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## RAY F. MILLER

Popular Young Coquille Business Man Succumbs to Pneumonia

This community was shocked and saddened Wednesday afternoon when it became known that Ray Miller, known to everyone as "Pete," had passed away at 2:15 after a short siege of pneumonia. He was ill last Saturday but stayed on the job at the Cow Bell Dairy until it closed that night and he went to bed, never to arise again.

Tuesday night he became worse and early Wednesday morning the doctors began the use of oxygen, hoping to keep him alive until the disease could be conquered, but although everything known to medicine was done for him, he could not overcome the congestion.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Schroeder Bros. Chapel here at two o'clock this afternoon by the Elks lodge of Marshfield to which he belonged. The services at the Masonic cemetery, in the family plot, will be conducted by Coquille Post No. 36, American Legion of which he was also a member.

A detail of the Legion stood guard from 10 to 12 this morning when the body lay in state at the chapel, and many, many friends of this popular Coquille business man took advantage of the opportunity to take a last look at the features of one they loved so well.

As a mark of respect all places of business in the city are closed from two to four this afternoon, in response to a proclamation by Mayor J. Arthur Berg asking that they do so. Ray Frederick Miller was born on the Miller ranch, just north of town.

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### Jan. Bell Dies Suddenly

James David Bell, a resident of Coquille for the past 18 years, passed away in the night Wednesday but at what time Mrs. Bell does not know. She had been sleeping upstairs in their home on North Hall street, and when she came downstairs yesterday morning she found him lying on the floor in the bath room, life extinct.

Mr. Bell had been in poor health for the past three years and had to give up all active occupation. He was a paper hanger and painter by trade, and had also served the public as custodian of one of the city's school buildings here for a few years.

Mr. Bell was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 14, 1865, and was two days past 71 years of age. He left home at an early date and was in San Francisco at the time of the fire. He was married there to Miss Ora Seymour, Oct. 31, 1906. No children were born to this union and as far as is known his widow is his only survivor.

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 2:00 p. m. at the Gano Funeral Home, and will be in charge of the Eagles lodge of which he was a member. Interment will be in the new Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Bell was one of those men who make friends of all their acquaintances. He had a kindly nature, his word was as good as his bond, and his passing is mourned by all who knew him.

### Donkeys Will Cavort

The Coquille 20-30 Club is making extensive preparations for the donkey ball games here on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26. The 20-30 boys will play each day against, as yet, unannounced opponents. A parade will be staged on Saturday, before the game at 4 p. m., in which will appear all the donkeys who are to participate, whether quadrupeds or not. They will be hee-haw games, with lots of kick, and as Jack Bartlett's publicity states, "Jackassier" than ever.

### Gypsies Waved Through Town

Coquille was spared the invasion of five carloads of gypsies Tuesday afternoon. A phone call to Recorder Leslie that they were on the way caused Officer Kermit Shaw to meet them at Fitzgerald's Service Station. He waved them on and they didn't argue the point but kept going toward Marshfield.

### Co. Chamber to Meet Monday

The Coos County Chamber of Commerce will hold its bi-monthly meeting at Hamm's cafe in Myrtle Point, next Monday evening, July 20, at 8:30 o'clock.

### Pioneer Picnic, July 26, Plans Announced

It is expected that the third annual picnic of the Coos County Pioneers' association, to be held in the community park, Coquille, on Sunday, July 26, will be the biggest gathering yet to assemble on a similar occasion.

The committee on arrangements is preparing an interesting program, a feature of which will be talks by one or more pioneer residents, reciting early-day incidents. There are also to be musical numbers, and respect is to be paid those pioneers whom death has called to the Great Beyond since the picnic of a year ago, pioneers who had much to do with the making of the present day Coos county.

Part of the program will start at noon, with the concluding numbers carried out after the dinner, which is to be held at one o'clock. All persons attending are urged to bring drinking cups with their basket dinners, but coffee, cream and sugar will be provided free.

