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## WILL NOT REMAIN

### Supt. P. W. Lane Makes Statement That He Is Going East

The following statements signed yesterday afternoon by four of Coquille's most prominent citizens and by Mr. Lane should set at rest the rumors that have been current on the streets, in business houses, in homes and in the high school since Mr. Lane tendered the school board his resignation a couple of weeks ago. They speak for themselves and no comment by the Sentinel in giving them publicity to them is necessary:

#### To the People of Coquille:

May I say in response to so many conflicting statements, that my resignation was entirely voluntary and for reasons which are quite contrary to rumor. I have an excellent position in the Park and Highway Department, which will turn down. I regret indeed the disturbance because of the resignation. My relations with the Board, the pupils, the public and the teachers are and always have been most cordial. It is my deep desire that the Coquille school affairs continue as harmoniously as has always characterized my own regime. Please believe me when I say that I leave with the best of feelings toward the Board, the reader, and all of my many, many friends.

P. W. Lane.

Since much has been said and many varied stories circulated concerning the relationship between the School Board of School District No. 2 of Coos County, Oregon, and Superintendent P. W. Lane, during his three years stay in Coquille, and particularly just prior to and subsequent to his recent resignation, and since such stories have been broadcast to such an extent, the undersigned committee, in behalf of Mr. Lane and interested citizens, called upon the School Board and Mr. Lane to ascertain the true facts in connection therewith.

The result of this meeting has disclosed to us that relations between the Board and Mr. Lane have always been and now are of the very best; that Mr. Lane resigned of his own free will without any suggestion from the Board, or any of its members, and not as a result of any friction between himself and the members of that Board; that Mr. Lane does now and has intended for several months past, to return to the East where he has procured a better position, and did not intend to remain in Coquille for the next school year; that any statements being broadcast in criticism of the Board, or any of its members, to our belief are without foundation or truth, and that our School Board has acted in good faith and to the best interests of Mr. Lane and the district as a whole.

We believe that there is no criticism due the Board for accepting Mr. Lane's resignation, and that the whole matter should be dropped, to the best interests of all parties concerned.

J. Arthur Berg  
A. O. Walker  
L. W. Claver  
O. L. Wood

## M. R. Thomas Moved to Corvallis

Their hundreds of friends in Coquille and Coos county regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Thomas, who left yesterday for their new home in Corvallis, where he will be head of the Mt. States Power Co. sales department with a crew of four men serving under him.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas returned last Friday evening from Medford, where they had gone the first of last week.

Ray had been in charge of the Coquille sales department of the company for four years when he became ill last October and now that he is ready to return to duty he is given one of the best positions the power company has in its sales department.

Coquille wishes Mr. and Mrs. Thomas the best of good luck, health and happiness in their new home.

## Senior Ball This Evening

The class of 1937 is making elaborate preparations, with very fine decorations in the auditorium of the high school, for the senior ball to be held this evening. The class motto, "The higher we rise the grander the view," will be depicted with skyscraper effects in silver and black, and the committees in charge are sparing no effort to make this an outstanding C. H. S. affair. Marcus Shelley is general chairman for the senior class.

## Students Show Loyalty

The students of the high school who enjoyed a day and a half holiday the first of the week showed their loyalty to P. W. Lane, superintendent, very effectively with their banners and war cry of "We want Lane," as they paraded the business streets Monday morning. It was entirely in keeping with and demonstrated the harmony which has prevailed in the Coquille schools since Mr. Lane became head of the system three years ago. He has been most efficient in management of the schools, bringing them to a higher standard than at any time in their history. This writer has frequently remarked that Mr. Lane has been the most popular—and efficient—school head to serve this district since Chas. A. Howard left nearly a quarter of a century ago, and his decision to leave Coquille was regretted by every one, not only the students but the parents, patrons and voters.

