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NEED NEWSUPPLY

Coquille's Water Was Very Short When Rains Delayed Until December

Coquille is just beginning to learn how fortunate it was that the rains were not longer delayed. On the Saturday before Christmas there were only from four to five million gallons of water in the big reservoir at the head of Rink creek. The average daily consumption here is a million gallons every three days, which means there was not more than a two weeks' supply on hand.

The consumption of water in Coquille is now double what it was a year or two ago and the city must soon tap a new source of supply, by either going on over the hill to the North Fork and pumping from there or by expending a considerable amount for purifying plant and basins and pumping from the river.

The iron pipe replacements of old wood pipe last summer was all that saved a water famine in December. The new pipe prevented a great deal of waste from leakage.

There is another way by which the city's supply can be conserved and that is by the purchase and installation of a float valve at the reservoir just east of town. The valve in use there now must be turned by hand and when it is opened in the evening and left open until morning the two reservoirs fill and then overflow into Dutch John creek. A float valve would automatically shut the pipe line off at the reservoir and cause the water to rise higher back of the dam on Rink creek. When that overflowed there would be no way of saving it, but it would mean a 35 to 40 million gallon supply available when it was full.

The cost of valve and installation would be from \$300 to \$400, and it would probably pay for itself each summer in water saved for sale to the city's consumers.

New Year's Wrestling Card

Harry Elliott, wrestling promoter, makes a New Year's resolution for Friday night's card, which will be appreciated by the fans who attend his bi-weekly shows in the Community Building. The ringside seats have been reduced in price from \$1.10 to 75 cents.

Heading the January 1 card will be a two-hour, or two falls out of three match, between Thor Jensen, of Elkton, and Jack Clayburn, the black panther. Whether Jack can take the ice-trodding, at which the Swede is a past master, remains to be seen. Probably he can if Thor does not also kick his shins. It will be the cleanest bout on the card, although the principals in the "hot preliminary" have not been announced.

Sailor Dick Trout is going up against one of the meanest meanies when he meets Bob Castle, who has no friends in any sports assemblage. The fans like the rough stuff and yet they boo the dirty wrestler.

It should be a first-class show New Year's night, with preliminary scheduled to start at 8:30 sharp.

Sam Malehorn a Visitor

Sam Malehorn, formerly deputy sheriff of Coos county, who is now doing the same work as a member of the state police that he used to do when connected with the state fire marshal's office—investigating incendiary fires and securing evidence for prosecution—was a Coquille visitor on Tuesday.

He was down here to investigate the burning of a barn which the owner thought was fired to cover the theft of stored wool.

This investigation caused Mr. Malehorn to recall a recent barn fire in Wasco county where a Welchman is accused of killing his brother who owned the ranch. The barn, 20x100 feet, burned and the bones of the

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Arrow Co. to Build Sawmill

That the sawmill of the Arrow Mill Co. will be located in Coquille, as had been intimated several months ago, was definitely settled during the recent visit here of N. Jameson. The land purchased as a site was at the west end of the company's holdings, next to the Swift plant. Mrs. Phil Bourns, formerly Alice Collier, deeded the property just before Mr. Jameson's return to Chicago.

It is not intended to construct a large mill as it will be used only to cut logs for the Arrow company's battery separator plant. Construction will start in the spring.

H. A. Hawkins Passed Dec. 30

Harvey Andrew Hawkins, of Langlois, brother of M. O. Hawkins and Mrs. Sarah Thrift, of this city, passed away here at nine o'clock Wednesday evening. His death was due to pneumonia which so many people have suffered from since the fires in September, and followed in less than two weeks the passing of his wife, on Dec. 18. Her death was also due to pneumonia.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at the time of going to press but the services will probably be held in Langlois on Saturday.

Mr. Hawkins was born Aug. 2, 1861, in Boonville, Calif., and came to Langlois in 1884, residing there for 52 years. He was married in 1892 to Annie J. Blacklock. Three children survive their parents, John D., of Eureka, Calif.; George, of Bandon, and Miss Agnes Hawkins, of Langlois.

Besides the brother and sister here Mr. Hawkins also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Langlois and Mrs. Ellen E. Spangler, of Langlois.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION

Beulah Chapter, No. 6, had a joint installation with Occidental Chapter, No. 45, of Bandon, Wednesday evening in Masonic hall. This was preceded by a six-thirty o'clock dinner in the banquet hall.