A more detailed announcement will be made in next week's issue of The Sentinel.

### Expect Decision in August

Judge Hugh McLain left Wednesday for Salem, taking the last of the data necessary for the attorneys who will present the case to the Supreme court next month to test the validity of the bond issue, voted by Coos county last January, to refund outstanding county road warrants issued prior to March, 1935.

## INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION SUN.

Chas. W. Gardner and his mother, of this city, are both in the Mast hospital at Myrtle Point, as a result of an auto accident Sunday evening at the highway end of the Powers bridge, above Myrtle Point. Jerry, son of Harold Potts who was driving the other car, suffered a fractured arm and another son, David, severe head bruises. All eight of the occupants of the Potts car, from Sumner

Mr. and Mrs. Potts and their two children, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pearson and two children—were considerably bruised and shaken.

Mrs. Gardner was also badly bruised and her tongue was very badly lacerated and cut when the cars met. Charley suffered blows to his chest, a six-inch gash on his head, and injuries to his hip, knee and ankle as well as other cuts and bruises.

The Gardner car was going toward Powers and was 35 feet from the highway, well to the right of the gravel portion of the county road, when it was struck by the Potts car, head on. Mr. Potts was watching to see what was coming from his right on the highway which he was approaching and did not see the other car until it was too late.

There is a very large gravelled section there between the highway and the bridge with room enough for half a dozen cars to pass.

### Proverb Contest Still Open

The big proverb contest for The Coquille Valley Sentinel subscribers has now reached the half-way mark!

All the contestants need to do to win one of the cash prizes being awarded, is to answer the proverbs best represented by the cartoons, and either renew their own subscription for a period of one year, or secure one new one year subscription to The Sentinel.

Two more cartoons will appear, one each week. The prizes will be awarded at the end of that time.

It isn't too late to enter. Those who start today have exactly the same opportunity as those who started three weeks ago.

You'd better get busy. The \$10 in cash awards will be given out at the end of the six week period.

Are you clever enough to be among the prize-winners?

### Coquille Townsend Delegates

Geo. W. Swinney and Steve Dey, delegates from Coquille to the Townsend clubs national convention in Cleveland, left Saturday morning for Portland where they took the train east. They accompanied Clarence Shoemaker, who drove up, and Harold Peart, who went up to bring his wife home. The three returned Sunday evening.

### Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Special communication of Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., Monday, July 20, at 8 p. m. Work in M. M.

M. F. Pettit, W. M.

## NOT TO BUILD NOW HEARING TUESDAY

County Has Not the Cash for Isthmus Inlet Bridge This Year

County Commissioner R. H. Lawhorn, Roadmaster F. A. Robb and Fred Brenne, secretary of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, were in Salem on Tuesday, conferring with Mr. Chase of the state highway department in regard to a bridge over Isthmus Inlet at Coos City.

The state department had been asked to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for a new bridge there and Mr. Chase's estimate was that any suitable structure there would cost approximately \$30,000.

If the bridge was built now the county was going to apply for PWA funds to the amount of 45 per cent, which would mean \$13,500, leaving approximately \$16,500 for the county to meet. This amount would have to be cash; warrants would not be accepted by the state which would be in charge.

Mr. Lawhorn stated after his return that construction of the bridge is not possible this year, under the conditions above mentioned, and that the entire county court agrees with him in this opinion. If the bridge is built in 1937 the county will have to budget for it this fall.

A bond issue has been suggested but as Mr. Lawhorn remarked to Mr. Brenne, it would be defeated 10 to 1 outside of Marshfield.

Everyone will admit that a bridge should be built across Isthmus Slough, but its construction is definitely out for this year.

### \$18,900 Co. Warrants Called

County Treasurer Chas. Staiff called today all general fund warrants, endorsed prior to July 1, 1931. The original issue of warrants for June, 1931, was \$14,782.91, but \$2,741.77 has heretofore been applied on taxes, leaving \$12,041.14 which are retired today. Interest on them totals about \$3600, making a payment of \$15,641.14.