Of course, too, it is universally recognized that the members of the school board are the ones to make the decision as to who conducts the schools. They are elected by the voters and taxpayers and while the demonstration for Mr. Lane was very nice, the pupils do not, and cannot have the say as to whom the board selects.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MAY LUNCHEON

The Coquille Woman's club met in the I. O. O. F. hall, Tuesday, for the annual luncheon. The room looked most attractive with Japanese globes on the tables and spring flowers. Attractive nosegays and place cards were used at the officers' table. After a delicious luncheon, which was served by the Rebekahs, a short business meeting was held, conducted by the president, Mrs. O. C. Sanford.

The treasurer reported that \$321.18 was cleared on the May dance after all the expenses were paid. This is the largest amount ever made on this project. The civic chairman, Mrs. R. A. Wernich, recommended that the club co-operate with the Eagles in regard to fixing up the Community building, the dance to raise funds for this purpose being held May 22. Mrs. Wernich also recommended forming a past presidents' club.

Mrs. G. A. Ulett was installing officer and installed the following new officers of the club: president, Mrs. Margaret Stacer; second vice president, Mrs. Louise Leslie, treasurer, Mrs. K. P. Lawrence, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Florence Sanford. Mrs. Sanford, as outgoing president, made a splendid talk, thanking

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## Bulldozer Rapid Road Builder

Last week Geo. W. Bryant received the 30,000 pound caterpillar bulldozer on which he had turned in his smaller bulldozer, and it went to work immediately repairing the road up Randleman creek from Bear creek by which the final two million feet of logs will be brought out from his Bear creek camp. These logs were the ones not brought out before the Bandon fire last September.

Making a road with this piece of machinery is mostly a one man job. Old snags and partially burned logs were snaked into the holes and then the machine fills the holes by pushing earth into them and the road is leveled and smoothed by the weight of the 15-ton monster.

When it finishes the road at the Bear creek camp it will be taken up to the Bryant camp on Rock creek and then to another operation Mr. Bryant contemplates.

The cost of the machine was \$8803.

## Give Fire Boys Room

Six automobile drivers, most of them boys, found it costly to follow the fire truck closely to the Patterson hill chimney fire on Heath street, Tuesday morning. They were each fined \$2. Fire Chief Schram calls attention to the city ordinance which permits the recorder to assess a \$5 fine for that offense and states that the department will ask the recorder to go the limit unless the practice is stopped.

## "Maytime" a Three-Hour Show

Liberty theatre patrons who wish to see "Maytime" which will be shown this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, are urged to be there for the beginning of the picture at 7:30 o'clock. The picture will be shown but once each evening as it requires three hours to run. The box office will open at 7:15 each evening. The Sunday matinee will start at the usual time—2:00 p. m.

## DEATH CALLS TWO DADS TALK DOGS

### Mrs. J. S. Houck Passes Suddenly This Morning—Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick Tuesday

Mrs. J. S. Houck, stricken with a heart attack shortly before midnight last night, passed away at 12:30 this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson. Although she had been in poor health for some time her condition had not been considered serious.

Funeral services are to be held at the Gano Funeral Home at 2:00 p. m. Monday, conducted by Rev. W. J. Wilder. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Born Electa Jane Burnell, March 27, 1857, in California, the deceased was one month and 17 days past 80 years of age. She was united in marriage to Mr. Houck at Ferndale, Calif., Oct. 6, 1875. They had resided in Coquille many years and returned here again in 1927.

Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters—Mrs. Geo. Marquis, of Walla Walla, Mrs. John W. Kerns, of Paisley, Ore., Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson, of Coquille, Mrs. Geo. W. Broadbridge, of Portland, —two granddaughters, a sister, Mrs. Ida Bannell, of Eureka, Calif., and a brother, Walter Burnell, of San Diego.

Mrs. Houck was a true Christian woman, a member of the Pioneer church, and one who enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew her.

### Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick

Funeral services were conducted by T. B. MacDonald, of Port Orford, yesterday afternoon at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries for Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick, who passed away at the Mt. Hospital Tuesday morning, after months of suffering. Mrs. Fitzpatrick had been in poor health most of the time for the past 20 years and her passing came as a relief from the physical ailment which has kept her an invalid for so long a time.

