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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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TWO FATALITIES

In the Woods This Week—Harry Bennett Had Premonition of Death

Harry Bennett, formerly of Powers but more recently employed at the Powers-Davis camp on Fourmile, eight miles below Bandon, had some premonition of his tragic death which occurred at 9:15 o'clock Tuesday morning. He told his brother the night before that he hoped the brother would see that his two sons were not separated, and that when they grew up that they would be discouraged if they attempted to follow logging for a living.

Then Tuesday morning he gave the key to his new car to the brother and told him to look after it.

As he left the house to go to work, he called to him that he had forgotten his hat. "I won't need it today," was his reply, "and after today I won't need my calked boots."

Bennett was killed by a heavy snag falling from a tree around which he had been digging with the bulldozer in the attempt to uproot it. As he saw the snag falling, the machine was tilted at such an angle that he was unable to get out from under the controls and was horribly crushed and mangled, death being instantaneous.

The remains were taken to Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries where services were conducted yesterday. Interment was at Powers.

Mr. Bennett, who was 28 years of age, is survived by his widow, who was in the Knife Hospital with her eight days old son. He is also survived by a four-year old son by a former wife. Other surviving relatives are his father, William T. Bennett; two brothers, William Franklin and Marion, both of Powers; two half brothers, Carl Brooks of Klamath Falls, and James Bennett, of Los Angeles, and three sisters, Miss Frances Bennett, of Powers, Mrs. Stella Ferren, of Powers, and Mrs. Helene Rex, of Quinalt, Wash.

Logger Killed at Fairview

The first fatal logging accident of the week occurred about ten o'clock Monday morning in the Cal Ray camp at Fairview when a skyline snapped and fractured the skull of Elwyn (Slim) Pearl, 29 year old resident of Fairview for the past year. He was rushed to the Coquille Hospital but passed away shortly after noon. The receding wire almost tore the upper portion of his skull away.

Funeral services and interment took place at Brownville, Ore., yesterday, the remains being taken out by Schroeder Bros.

Deceased was born at Brownville, Dec. 6, 1907. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Mae Pearl; two small children, one six and three years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pearl, who live at Brownville, and two brothers, Ted Pearl, of Powers, and another brother living at Brownville.

Plunges to Death on the Rocks

The body of Alfred Sloan, of Mott, North Dakota, was brought to Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here Wednesday evening for shipment to his home.

With his wife, his sister and his three-year old son, Sloan was fishing in the surf below Port Orford from the rocks. In some way he slipped and plunged headlong for 50 feet to the rocks below.

After he had been rescued by the coast guard he was taken to the Port Orford hospital where death occurred at seven o'clock Wednesday evening.

Sloan was 22 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sloan, of Richardson, N. D., and is also survived by two brothers and three sisters.

Kanu Klub Reapportions Sites

The Ko-Keel Kanu Klub held a meeting last evening and decided to relocate holdings of the members, giving each of them more river frontage. At the present time the only cottages out there are those of L. H. Hazard and J. L. Stevens. Three were burned during last fall's fires, those of A. N. Gould, Mrs. A. J. Sherwood and S. M. Nosler.

New Date for Pilgrim Players

The Pilgrim Players, of Southern California, scheduled to have given a play at the Pioneer Methodist church last week, were unable to reach Coquille in time for the appointment and will present a play on Wednesday evening, July 21, at eight o'clock in the Pioneer church.

Pioneer Picnic July 25

The Coos County Pioneer Association will convene in the Myrtle Grove park in Coquille on Sunday, July 25. All pioneers and their families are cordially invited and urged to attend.

A picnic dinner will be held at 12 o'clock. Bring your dinners and eating utensils; coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished.

You will be entertained by the most eloquent and able speakers of the county, and music furnished by a band, an orchestra and vocal talent of the best in the land.

L. A. Liljequist, who is approaching the status of Coos county pioneer, with nearly a third of a century elapsing since he came to Coquille, has consented to deliver the main address of the day.

