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## MORE GAS STRUCK

Volume at 1165 Foot Depth Double That at 1115 Feet

Doubting Thomases are invited to visit the gas well of the Coast Oil Co. where W. E. Marrion, Wednesday evening, struck another flow of gas, nearly double in pressure that struck at the 1115 foot depth. This new flow was hit fifty feet lower.

The flow was so strong that operations had to be closed down that evening until the casing could be lowered to shut off this vein as the other one had been.

The crew had been drilling again for only three days after the casing had been run to the former bottom of the hole.

Analysis of the gas samples which Mr. Marion had sent to chemical engineers reveals that the gas in this well contains 1010 B. T. U. to the thousand cubic feet. In the first well drilled out there the B. T. U. was something over 800, which means that this gas is considerably "hotter."

Mr. Marrion intends going still further down in the present hole if the gas can be cased off to permit.

### Dinner For Football Squad

It was announced at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday, at which the C. H. S. football squad members were guests of honor, that the name of James Richmond would be the first inscribed on the cup which the Lions presented, his being for the best blocking performance in the Reedsport game, and that Ray Mattoon's name would be second, for his outstanding work in the Marshfield game.

A committee of judges will select the player showing the best blocking in each of the Red Devils' home games.

D. E. Rackleff presented the cup for the Lions club.

There were 35 guests at the dinner, the list including Supt. P. W. Lane, Coach Hal Hatton, Assistant Coach Harold Smith, "Spitz" and "Brock" Leslie and the following members of the squad: Ernie Detlefsen, Philip Williams, Ben Holverson, Pat McKeown, Don McClellan, Richard Walker, Lynn Perrott, Kenneth La Branch, Richard Inger, Edwin McCarthy, Bill Yarbrough, Marvin

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### Reception Held For Teachers

A reception was given at the high school auditorium last Friday evening for the teachers of the high and grade schools. There were about 125 present. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Bunch, Supt. and Mrs. P. W. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osika, Mesdames Geo. Bryant, C. J. Fuhrman, Jack Tozier, Keith Leslie, Geo. Unsold, James Watson, D. D. Dale, Fred Kunz, Ray Brown, J. Loy Stacer and Julius Ruble were the committee in charge of decorations, refreshments and program.

Mrs. Ruble delivered a speech of welcome from the P. T. A. and P. W. Lane responded and introduced the teachers. A short miscellaneous program was given and a social hour followed.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, the P. T. A. will meet at the high school and all parents are urged to come. This will be the first meeting of the year. Mrs. Elton Brady, member of the hospitality committee, is chairman of refreshments.

### Funds for Rural Rehabilitation

Funds have been made available through the Rural Rehabilitation Division of the Resettlement Administration to assist farm families who suffered losses from the recent fires in Coos and Curry counties. These funds are available for practically any expense necessary in carrying out a farm program with the exception of the purchase of land or any equity therein. These funds are available to those who can not obtain other satisfactory financial assistance. More complete information may be obtained by contacting John Donaldson, Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor, court house, Coquille.

### 500 Books to Bandon Library

Miss Harriet Long, state librarian, was a Coquille visitor yesterday afternoon. She was on her way to Bandon with 500 books which the state is loaning to Bandon for its library. Miss Henry will again be in charge of the library there which will be located in the tent to be used as a council chamber. Miss Long was greatly pleased with the desire of Mayor Capps and the Bandon citizens to get a library started at once.

## 500 Protecting Four Cities

Coquille, Myrtle Point, Marshfield and North Bend have been protected from fire invasion the past week by 125 men at each place, who were brought in by the Forestry Service.

Harold Watson, who is in charge of operations in the Coquille district, stated yesterday that the heavy smoke on Wednesday was not from fires in this immediate vicinity. Some of it was from a bad fire on Sandy creek, above Reinite, and there was also considerable fire in the Bear creek and Seven Devils sections.