The body was taken to Portland this morning for cremation and interment of her ashes will take place near her girlhood home, in the Lostine cemetery of the Walla Walla valley.

Born Reta Saunders, Oct. 15, 1881, in Walla Walla county before there were any towns there, she was the daughter of Patrick H. and Eliza J. Saunders, who had crossed the plains to Susanville, Calif., and after a year there came to Oregon, being one of the first settlers in the Walla Walla country. Mr. Saunders was an officer in the Army of the South in the Civil war.

She was married to Jas. A. Fitzpatrick at Enterprise, Ore., June 4, 1905, and they moved to North Bend in 1914. In their efforts to find a location beneficial to her health they returned to Walla Walla in 1917, lived at Seaside for a time, and in 1926 came to Coquille where they have since resided.

Two children were born to them, Miss Glyne, of this city, and a son who died at the age of four in 1917. Besides her husband and daughter she is survived by four brothers, W. A. Saunders, of The Dalles, E. J. Saunders, of Seattle, Earl Saunders, of Scapoose, Ore., Elmo Saunders, of Oak Ridge, Ore., and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Russell, of Enterprise.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was a lovely character, a student and thinker. She was a graduate of Western Normal at Pendleton and taught school after her graduation until 1918. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a past matron of the Eastern Star.

### P. T. A. Meeting Yesterday

A very worth while meeting of the P. T. A. was held Thursday afternoon at the high school. Dr. R. F. Milne gave an interesting talk on "Good Teeth, their Care, Growth, Etc." The second and third grades gave a splendid novelty program consisting of singing, dancing, yodeling and last, but not least, a rhythm band. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, Mr. Harry Godard; vice president, Mrs. Leland Pearl; secretary, Mrs. E. C. Ashworth; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Holbrook, and historian, Mrs. D. D. Dale. Mrs. A. O. Walker gave a splendid resume of the P. T. A. convention in Portland and L. L. Bernath delighted the audience with splendid violin solos. The hostess committee composed of Mesdames Ernest Whereat, R. T. Slater, T. S. Stevens, Leland Pearl, E. C. Ashworth and Geo. Taylor, Jr., served refreshments to a large group.

### Special Session of Council Monday to Hear S. P. C. A. Representative

A special meeting of the city council was held last Monday evening to meet with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Richardson, of Medford, who are in charge of the operations of the "Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals" in southwestern Oregon.

Their only objection to the way in which Coquille is handling its dog problem was to the small dark quarry on the work of keeping the dogs fined: A lethal chamber and suitable runways for the dogs was the urgent request of Mr. Richardson, who has the power to correct, and prosecute if necessary, for cruelty to animals.

He explained to the council how the S. P. C. A. works in Jackson and Klamath counties. The county courts have authority turning over the dog tax fees from Medford and Klamath Falls to the society and its officers, in which the dogs have been confined the streets.

The state law requires payment of \$1.00 for each male and \$1.50 for each female, and in Jackson county, due to the activity of the society, \$2800 has been paid this year, more than half of it in Medford.

In Coos county, he stated, 85 dog licenses have been taken out this year, 35 of them in Coquille.

Primarily the purpose of this dog tax is to compensate sheep men for the loss of animals killed by dogs, but in Jackson county such loss is small when the town dogs are kept corralled.

After conferring with Mr. Richardson the councilmen agreed to visit the pound next day and take such action as they deemed advisable at next Monday evening's session. It was their opinion Tuesday morning that the city must provide a pound, something Jack Farris could not be expected to do out of the \$21 he has netted from his activities as dog catcher the past two months.

### Poorer Milk, Less Money

Dairymen of southwestern Oregon will receive 2c reduction in price for all second grade milk delivered to plants in this section after May 15, when the new state milk and butter grading law becomes effective, according to an agreement reached by representatives of most of the factories in this section at a meeting held in the county agent's office last Friday evening. There will be a difference of one cent between the price paid for A grade cream and B grade cream and a difference of three cents between B grade and C grade cream.