Still No Chairs at Roxy

E. L. Perrott & Son have practically completed their work in the new Roxy theatre and the decorators are now hanging the curtains and putting up the walls and ceiling.

The only thing which will prevent the opening of this handsome new playhouse next week is the non-arrival of the opera chairs, and from present indications the chairs will not be here next week.

MRS. MARY E. KERN BURIED

Funeral services were conducted at the Gano Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday by Earl F. Downing, for Mrs. Mary E. Kern who passed away at Salem last Sunday evening at seven o'clock after an illness of several years.

Music at the services was furnished by a quartet of members of Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., Mrs. June Walker, Mrs. Birdie Skeels, F. G. Leslie and O. T. Gant, accompanied by Mrs. Leslie at the piano.

Mrs. Kern was a member of Beulah chapter and the impressive Eastern Star services were conducted at the Masonic cemetery where interment took place. She was also a member of the Royal Neighbors and the Woman's Relief Corps.

Born Mary Elma Wilson, in Columbia City, Iowa, May 5, 1867, and was 70 years, two months and six days of age at the time of her death.

With her parents, when she was two years of age, she moved to Manhattan, Kansas, and on February 27, 1887, she was united in marriage to E. H. Kern, who survives. She is also survived by two sons, Melvin J., of North Bend, and A. Clifford Kern, of Coquille. Three other children passed away, a son at birth, a daughter, Margaret at the age of four and another, Esther, aged five months.

Mrs. Kern united with the Baptist church in early girlhood and lived an active, consistent Christian life.

Barrow Drug Co. to Open Aug. 1

The fixtures for the Barrow Drug Co. which will open in the corner room of the new Roxy theatre building around the first of August, will arrive in Coquille next Monday. The room is practically ready for occupancy now, with the windows yet to be set. The decorating will be done after the fixtures arrive to insure that the colors harmonize. F. C. Hudson, associated with Wm. Barrow in the ownership of the store, says that all stock must be assembled, the store made ready for opening, and the set-up inspected and approved by the chief drug inspector of the state department before the store can begin to do business. This is a recent enactment by the legislature.

The Rosebud Delicatessen Opens

Last Saturday in the Roxy theatre building, facing on Second street, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pleith, who came here from Portland, opened The Rosebud delicatessen and are now ready to serve all kinds of lunch goods and a complete assortment of delicatessen.

Within a few days the dining room will be in operation under the supervision of Miss Eugene Mullin.

Laird House at Sitkum Burns

The Ivan Laird home at Sitkum and nearly all of its contents were destroyed by fire last Friday morning about eight o'clock. Mrs. Laird was alone at the time when she heard a roaring sound overhead. Her first attempt was to extinguish the flames but they had too big a start and she then turned to saving household goods but the rapid spread of the fire quickly stopped that. An overstuffed chair, and a davenport saved by the CCC boys, was about all that was taken out.

CLERKS' UNION ULETTS RETURN

In Coquille Will Be Operated Independently of the Marshfield Union

Although the retail clerks in Coquille may not be able to secure a charter for their local from the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, which is affiliated with the A. F. of L., they have been given assurance by the locals of the Timber and Sawmill Workers, the Plywood Workers, and the Carpenters and Joiners unions that they will be recognized as a union organization.

The matter of membership in the clerks' union at Coos Bay has been under discussion for some months, and cards were issued a couple of months ago to the Coquille stores. Last week those cards were removed by the Coos Bay business agent of the clerks' union from all but a few of the stores here.

Backed by the other unions here, the clerks have resisted the attempt to force them to join the Marshfield union, and have now made application direct to the retail clerks international for a charter.

Aaron Wilson, president of the local clerks' union, called a meeting in the city hall Wednesday evening for clerks, heads of the other unions, and proprietors of retail stores. It was made plain at that meeting that the clerks' local would be recognized by the other unions here, whether they were allowed to affiliate with the national organization or not.