A curious item in connection with general fund warrants is told by Mr. Stauff. He says that there is yet outstanding \$8,000 worth of such warrants on which interest stopped at the date of call some months ago, which have not yet been presented for payment.

The call, also dated today, for county road warrants, will distribute \$2,425.62 among the holders of those warrants for their face value, and \$824.50 in interest. The call is for all road warrants up to No. 34,712, endorsed prior to Nov. 8, 1930.

### Floating Dock to Be Planked

The city council instructed the city engineer this week to proceed with the planking of the floating dock and to build the runway bridge from the bank to the dock. The planking of the high dock, on which the piling has been cut off to permit a low dock being made, will have to wait until next year, and the city has had an opportunity to budget for it.

When the floating dock job is done those interested in boating will be able to launch their craft near the float of Willard street, and the Chamber of Commerce project, which J. E. Norton first advocated when he was elected president of the Chamber, will be accomplished.

### Legion Election Held Monday

Coquille Post No. 36, American Legion, held its semi-annual election of officers in the Legion home, Monday evening, the following being chosen:

Com.—Lee Hand.  
1st Vice Com.—Fred Kunz.  
2d Vice Com.—Rock Robison.  
Adj. and Fin. Off.—C. W. Gano.  
Exec. Com.—R. L. Stewart, M. M. Newdall, H. H. Hunt

The selection of delegates to the state convention in Roseburg, Aug. 13-15, was postponed until the next meeting.

### Wilson Home Burns at Coaledo

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Porter, of Coquille, were the first to try and enter the house of Mrs. Barbara Wilson, across the highway from Myrtle Lodge at Coaledo, which was burned to the ground with all its contents, about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. Mrs. Wilson was away from home and Mr. Porter broke open the door, but was met with such a dense smoke and heat that it was impossible to remove even the furniture from the front room.

How the fire started is not known.

Port of Bandon Fate Up to Engineers -- Valley Is Aroused

Quite a number of Coquille mill men, merchants, ranchers and Chamber of Commerce representatives plan on attending the Port of Bandon hearing at Bandon next Tuesday, July 21, at 10 a. m. Briefs for presenting to the engineer, Major Fox, who will conduct the hearing, are being prepared by various groups and organizations, and it is hoped to convince the engineer that the Coquille river is just as important to southern Coos county as the Umpqua is to the section north of Coos Bay. An improvement of that river and bar was secured notwithstanding that all the shipping of that basin was catalogued as tributary to Coos Bay when the jetty and bar improvement at the Bay was ordered by congress a few years ago.

The Coquille river is just as independent of Coos Bay as is the Umpqua.

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce directors voted this week to hold no noon luncheon next Tuesday because of the Port of Bandon hearing at Bandon next Tuesday, July 21, at 10 a. m. Every business man, every member of the Chamber of Commerce and everyone who is interested in the development of this end of Coos county should make an effort to attend the hearing called by the U. S. engineer next Tuesday. The closing or opening of the Coquille river as a port will probably be decided by what report the engineer makes to Washington after that meeting.

Gov. Chas. H. Martin has been invited to attend the Port of Bandon hearing next Tuesday, but has not yet indicated whether he can accept the invitation.

### McNary Picnic, July 25

All Oregonians who appreciate the importance of keeping our two republican senators in Washington and who see clearly the necessity of having our three congressmen republicans are co-operating generously in the summer activities leading to the November elections.

The outstanding summer event of this sort will be the grand rally and picnic at Senator Charles L. McNary's farm, "Fir Cone" near Salem, on Saturday, July 25th. Candidates for national and state officers will be given an opportunity to be introduced at the brief program hours of two and seven o'clock in the afternoon. There will be excellent music and other entertainment in addition to some rousing political speeches. The evening program will end with an impromptu torch light procession similar to the one recently staged successfully at Corvallis. Hours of the picnic will be from 12 noon to 9 o'clock at night.