The grading law provides that the state department of Agriculture shall establish, after due investigation at public hearing, grades and standards for milk and cream and that all persons who buy milk or cream from the producers for any commercial use shall cause said milk or cream to be graded in accordance with the grades

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### Two Given 50-Year Jewels

Judge R. Frank Peters, of Hillsboro, grand master of the Oregon lodge, paid his official visit to Chadwick lodge last Friday evening and the address he made is considered by all who heard him as the most eloquent and forceful they ever heard. His references to communistic activities in the United States should have been heard by every right-thinking American.

He took occasion at this meeting to present 50-year Masonic jewels to two veteran members of the craft, E. H. Kern, of Coquille, and M. E. Everett, of North Bend.

Before the lodge session Judge Peters met with the district Masters and Wardens club of southwestern Oregon for dinner.

The lodge room was completely filled with Masons from Coquille and all other lodges in southwestern Oregon.

### Legion Auxiliary Head Coming

The American Legion Auxiliary is to be honored by a visit from their district president, Mrs. Myrtle Olmscheid, next Tuesday evening, May 18.

A no-host lunch is to be held in her honor in the Coquille Hotel at 6:30 o'clock, after which the ladies will adjourn to the home of Mrs. Mildred McCune, where a business session will be held. All members who can do so are asked to attend.

Robah Robison, Pub. Chairman

## Auxiliary Ready for Poppy Sale

Poppies by the millions are blooming in veterans' hospitals and convalescent workrooms in every part of the country as disabled veterans of the World war make the flowers with which America will honor its war dead on Poppy Day, in May. The flowers are shaped from crepe paper and wire in replica of the wild poppies of France and Belgium that grew in such profusion on the World war battle fields.

Fully 12,000,000 poppies will be required for Poppy Day this year, according to Mrs. Jack Hultin, poppy chairman of the local American Legion Auxiliary unit. Millions already have been completed, and many thousands more are being produced every day. The work is being conducted in 65 hospitals and workrooms in 40 states.

### Community Dance, May 22

Between twenty and thirty ticket sellers are now actively engaged in selling, at 45 cents per ticket, for the Community Dance to be held at the Community Building next Saturday evening, May 22. Don't be afraid to purchase half a dozen of these pastebards. They will not cost much and the proceeds are to be used in painting, ceiling and renovating the Community Building to make it an auditorium of which our citizens need not be ashamed.

There are eight civic and fraternal organizations which are co-operating in giving this dance and their members have the tickets for sale.

## MAY ADD A PENTHOUSE

Since work started on Coquille's new theatre building, Messrs. Wood and Claver have made changes in their original plans which will greatly change its exterior appearance. The most noticeable change will be in its height for it is now planned to have a double pent house for a second story in which the two families will reside.

By setting the pent house wall back 15 feet from the second street side of the building, and 15 feet at either end, and five feet on the southern wall, the pent house will provide two apartments, each 35x60 feet. Entrance to these apartments will be at the eastern end of the building, on Second street.

Another change is for the entrance to the theatre which has been moved from the corner to the middle of the building on Hall, between the two store rooms. It will be 13 feet wide at the street and narrower at the rear of this 46 feet in length lobby.

The name decided upon for the new theatre is "Roxy," and this name will also be used by the store in the corner room. The other Hall street room has not yet been leased, although three different lines of business are dickering for it. Two of the smaller rooms on the second street front have been leased with the third also under consideration, but the owners of the building are not at liberty yet to give any information as who will occupy these five store rooms.

### Heavy Gas Flow Struck

(Western World)  
Roaring like a mammoth blow torch, flames shooting eight to ten feet in the air, the oil well that is being drilled east of Bandon by the Petroleum Corporation has definitely been determined to be producing a flow of gas. It has been capped and only a small pet was opened and lighted yesterday by Driller J. L. Gilmore when he demonstrated it to a representative of Western World.

"We are now down 1435 feet and we have struck the biggest gas pressure so far encountered," he said, "and we are preparing to swab out the hole in order to give the gas a chance to come in, and I am satisfied in my own mind that we will have sufficient at this depth to furnish us all the fuel we need for our boilers."