J. A. Berg Starts New Home

The new home at the west end of Fourth street which J. Arthur Berg expects to occupy before Christmas, was started Monday morning by E. L. Perrott, who is in charge of construction.

It is to be of the Colonial type, 28x32 feet on the ground, two stories and full basement, shake covered, white, and will contain nine rooms, five of them bedrooms on the second floor, beside breakfast nook, halls, bath rooms, closets, etc. The double garage on the east side of the house will be in addition to the dimensions given.

It is to be located 71 feet back from the sidewalk line on the 100 feet frontage by 450 feet in depth lot, from which Mr. Berg had the former house moved in the spring, and directly across the street from the C. J. Fuhrman home.

The architects for the house are Whitehouse & Church, of Portland, who drew the plans for the new state capitol.

Sub-contractors on the building will be C. S. Kaiser, of North Bend, plastering and fireplaces; P. L. Johnson, plumbing and heating; Hooton Electric Shop, wiring.

Co. C. or C. to Meet Monday

The Coos County Chamber of Commerce will meet in Floyd's Cafe at Myrtle Point next Monday evening, July 19, at 6:30 p. m. The post masters of the county have been invited to attend and to take part in the discussion as to how mail service into Coos county may be speeded up.

Port Orford's application for membership in the county organization is expected to be considered at that time.

At the meeting of the county chamber in Powers two months hence, on Sept. 19, a trip over the new road from Powers to the Rogue is to be made by those attending.

Cold-Decked Timber Burned

The first fire in the woods of the current season occurred last Saturday afternoon in the Camas valley section where C. Weldon Kline is logging for the International Cedar Corporation. Four hundred thousand feet of cedar logs were destroyed, the estimated loss being \$10,000. They were insured.

The logs had been cold-decked, and how they caught fire was not known unless it resulted from blasting in the district.

Farrs Return from Long Trip

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farr returned last Sunday from their month's trip with the "Sperry Special," which took them over practically every important section of the United States. There were about 300 dealers and representatives of the Sperry Flour Co. in the party, including their wives, and 115 of them were from the Northwest. They enjoyed every minute of the month's vacation which Mr. Farr refers to as a delayed honeymoon trip.

Had a Most Delightful Trip to and Upon the Hawaiian Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Ulett and George, Jr., returned to Coquille last Friday evening from their month's trip to the Hawaiian Islands, and report a most pleasurable 16 days spent on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. They went across and returned on the Mattson line steamer Lurline and stopped first at Honolulu where they enjoyed surf bathing in the 72 degree water several times a day.

Mr. Ulett tells of the wonderful flowering trees there and all kinds of tropical vegetation as well as of the sugar and pineapple plantations, some of which are on every island of the group.

Any climate desired can be found there, the higher mountain slopes being cooler and then colder, and the rainfall in some sections is only thirty inches a year. In other districts it is measured in feet, reaching the almost unbelievable total of 600 inches or a little over four feet a month average.

From Honolulu they flew to the island of Wawail and enjoyed a visit there with Mrs. Jane Williams, sister of Mrs. J. A. Lamb, and her son, Maurice. Both enjoy the islands immensely.

On Hawaii is located the largest cattle ranch in the world, 500,000 acres, with 30,000 to 40,000 Herefords occupying it.

The tremendous rainfall is necessary for sugar cane culture for it requires several tons of water to produce a ton of the cane.

Lions Accept M. P. Challenge

Enjoyable music was furnished at the Lions club luncheon yesterday by Robert Clarke, of Myrtle Point, who rendered two vocal solos accompanied by Bobby Burns at the piano.

An invitation was extended the club to attend the sixth annual banquet at Norway the Myrtle Point Lions Men, next Thursday, July 22. A challenge from the M. P. Lions accompanied the invitation, for a golf tournament at the new club grounds, starting at four o'clock that afternoon. Wallace Dement and Gene Laird brought the document announcing the affair and they were notified that the Coquille Lions accepted both challenge and invitation.