### Fair Board Meets in North Bend

The Coos County Fair board met in the North Bend hotel Tuesday evening, with Vice President H. E. Hess, Secretary L. H. Pearce, Directors H. G. Kern, E. L. Clausen, P. O. Lund, Wallace B. Dement and County Agent Geo. Jenkins present.

Arrangements for features between the races and other items in connection with the 1936 fair at Myrtle Point were discussed. The fair will be held Sept. 16-17-18-19. The preliminary lists are out and one may be secured from either the county agent's office here, or from L. H. Pearce at Myrtle Point.

### He Enjoyed Long Auto Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunz and her father, J. W. Curry, returned Sunday evening from a trip to Missoula, Mont., on which they left July 3. A daughter of Mr. Curry's was out from North Dakota for a family reunion, and there were four generations present. Mr. Curry, who is 89 years of age, stood the 2200 miles of riding which they did, including all side trips, very well, but remarked as they neared home that he thought he had had enough riding for a while.

### Jackmans Due in a Week

Mrs. R. B. Knife has received word from Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jackman, who landed in the United States from Palestine on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary a few weeks ago, that they are now in Nebraska and will be in Coquille for a visit in about a week.

### Fine Wrestling Card On Tap Here Tonight

After a month's activity on the part of Coquille's new wrestling promoter, Harry Elliott, an all star wrestling card has been lined up for the Coquille Community Building, Friday, July 17. Promoter Elliott announces that he has signed up all six of these stellar middleweight wrestlers who rank among the leading middleweights in the nation. The American Legion and official Coquille has lined up solidly behind Promoter Elliott in what promises to be a new era in athletics for Coquille and the surrounding country. The local commission for boxing and wrestling, through its promoter, plans to bring in every two weeks stellar performers in boxing and wrestling who have

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### Loggers vs. Crescent City

The first game of a series of two will be played here Sunday when the Crescent City Merchants arrive from California to meet the Coquille Loggers. The following Sunday the Loggers go south for the return tilt.

It may be a great battle Sunday, what with the Merchants wanting to wipe away the three defeats handed them by Coquille in 1935 and "Rocky" Peterson facing his ex-mates and possibly, even, his brother, Jim, on the mound. Brother Jim is known to be quite a "jockey" in baseball, as well as a hurler of no mean ability. The possibility of a duel between the brothers spices up the fray. Crescent City has a great team this season, one which has won game after

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## COOS POMONA GRANGE MEETS

The Coos Pomona Grange met at Coos River on Tuesday of this week at an all day session, which included business, entertainment, a potluck dinner at noon and the conferring of degrees on four candidates. Eleven of the 12 granges were represented. The invitation of the McKinley Grange to hold the next session there was accepted.

A resolution in regard to noxious weeds along the highway, asking their elimination, was adopted.

Several members spoke on the subject of flood control in the Coquille valley and a committee consisting of W. E. Cross, E. L. Dellefsen, Geo. Hampton and Ben Hovlerstott, was appointed to draw up resolutions showing the Grange desire for Coquille river harbor and bar improvement. These will be presented at the hearing in Bandon next Tuesday.

M. M. Schmidt, Gus Bender and Brownie Robison were appointed as a committee to prepare for the annual Grange picnic at Norway to be held soon.

A report on the state Grange meeting at Lebanon was given by Pomona master, J. A. Deadmond.

During the Lecturer's Hour, a program was rendered, consisting of a solo by Mrs. Curl, of Coos River; humorous reading by Geo. Ross, of Catching Inlet; talk on the Home-makers' Camp at Eel Lake in August, by Miss Jessie Palmeter; report of 4-H summer school sessions at Corvallis, by Irene Myrberg; soil testing demonstration by Geo. H. Jenkins; and a short talk on the summer school at O. S. C., by Lillian Tosten, leader.

### Soft Ball Game Results

Wednesday night's game in the Coquille soft ball league ended the schedule except for two postponed games which may be played. There is talk, however, of extending the schedule.