Mrs. Camilla Rietman acted as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Flora Compton as marshal, Mrs. Maud Woodyard as pianist, Mrs. Clara Bosserman as chaplain and Mrs. Bertha Smith as secretary. The following officers of the Coquille lodge were installed: Belle Gould, W. M.; A. N. Gould, W. P.; Bess Maury, A. M.; Wm. Ulett, A. P.; Emma Pierce, Sec.; Susie Folsom, Treas.; Florence Sanford, Cond.; Maxine Jeub, A. Cond.; Gladys Gano, Chaplain; Birdie Skeels, Organist; Louise Leslie, Adah; Edna Taylor, Ruth; Leona Bryant, Esther; Gertrude Ulett, Martha; Vesta Johnson, Electa; Camilla Rietman, Marshal; Flora Compton, Warder; Ray Jeub, Sentinel.

Occidental officers installed included: Grace Plymale, W. M.; Howard Haga, W. P.; Maxine Roselle, A. M.; L. T. Roselle, A. P.; Jeannette Pearce, Sec.; Lillian Flom, Treas.; Opal Challacombe, Cond.; Lucille Charneski, A. Cond.

Mrs. A. J. Sherwood and Mrs. Ora (Continued on Page Eight)

Arrow Mill Asks Boom Right

Word from Milo P. Fox, district engineer at Portland, is that any objections to the application of the Arrow Mill Co. for permission to build a boom on the river here, from the standpoint of navigation, should be made at his office in the customhouse at Portland not later than Jan. 7.

The company wishes to construct a boom along the north bank of the river immediately below the highway bridge for a distance of 600 feet and which would utilize not more than one-third of the waterway. The tops of the proposed row of piling for the boom would be at an elevation of not less than 24 feet above low water mark.

Dr. Gale, of Bandon, Passes

Dr. Arthur Gale, Bandon physician, who was in the Mast hospital at Myrtle Point, passed away Monday evening at eight o'clock. His death, as have been several in the past three months, was indirectly caused by the Bandon fire, and was due to a complication of troubles, pneumonia, heart and stomach troubles.

Dr. Gale had served the people of Bandon as physician for 30 years, and his passing is mourned by an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by his widow and four children, Mrs. Harold Finnegan, of Cottage Grove, Miss Virginia Gale, of Bandon, Thornton Gage, of Lakeside, and Arthur Gale, of New York.

"Born to Dance," Extravaganza

"Born to Dance," claimed by those who have seen it to be a more magnificent production than "The Great Ziegfeld," is the New Year's offering of the Liberty Theatre. It will be shown at a special matinee at 2 p. m. Friday, again that evening and on Saturday evening. It is brimful of brilliant scenes, thrilling dances, gorgeous girls, and stars—and then more stars. The list includes Eleanor Powell, queen of taps, James Stewart, Virginia Bruce, Frances Landford, Una Merkel, Sid Silvers, Alan Dinehart, Raymond Walburn, Buddy Ebsen and others.



BONDS ARE VOTED WELL DECORATED

\$22,500 Worth for New High School Gym Approved 66 to 25

The bond election for school district, number 8, held in the high school building Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a 66 to 25 vote in favor of the bonds.

By this favorable vote the district is now in a position to proceed with the construction of a gymnasium. The bonds authorized total \$22,500 and it is most probable that PWA funds will be available as a grant, bringing the amount it is possible to spend for building and equipment up to \$42,500. Formal application for the \$20,000 grant will now be made.

From opposition heard on the street the past week it had seemed doubtful that the bonds would carry, but evidently many of those opposing did not go to the polls to express that objection.

No one was opposing a new gym for the school; it was only an objection to further increase of taxes and the issuance of bonds on which interest will add upwards of 50 per cent to their face when they are all retired.

The voters have decided wisely in voting to keep the Coquille high school up to the Standard A rank which it has enjoyed for several years.

Mesdames Keith Leslie, H. E. Hess and J. Loy Stacer acted as judges. Mrs. Jas. Richmond as clerk, for the five hours the polls were open.

