papers by the Seniors

The Coquille high school graduating class of 49 members received their diplomas from the hand of Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant, chairman of the school board, in the Community Building last Friday evening, in the presence of hundreds of their well wishers who assembled to wish them God-speed on the journey of life at the end of their public school career.

The stage was prettily decorated and banked with greenery and flowers as a setting for this large class which is the twenty-sixth to graduate since C. H. S. became a four-year standard high school.

Of the twelve honor students presented by P. W. Lane, six received special mention—Dorris Jane Compton, E. Leville Walstrom, Howard Hickam, Eleanor Mae Smith, Lewis Mortensen and Aloha Allen—and six received honorable mention—Geraldine Ensele, Jack Clinton, Gordon Daniels, Fred Cunningham, Margaret Belloni and Margaret Anne Tway.

The class and its adviser, Clarence Osika, were presented for their diplomas by H. H. Hartley, high school principal, who stated that four years ago he began his duties as principal. Mr. Osika started his first year in C. H. S. and the present graduating class had entered as green freshmen. Referring to the class and their adviser he said he thought they had all learned something during those four years.

In presenting the diplomas Mrs. Bryant said that three years ago when E. D. Webb retired from the school board he told her that her chief duty as chairman would be to make a speech to the 1936 graduating class. She refused the opportunity to make a speech, but did say that if people were not satisfied with the way the schools were conducted that it was their own fault for not advising the board of their desires.

As has been the improved custom since Mr. Lane became superintendent in Coquille, no outside speaker had been invited to address the graduates and school patrons. Instead the members of the class had all worked on assembling data and material and preparing papers which were presented by four of the class members. This year's papers dealt with the history of the school.

She Did Not Like the Ashes

There were nearly one hundred present for charter night of the Coquille Rotary club, last Friday evening, the dinner, charter presentation, and dance which followed being held in I. O. O. F. hall.

The district governor, Stanley Long, was present to present the charter to J. Arthur Berg, president of the local club; a former district governor, Mr. McGilchrist, of Salem, and others from the capital city, from Coos Bay, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass and Crescent City were also present. Many of the visitors made talks and several fine gifts of paraphernalia necessary to a club's operation were presented.

In his interesting address to the Rotarians Mr. Long told a new story. It concerned the conclusions of three ladies who told what they would do if they had their lives to live over again. One was six, one four and the other two years of age.

"If I had my life to live over I would not eat spinach, it isn't beneficial," said the elder lady. The one of four years would not use castor oil because she didn't like it.

"And if I had my life to live over I would be a bottle baby," declared the two-year old. "I don't like cigarette ashes in my dinner."

To Visit Coquille Soon

A letter from Warren C. Laird, formerly a Coquille furniture dealer who now lives in Honolulu, states that he and Mrs. Laird are leaving on June 6 for a six months' vacation, and hope soon to see all their friends in Coquille.

Coos Co. Warrants Called

Coos county general fund warrants, issued prior to June 1, 1931, have been called for payment by County Treasurer Stauff. The amount to be paid out for warrant principal and interest is \$32,000.

Night Crew Again at Mill

The Smith Wood-Products sawmill again started its two-shift operation this week, the night crew beginning Wednesday evening.