On Monday night LeRoy Rice's team won from Don Estes, 8-5, and Tuesday evening Stevens Hardware won from the Smith Wood-Products team, 9-3, although there were from three to five Coquille Loggers on the latter all the way through the game. On Wednesday night the Stevens boys got theirs when the Brick Leslie team (with which Brick has no connection) won a 9 to 2 decision.

This leaves those two teams tied with one loss each.

### Dr. Milne Buys Home

Dr. R. F. Milne has purchased the house next door to the Geo. W. Bryant home on Knowlton avenue, occupied the last two years by the Sam Taylor family, and as soon as the repairs have been made he and Mrs. Milne will move to Coquille from Powers. The doctor has been practicing dentistry in the First National Bank building here for several weeks.

## GRAVEL STREETS

Ordered by Council and Call for Bids Made -- Very Little Objection

No remonstrances against the proposed street improvements in Coquille were on file at the adjourned session of the city council, Monday evening, except for the First and Elliott street graveling improvement. Fifty per cent of the property affected on Elliott street had been secured to a remonstrance there, but as the two block improvement — on First and Elliott — had been tied into one project for economy's sake, the names on the remonstrances constituted only 22 per cent of the property which will be assessed to pay the costs, and the council by resolution declared the remonstrance to be insufficient.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the city's call for bids for the seven projects—six street graveling and sidewalk construction, and one for sewer extension.

The seven, with the engineer's estimate of costs on each, are: Ninth street, from east line of Heath to east end of Ninth, 490 feet; \$1,073.42.

Holly and Bush streets, 247 feet; (Continued on Page Eleven)

### Highway Action Soon

A letter from E. W. Miller, manager of the Coast Highway Association, this morning conveys information which brings renewed hope that the highway to Marshfield will some day be made what it should be. He writes:

"I was in conference with the highway department day before yesterday and I have assurance that the improvement of the road between Marshfield and Coquille would be begun in the Bunker Hill section as soon as funds were made available from the Federal Government for overhead crossings and secondary highways. It was expected the President would sign the bill any day now and that the funds would begin to come in within a month. Mr. Baldock thought that the engineers could be put to work on this part of the project this fall."

### Valley Pictures Shown Lions

The Lions club at its noon session yesterday enjoyed nearly an hour's showing of the motion pictures taken by the Chamber of Commerce at Bandon, showing the town, the beach, the river, the highway, many agricultural scenes in the Coquille valley, its timber, and other resources. Mr. Dickinson and Elmer Gant collaborated in the showing and explanation of the pictures which are to be sent to Washington, D. C., in the campaign to secure a suitable appropriation for deepening the mouth of the Coquille river. The films cost several hundreds dollars to secure.

Rev. W. Raymond Wilder, accompanied by Bobbie Burns at the piano, rendered two vocal numbers which were greatly enjoyed by the Lions. The first was a Rhode Island song, set to the musical score, which Mr. Burns recently composed. It is hoped that J. L. Smith, or some one poetically inclined, will be able to produce suitable wording for the music which will be distinctly Oregon.

### Ed Lorenz Goes to Bend

Ed Lorenz left Wednesday for Bend and will be followed in a week by Mrs. Lorenz and their son, Randolph. They expect to make their home there for the benefit of Randolph's health.

Ed had been a resident of Coquille for 50 years on Monday of this week and regrets having to leave here, but his son's health is the most important thing and Dr. V. L. Hamilton recommended that he be taken to a higher altitude and drier climate.

### Looks Bad for F. D. R.

With Dr. Townsend and the adherents of his plan, Father Coughlin and Al Smith all uniting in support of Wm. Lemke, the Union party candidate for president, as is announced this morning, the Dakota representative is assured of a quite respectable popular vote at the November election. But he can hardly receive enough electoral votes to win out. It all helps Landon and makes it even more hopeful that Roosevelt will be defeated.

Buy local bread and support home industry. 5117