Tule Lake Potato Stories

Chet Stonecypher, who left Coquille seven years ago, accompanied by Mrs. Stonecypher and their three children, have spent the past two weeks visiting his father at Eastside, his brother Lee, near Riverton, and other relatives and friends in Coos county. They were in Coquille Monday. Chet homesteaded 60 acres in the Tule Lake reclamation district seven years ago and has been successful as a cattle raiser and hay grower. With the remarkable yields and profits realized by spud growers in that district this year as an incentive, he is putting part of his ranch in potatoes the coming year. He tells of one grower who netted, above all expenses, \$20,000 from his 46-acre potato farm in 1936. Two young men from Portland, with \$5000 each given them by their father, came there four years ago. The first year they made a living, the second they repaid their father, and the fourth year were able to pay the government \$80,000 as rental for the use of 12,000 acres.

The reclamation service is opening to homestead entry a part of the huge tract each year and renting the balance, in order to secure compensation for the amount spent on the project. The rental value was at one time a dollar per acre per year. It jumped to \$2 and \$3 and is now about \$8, per acre.

Slid Backward Into River

The Portland daily papers were several hours late last Saturday morning due to slippery roads on the Middle Fork highway. At Tanner creek, near Remote, the truck started to skid in the slush which had been snow during the night. The heavy rear end of the Pacific Express truck swung around off the paving and over the edge, pulling the truck backward. "It ran down hill for 60 feet in that reversed position, finally coming to rest in the river, but still on its wheels. Neither the driver nor Merle Landrith, who was with him, were hurt nor was the truck much damaged.

Schools to Reopen Monday

After a ten-day holiday vacation the Coquille schools will reopen again next Monday, January 4.

The next meeting of the Coquille W. C. T. U. will be on Friday, Jan. 3, at 2:00 p. m. at the L. P. Fugelson residence on Sanford Heights.

Snow on Camas Mountain

Travelers in from Roseburg Wednesday report three inches of snow on the summit of Camas mountain. No snow here in the lower valley but with the thermometer below freezing here every morning this week it has been cold enough for snow.

Heaviest Holiday Mail

Even last Friday, Christmas, the morning mail was unusually heavy, the incoming parcels post being in 55 sacks. This year's mail was the heaviest by far that the local office ever handled.

Happy New Year

As we pause at the end of an old year and on the threshold of a new one, the Sentinel wishes to join the universal greeting of "Happy New Year."

The year that is passing has been a good one in many respects and we hope that 1937 will shower our friends, patrons and readers, with all the good things of life, not only the material, but those of the mind, heart and soul.

Again we say, "May you have a happy and prosperous New Year."

Ship First Car Plywood

The Smith Wood-Products plant made its first shipment of plywood from the huge new plant just finished, on the last day of the year, the shipment going to New Mexico.

The Sentinel had hoped to have an article on the operation of the new plant for this week's issue, but losing one day, due to the New Year's holiday, has necessitated postponing it until next week.

The total payroll in the combined plants of the company is now 600.

NEW YEAR AT PIONEER CHURCH

The New Year will begin at the Pioneer Methodist church in a way just a little different from usual. Instead of forgetting the old and thinking only of the new, that custom will be reversed, for at the morning service next Sunday the old folk will be especially honored. A service is being planned to recognize those who are sixty-five years and older. A section of pews will be reserved for them, and other features will be offered that will pay homage to those who are passing down the sunset side of life.

Rev. W. Raymond Wilder, the pastor, will preach upon the theme, "At Eventide There Shall Be Light." The choir and special vocalists will contribute appropriate music at the service. This will be the first in a series of services honoring special groups which will extend through the month of January. The others will be announced from week to week.

At seven-fifteen in the evening an organ concert will be presented with Miss Margaret Purvance at the console. Miss Purvance is spending the vacation period at home from the Portland Bible Institute. Following this, the evening service will ensue, and in special observance of the beginning of the New Year, the sermon will be upon the subject, "The Cynic's New Year." The choir and soloists will furnish an inspiring musical service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend either or all of these services.

Dairymen's Association Annual Meeting Next Monday

The annual meeting of the Coos County Dairymen's Association will be held in the Woodman Hall in Coquille on Monday, January 4, at 1:30 P. M., according to an announcement just made by M. M. Schmidt, of Norway, president of the county organization.