Geo. Ulett talked very entertainingly of the sights he saw while on his recent trip to Hawaiian Islands. Elsewhere the Sentinel mentions the largest cattle ranch in the world, which the Uletts visited. There is no dock from which to load the cattle and the cowboys throw a lariat about the steer's neck and swim their horses out to a whale boat about 300 yards off shore, one at a time. When ten animals have been snubbed up to the boat it moves out to the vessel a quarter of a mile off shore and from there the animals are loaded on to the vessel by means of slings. It would seem a primitive way of loading, but possibly it is cheaper than building a dock.

The Ulett party drove just inside the edge of one of the more or less active volcanoes on one of the islands and were mystified as to what caused steam to arise through the crevices, and stop, both at their guard's command, until he explained that the jolting of their car caused enough trembling beneath the surface to start the steam escaping.

Mr. Ulett said that the leper settlement on Malaki is at one end of the island where sheer cliffs, several hundred feet high prevent the unfortunate from leaving the restricted area assigned to them.

Mack Wood Found Guilty

Mack Wood was found guilty by the jury in circuit court last Friday on two of the three counts on which he was indicted—forgery by endorsement. He was given until next Saturday, July 24, to file his motion for a new trial. Judge Carl E. Wimberly will be here on that date and pass sentence on the defendant unless the petition for a new trial is granted.

Will Operate Machine at Roxy

Clark Brawley, son of Lon Brawley of the Southwestern Motors sales force, arrived in Coquille the first of the week from Portland and is taking a vacation while waiting for the Roxy theatre to be completed. He is a motion picture machine operator and will be in charge in the projection room of Coquille's new theatre.

Councilman LeFevre Resigns

Mayor Rankin expects at next Monday evening's council session to announce a successor on the board to Jack LeFevre, whose resignation was placed in the mayor's hands yesterday. Mr. LeFevre now owns no property in Coquille and is living at the camp where he is engaged in logging, 20 miles above Myrtle Point.

Mayor Rankin said this morning that he had a successor in mind but that until he had conferred with all the councilmen, whose confirmation is necessary in seating a new member, he would not make public the name of the appointee.

Edgar McDaniel, publisher of the Coos Bay Harbor, and Mrs. McDaniel, returned yesterday from their month's trip to the middle west. He found the Coos weather very pleasant after the 110 degree temperature he had encountered, and is feeling very well again.

Plating Hall an Acre

Frederick Nordstrom who purchased 55 of an acre from Peter Johnson, across the highway from the Coquille Motor court, has opened a roadway into the property and is laying it out in lots.

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS

Fred McGougan, manager of the West Coast Telephone company in southwestern Oregon, and Norman O'Donnell, from the company's auditing department at Everett, Wash., were in attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the hotel Tuesday noon.

Mr. McGougan told of what is being done to speed up service in the local telephone exchange. The operating force has been increased the past year, and now the company is waiting for ordered equipment which will be installed just back of a new wicket to be cut in the wall separating the switch board from the lobby. When that is done the No. 1 operator can wait on the window without moving from her chair, expediting the answer of calls.

The operating expense of the company here has doubled since 1934. The students put to work last year are now demonstrating their efficiency and Mr. McGougan said he watched their operations for half an hour before coming to the meeting and that three seconds was the average time required to clear calls for that 30 minutes.

The toll lines are clogged at times but that cannot be helped at present. As previously stated in these columns, one source of delay in securing connection is due to the fact that of the 728 subscribers to phone service in Coquille, 306 of them are on four-party residential lines, and there are eight four-party business phones.

Mr. McGougan stated that the company was doing everything in its power to give prompt and efficient service in Coquille, and the chamber directors all agreed with him that the service was better than it had been at times in the past.