"Our purpose now," he declared, "is to get fuel. We have been handicapped by bad weather and road conditions in obtaining wood fuel, but even after we get wood it doesn't produce enough heat to keep the boilers operating to sufficient capacity to permit constant drilling. If, after swabbing it out, this hole furnishes us enough gas for fuel, and I think it will, we will move the derrick a short distance west and start a new hole, which, with all the steam necessary, we will sink to a depth of 2500 feet in about 15 days."

Mr. Gilmore, who has drilled oil wells for more than 20 years in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, says that the present hole has revealed strata

## CO. HEALTH UNIT

### Urged at Two Meetings This Week—Health Ass'n Met Yesterday

There were 14 present at the meeting in the city hall here Wednesday evening at which Dr. Bostrom, U. S. public health officer at Portland, spoke. No action was taken by the meeting but many of those present expressed themselves as being in favor of adequate health protection by the establishment of a full time county health unit.

Dr. Bostrom was also a speaker at the annual health association meeting in North Bend yesterday at which 78 were present. Another speaker was Miss Elsie Whichen, of the National Tuberculosis association.

Mrs. C. V. Smith, retiring president of the county health association, will be succeeded in that office by Mrs. Elbert Schroeder, of this city, chosen yesterday.

Mrs. Smith presided at the association meeting and Sen. Geo. H. Chaney at the Child Health program, held in conjunction.

Many of those present expressed themselves as emphatically in favor of a full time health unit for Coos county. The unit would consist of one physician, two nurses and a clerk. The total expense would be about \$10,000 and 40 per cent of this amount would be provided from federal and state funds, leaving \$6,000 for the county to pay. The Christmas seal committee volunteered to contribute \$400. Last year the county spent \$3500 for work that the health unit would take care of.

Those present at yesterday's meeting from Coquille were Mesdames P. W. Culver, Wm. F. Howell, Lee Hand, Geo. A. Ulett, Elbert Schroeder, C. V. Smith, Annie Robinson, Martha E. Mulkey, Lela Elrod, Lela Compton, Marc Shelley, Rev. Geo. R. Turney, County Judge Hugh McLain, Commissioner R. H. Lawhorn and Senator Chaney.

### Lions Officers Nominated

Dorothy Glaisyer gave two most humorous readings at the Lions club luncheon yesterday which were much enjoyed by the members present.

The principal business of the session was the issuing of a challenge to the Coquille Rotary club for a golf match at Bandon within two weeks. Last year the challenge came to the Lions from the Rotary.

Of very secondary importance to the challenge issue was the report of the nominating committee which contained the following names for the annual election, May 28:

For president, Don Gillespie.  
For first vice, Lela Compton.  
For second vice, Gene Norton.  
For third vice, Harry Slack.  
For sec-treas., Bob Stewart.  
For tall-twister, Jay Smith.  
For lion tamer, Bill Ulett.  
For director, Les Greene.

There will probably be further nominations from the floor as some of those nominated said they would refuse the nomination.

### Court House Looking Bare

Ladies of Coquille, and especially Woman's Club members, have been greatly disturbed the last few weeks by the wholesale removal of shrubbery and plants from around the court house. A few years ago the club spent considerable money for shrubbery planting there, and their efforts made a vast improvement in the appearance of the yard and tended to hide the bare walls of the old building which are now being exposed to view.

A rumor that some of those beautiful old myrtle trees are also to be removed from the court house block it is hoped is only a rumor and that the court has no such idea under consideration.

### New Attorney Locates Here

Thos. Boeke, an attorney who was admitted to the bar last summer and has been practicing in Klamath Falls for the past year, has opened an office in Coquille in the First National Bank building. His office is in the room occupied by N. C. Kelley and Geo. E. Oerding, where his suite has been partitioned off.

In logical sequences, and at very nearly the levels predicted by Geologist Loreman. "We are expecting to strike something very interesting at about 2100 feet," he declared. "Of course," he said, "no one can see what's under the ground, but I want to say that this is the best looking wildcat that I have ever worked on."