This will be an important meeting and all dairymen of the county are urged to be present. Mr. Schmidt stated. In addition to the annual election of officers and directors, other matters which are of vital importance just at this particular time will be considered. A state law to provide for the eradication of Bang's disease becomes effective January 1, 1937. This law provides that all dairy cattle within the county be tested for Bang's disease at least once during the calendar year under the state testing program, the work to start in January of each year. This law will be carefully discussed and explained at the dairy meeting and action taken there may affect the enforcement of this law to some extent. Funds have been appropriated by the county court to carry out the testing work and it is important that dairymen through their organization take a definite stand on this program, Mr. Schmidt stated.

The annual meeting of the state dairymen's association will be held in Corvallis on January 19 and 20, according to information received from Roger Morse, extension dairyman and secretary of the state organization. It is expected that this organization will

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A NEW COUNCIL

Will Take Charge of City's Affairs Monday Evening—Old Makes Good Record

The newly elected city officials, Dr. J. D. Rankin as mayor, Drue Cunningham, E. D. Webb and O. L. Wood, as councilmen, will take their seats around the table in the council chamber of the city hall next Monday evening, after the old council has allowed the December bills and cleaned up any unfinished business. Serving with the above will be Geo. W. Bryant, Jack LeFevre and Everett Seeley, councilmen who were elected two years ago and have two more years to serve.

The retiring city officials are Mayor J. Arthur Berg, Councilmen Henry Belloni, R. A. Jeub and R. L. Medley. No matter what any city council in the future may do, this expiring council will go down in the history of Coquille as one of the best and most efficient ever to serve the city.

Mayor Berg's four terms—eight years—has not been marked by physical city improvements to a very great extent because the property owners could not stand any financial strain, but it has been marked by harmony, a reduction of city indebtedness and a feeling of general satisfaction with the way the city's business has been conducted.

"Le roi est mort, viva le roi."

108 Per Cent Current Tax Paid

Tax collections for the year 1936 have been \$1,458,000, which is 108.43 per cent of the current roll. The \$1,015,955 collected of taxes due in 1936 is 75.57 per cent of the total collected. The other 34 per cent was for delinquencies. The October and November collections fell off about \$65,000 from the corresponding months in 1935.

The following figures are for the preceding five years, showing the amounts collected and the percentage of the current tax which the collections represented. A steady climb since the low of 1932 indicates a more healthy condition of Coos county's finances:

1931	\$1,253,964.11	—72.23%
1932	\$ 754,759.49	—47.87%
1933	\$ 744,794.07	—56.51%
1934	\$1,145,384.60	—84.63%
1935	\$1,207,404.17	—87.52%

Football Fans Go to Pasadena

Coquille is to be represented at the New Year's Rose Bowl game at Pasadena. F. G. Leslie, Dr. Jas. Richmond and son, Jimmie, and Everett Seeley left Tuesday morning for Roseburg where they caught the Shasta. Mr. Leslie intended to spend a few hours at his old home in Sacramento and the doctor at Stockton, on the way south. They will be in Pasadena from seven o'clock in the morning Friday until seven p. m., and will stop at San Francisco on the homeward trip for a few hours' sightseeing of the new bridges and other points of interest. They expect to be home Sunday evening.

Cow Testing Ass'n to Meet

The annual meeting of the Coquille Valley Cow Testing association will be held in the Woodman Hall in Coquille on Monday, January 4, in connection with the Coos County Dairymen's association meeting, according to Alton Kay, president of the organization.

All dairymen are welcome at this meeting and particularly those who have been testing or plan to test during 1937. The principal business for this meeting will be the election of directors and officers for the coming year and a discussion of methods now in use for obtaining records on dairy sires.

McKinley Ranch Sold

The 40-acre Tom Lawhorn ranch at McKinley, which Richard L. Gibbs purchased a couple of months ago, was sold on Wednesday to Julius Benham, of Sitkum, who owns a ranch in Brewster valley. The consideration was \$4500. Mr. Gibbs is returning to his former home in Arizona.

Ray Endicot, formerly of Coquille and Myrtle Point, and his son were here Tuesday from Alturas, Calif., which is near the Nevada line where it gets hot in the summer and very cold in the winter. Ray is still with the Standard Oil Co. as he has been for the past fifteen years.

Mining Location notices for sale at this office.