Accompanied by Geo. Griffith, of the Forestry Service, Mayor J. Arthur Berg, Fire Chief Gardner and the Sentinel editor, Mr. Watson drove out a mile from town last Saturday afternoon, up the gulch from the end of Third street, where none of the local residents knew a road existed. He pointed out how the fire fighters were making a trail to protect the city and said it extended over the hill to protect also the city's source of water supply.

There are 1500 more fire fighters in the northern Curry and southern Coos section who will be quickly available if any towns in southwestern Oregon are again threatened.

Half of the 2000 force are CCC men and the rest civilians enlisted for the duration of the war.

What wind there was this morning was from the southwest, giving hope that the long overdue rain is on its way, and that the fire demon will soon be drowned out for this year.

## \$400,000 WIPED OFF TAX ROLLS

When Chas. V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, met with the Coos county board of equalization last Tuesday, he recommended what the individual members of the board had already agreed upon, to erase from the 1936 tax rolls the assessments against property which was destroyed by fire at Bandon, that is the improvements on real property.

Mr. Galloway also stated that the only authority which could remit delinquent taxes was the state legislature.

Assessor J. P. Beyers has not finished revising the 1936 tax rolls, according to the board of equalization's decision, but estimates that \$400,000 of assessed valuation was wiped out by the fire.

Delinquent taxes in Bandon totalled \$256,738. This was due: \$118,169 to the city of Bandon, \$66,000 to school district No. 54, \$5,210 to the Port of Bandon, and \$67,358 to the county and state.

The city was in the process of refunding some of its water bonds and hydroelectric bonds. Some of these had not yet been delivered and were destroyed.

Arranging financial matters is going to be the hardest problem the citizens of Bandon have to tackle, not altogether personal, but the municipality's indebtedness.

### Planning Board Makes Suggestions on Fire Control

"What this country needs is less prohibition of fires and more control of them after they are started. Our fire wardens have been just a shade too efficient with the result that the whole country has been a mass of combustible material lying around waiting for a start. With conditions such as they were on September 26 all the fire fighters in the country could not have controlled the blaze." This is the compend of opinions voiced by men in attendance at the Coos County Planning Commission held at the court house Friday, October 2, 1936.

The meeting resolved itself into a very earnest discussion of the whole fire situation in Coos county. Most of those who spoke laid special stress on the deficiency of the present system of handling the situation. A large number of speakers contended that the laws and methods of enforcing the fire control act must be changed so that the serious fire hazards which have caused such staggering losses will not be duplicated in the future. Stockmen in particular were emphatic in their declaration that this fire was not caused by careless farmers, but was the result of inescapable hazards which have accumulated over a long period of years.

Types of aid which the Rural Rehabilitation expects to give in Bandon were discussed. Coos county was

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Buy local bread and support home industry.

## RED DEVILS WIN A PIONEER PASSES

Marshfield Pirates Beaten by C. H. S. for First Time in 20 Years--Score 14-7

Everything seemed as it should be. Marshfield High trotted out a big team and Coquille High placed a smaller eleven on the field, but this meant nothing for the red and white was destined to overthrow the traditions of defeat and win from the purple and gold of Coos Bay. This is what happened here last Saturday afternoon on Athletic Field when Coquille blasted Marshfield, 14 to 7, to win a glorious victory.

The reign of Marshfield has ended and the proud record established by Coach Fred Osborn has been broken by a team mentored by a new, young teacher of the game, Hal Hatton, in his first season at Coquille. Yes, the season is morally a success, but the stalwarts of Coquille are looking ahead for more opponents.

At the half the score was even, 7 to 7, but it was the locals who possessed the final determination to win. With this touchdown and additional point the Coquille footballists had won from Marshfield for the first time since way back in 1916.

Unofficial statistics show that Hal Hatton's men outgained Marshfield by 323 yards from scrimmage to one hundred and fifteen. First downs are said to be at 19 and 6. Coquille excelled in almost every department.

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### Red Cross Closed Here

Red Cross operations at the Community Building here and the feeding of those who fled from Bandon a couple of weeks ago, in the Legion Home, were discontinued here at noon on Wednesday. A nurse is still on duty at the building but all Red Cross activity has been transferred to Bandon.

All those who were staying in the Community Building have returned to Bandon, where there will be work for all able-bodied men for some time to come.

## COOS CO. REGISTRATION IS 14,749

For the first time in the past 25 years and probably for the first time in Coos county history, the democratic registration exceeds the republican, the difference being 298. The total of 14,749 registered for the Nov. 3

No.	Name	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Soc.	Var.	Total
1	Lakeside	20	52				72
2	Templeton	29	20	1			50
3	North Slough	45	54		1		100
4	North Bayside	126	86	12	4		228
5	Allogany	47	46	1	3	1	98
6	Empire	113	97	9	1	3	223
9	North Bend West	126	261	14		1	412
10	North Bend North	155	145	4	1		305
11	North Bend Central No. 1	159	234	9	1	1	403
12	North Bend Central No. 2	115	178	7	2		302
13	North Bend South	255	338	15			608
14	Pony Slough	29	45				74
15	Eastside North	12	29				41
16	Eastside South	114	153	3	2		272
17	Marshfield North No. 1	164	131				295
18	Marshfield North No. 2	210	174				384
19	Marshfield Central No. 1	207	138				345
20	Marshfield Central No. 2	180	145	2	1		328
21	Marshfield South No. 1	122	106				228
22	Marshfield South No. 2	383	389	5	1	2	780
23	South Slough	133	200	6	1	1	341
24	Englewood	183	216	1			380
25	Bunker Hill	395	465	6			836
26	Ten Mile	46	28	3			78
27	Coos River	119	81	2	1		203
28	Fairview	59	60				119
29	Sunner	37	26	1			64
30	Coos City	48	74	1			123
31	Coaledo	28	37	1	1	1	68
32	Beaver Hill	11	18	2			31
33	Cunningham	116	125	4	1	2	246
34	Fat Elk	101	109	1	1		212
35	Dora	74	79	4	1	1	159
36	Gravel Ford	31	22	2			55
37	Lee	24	38				62
38	Coquille North	160	214	2	5		381
39	South Powers	155	264	2	1		422
40	Coquille Southwest	190	187	8	4		389
41	Coquille Southeast	367	306	12	3	3	691
42	Riverton	61	72	1			134
43	Bullards	69	53	3			125
44	West Bandon	213	154	7	3		377
45	East Bandon	175	161	14	2	2	354
46	Two Mile	94	126	5	8	1	234
47	Parkersburg	90	76	2	2		170
50	Marshfield South No. 3	305	228	2			535
51	Norway	84	49	1			134
52	Four Mile	44	37	1			82
53	Catching Creek	203	118	7	8	4	340
54	Myrtle Point North	182	137	3	2		324
55	Myrtle Point South	230	196	6	1	1	434
56	Broadbent	94	77	11	1		183
57	Bridge	132	173	4	4		313
58	North Powers	90	206	4			300
59	Catching Slough	46	49	1			96
60	Arago	113	89	4			206
Totals		7073	7371	215	48	42	14,749

## Mrs. T. A. Benham Lived in Same House on North Taylor for 57 Years

Mrs. Tullia Ann Benham, who had been ill for some time at her home on North Taylor street, passed away there yesterday.

Funeral services are being conducted at Camas Valley at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be in the family cemetery there, under the auspices of Schroeder Bros. The neighbors of Woodcraft of Coquille will be in charge of the services.

Mrs. Benham was born Tullia Ann Martindale, at Garden Valley in Douglas county, Jan. 28, 1863, and came to Coos county sixty-six years ago when there was only one house in both Coquille and Myrtle Point.

Her husband, W. C. Benham, died several years ago. She is survived by two sons, William, of Coquille, and John, of Portland, and two brothers, Robert and James D. Martindale, both of Camas Valley.

A remarkable thing about the deceased which can be said of very few people in the western country is that she had lived in the same house here for the past 57 years.

### Paul Fahy Buried Tuesday

Isadore Paul Fahy, 71, of Bullards, son of a pioneer family of the lower Coquille valley, was buried at the Bandon Catholic cemetery last Tuesday at 2:00 p. m., services being conducted at the graveside by Father Hart.

He was one of the patients in the Bandon hospital who was brought to the Coquille hospital during the fire. He passed away here last Sunday.

Mr. Fahy, who was born at Randolph May 31, 1865, had never married. He had been lighthouse keeper at the mouth of the Umpqua and at other stations along the coast for many years.

He is survived by two brothers, Frank A. and Chas. Fahy, of the lower river section.

## Jury Panel for October Term

The jury panel for the October term of circuit court, which convenes October 19, was drawn this week, the following being summoned to serve: Ada B. Moore, Adelia L. Crawford, Chas. H. Worrel, Ira Wilson, Frank R. Minkler, all of North Bend; Thelma Olson, Dale H. Hansen, W. J. Conrad, Eva M. McDuffee, of Marshfield; Vern Garoutte, Lowell Simpson, Helen Kimble, Ira J. Sidwell, Bandon; R. A. Jeub, Thelma G. Dale, Emma M. Pierce, Iva Farr, Elizabeth Hand, A. N. Gould, Coquille; Ben Moomaw, Ruth Shaw, Arago; Mike G. Summerlin, Lee; Fred Arnold, Eastside; J. H. Drulliner, C. W. Crook, Loren Miller, Myrtle Point; Bruce Lattin, Empire; George Glenn, Dora; Algie Hanson, Floyd L. Teale, Haynes Slough; H. W. Walker, Coos-ton.

### City's Water Supply Adequate

It is hoped that no one has been alarmed by another inaccurate statement of a bay paper that Coquille had only two and one-half million gallons of water in its storage at the head of Rink creek. What City Engineer Stacer reported to the council Monday evening was that measurements that day showed 22 million gallons on hand, sufficient for two months and a half. There is plenty for fire fighting as well as the city's daily needs until the fall rains start.

## WANT LOTS KEPT CLEAN

The city council approved an ordinance Monday evening of this week, delegating to the forestry service authority for making a "fire break" across the north, east and southeast boundaries of the city. The forestry service will use a bulldozer, clearing a path with it eight or ten feet wide around the hazardous sides of Coquille.

The resolution revoking the franchise for the defunct steam line in the business section was formally adopted by the council.

Councilman Medley suggested that a new city ordinance, with teeth in it, be prepared, requiring that vacant city lots be kept free from high grass and weeds. All over the city, he said, the adjacent property is threatened by the dead grass which is a menace in the fall. One suggestion is that each lot be assessed a dollar a year to provide the city with funds for taking care of the lots whose owners have so little pride in appearance that no effort is made to keep the grass cut. The ordinance committee was asked to submit a new statute on the subject.

City Engineer's estimate of the cost of taking out the parking on three sides of the court house block, laying concrete there between the sidewalk and the present curb and for installing a lighting system around that block, similar to the one now going in down town, was \$3,863.80.

The county court expects to install the lighting system, but is asking the city for assistance in providing better parking facilities around the court house.

The need of police direction in making parking of cars in the middle of Willard street uniform, was given some attention by the council. Unless there is uniformity at least half the space there is lost, and the first cars parked must wait till those behind are moved.

### Ran Police Off the Highway

Frank J. Brewster picked the wrong man to run off the highway over at the Bay. He was driving so carelessly that State Police P. B. Lowd had to go into the ditch to avoid being hit. Brewster, who is serving a \$50 fine in the county jail for his offense yesterday, was driver of the car which killed the sons of Ray Brown and Wm. Keller on the highway near the Masonic cemetery here, Dec. 12, 1931.

### Republican Headquarters Moved

The Coos county republican central committee headquarters have been moved from the second floor of the First National Bank building to the first floor of the Farmers & Merchants bank building here. The office is in charge of Mrs. Mary Randelman, secretary of the committee.

### Ira Johnson's Car Stolen

No trace has yet been found of Ira Johnson's Ford, stolen from alongside the Liberty Theatre last Thursday evening. It was the first time in months that he had left it unoccupied by his dog. A valuable fishing pole disappeared with the car.

## SHOW RESOURCES

### Scenery Not All There Is in a District, Highway Commission Told Here Sunday

Two members of the State Highway Commission—Henry F. Cabell, of Portland, and E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton—the state highway engineer, R. H. Baldock, J. M. Devers, attorney for the commission, and several other men from Salem and Portland, who had attended the Newport bridge dedication last Saturday, stopped in Coquille for half an hour last Sunday morning to meet with Coquille Chamber of Commerce representatives who had asked for the conference.

The purpose was to ask the commission to take immediate steps looking to the improvement of the highway between Coquille and Marshfield, making it a highway of fewer curves, eliminating the sharp curves, and giving this section the sort of a road which the most travelled section of the Coast Highway deserves.

Mr. Cabell pointed out that other sections of the state were clamoring for road improvement and considered that the coast section had benefitted largely by the construction of the five toll-free bridges. But the commission feels that this 18 miles of road, one of the first hard-surfaced roads in the state, needs straightening and realigning. No promise was given of immediate action, but hope was felt that the approach to Marshfield would be given early attention.

The visitors were impressed with the talk made by J. E. Norton that the way to sell Oregon to the tourist and the easterner seeking a location is to show him the fertile and productive portions of the state.

The Coast Highway with its long stretches along the ocean, its rocky coastline, and wonderful scenery, is one of the most scenic highways in the world, but a prospective settler cannot live on scenery, and it is essential occasionally to show him the fertile land, the manufacturing centers and the possibilities of development of resources. If all he sees of a section is the mouth of a river as he crosses a bridge, and misses the opportunities that lie back from the coast, in the valleys, he may think it a great trip, but does he want to settle in a country which has nothing but scenery to offer?

And that is about all he knows of a country if the highway takes him only along the coast.

That the highway commissioners and those connected with the highway department were deeply impressed with the logic of Mr. Norton's talk was very evident from the remarks they made before continuing their journey south to Gold Beach.

Mayor J. Arthur Berg also spoke at the short informal session, stressing the need for better highway connection between the more important towns of Coos county, meaning the Coquille-Marshfield section, for all the other connecting roads are far superior to this crooked concrete ribbon which was laid when 35 miles on straight away was the maximum speed for cars.

### Hon. Jas. Mott Coming Tuesday

Hon. Jas. W. Mott, member of congress from this first district of Oregon, and who is a candidate for reelection, will be present at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting in the hotel next Tuesday noon, Oct. 13. Everyone interested, as all should be, will be welcome and is invited to be present.

### Democrats to Meet Here Monday

The Coos county democratic central committee will meet in the Coquille Hotel next Monday evening, Oct. 12, at a 6:45 o'clock dinner. All democrats and supporters of the national democratic ticket are invited to attend. The dinner will be 75c per plate.

### Grand Jury in Session

John Ferguson, of Marshfield, was selected as member of the grand jury in place of Arthur Ellingson, who is too ill to attend to the duties. The grand jury had not yet completed its business this morning, the indications being it would still be in session the first of next week.

### Rebuilding Dimmick Mill

Theo Loshbaugh was a Coquille visitor from Ophir on Wednesday. He says that the Dimmick mill there, destroyed a few weeks ago by fire and now being rebuilt, will not be ready to run for a month or more yet.