Former Coquille Boys Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nosler and Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Nosler arrived here last Saturday from San Diego for a short visit at their old home and left again on Wednesday for Montana and Yellowstone Park, intending to return to Coquille before the Pioneer picnic to be held July 25. Their sister, Mrs. Geo. Hartley, came up by bus from San Diego and on Sunday the Nosler family held a family picnic in Norway Grove with all nine of the brothers and sisters present, as well as their children. Beside those named there were S. M. Nosler, Oscar Nosler, Gene Nosler, Mrs. A. T. Morrison, Mrs. Birdie Skeels and Mrs. Mary Gage.

Saw the Toledo Fire

Wm. Ulett and Wallie Ashpaugh, who returned Tuesday night from a business trip to Portland, happened into Toledo that evening just five minutes before the fire started that wiped out two business blocks there. The pictures of the fire which appeared in the Oregonian were taken by Mr. Ulett. Two houseboats were burned before they could be moved from alongside the old hotel building on the bank of the Yaquina and from there it spread up to the main street. The department from Newport, nine miles away, rushed to the scene and 2000 feet of hose was laid with the pumper working steadily.

Buy local bread and support home industry.

WEALTHY INDIANS

Want to Buy 150,000 Acres of Cheap Land for Hunting and Fishing

The statement has been frequently made that we (the American people) took this country away from the Indians. And it is true, but here is a chance to sell a part of it back to them. At least that is what Chas. F. Spaulding, a consulting engineer of Kansas City, Mo., writes Assessor J. P. Beyers, in the following letter of inquiry:

My clients are looking for a block of land of 100,000 to 150,000 acres of land to settle down on, hunting and fishing; no farming. It can be rough land, but it must be accessible by auto.

They are a group of wealthy Indians who are tired of living in an arid semi-desert country. They do not want high priced land. Can you put me in touch with someone who can assemble a block of that size? They will pay cash for the land. My clients are quite anxious to locate somewhere out on the coast and they are in a hurry to get action.

Some of these Oklahoma Indians find it most difficult to spend the money they receive from oil royalties, under government supervision, and Mr. Spaulding is no doubt correct in saying that they could pay for cheap land. But it would be some Indian empire. Coos county contains right around 1,500,000 acres and their request is for a tract from one-eighth to one-twelfth as large as Coos county. And there is plenty of such land in the county which is unfit for agricultural uses. A lot of it, too, belongs to the federal government.

Five School Vacancies to Fill

Supt. B. W. Dunn was present for the meeting of the school board last Monday evening and to him was referred the applications for the five vacancies now existing in the district's teaching force. Those to be filled are the commercial department in the high school, taught last year by Miss Stahl, the music department, headed last year by L. L. Bernath; the vacancy caused by the transfer from the Lincoln building of Miss Bang to the Washington school where she will be principal, and those caused by the resignations of J. W. Sayre and Miss Averill Stewart.

Contracts with the other teachers were signed Monday evening and the month's grist of bills approved. Supt. Dunn left for Woodburn on Tuesday intending to return with his family on Thursday. He has rented the former Jack LeFevre home on Coulter street.

Checking Coos' Condition

F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business & Investors, Inc., of Portland, was a caller at the Sentinel office Tuesday afternoon. He and L. B. Smith came down together, the latter to secure statistics from the county records for use by the bond buying firms, associated with Oregon Business & Investors, who are figuring on submitting bids for the \$376,000 worth of bonds to be issued by the county to redeem road warrants.

While here they visited the Geo. H. Chaney home and inspected the sea-going vessel which the senator has been working on for several months. Mr. Young was greatly impressed with the ship and commented on the versatility of the man who can make ship building a hobby.

Lon Smith Being Sought

Yosemite Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Merced, Calif., writes to R. H. Mast, secretary of Chadwick Lodge, asking for information concerning Lon Smith, who formerly operated the Highway Garage beyond the J. N. Jacobsen place on the highway to Myrtle Point. Mr. Smith was chosen first vice commander, R. S. Wheeler, second vice; P. O. Lund, finance officer and adjutant; Ed Lund, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee consists of R. L. Stewart, A. H. Grimes and H. H. Hunt.

Martin Heads Coquille Legion

Frank W. Martin was chosen as commander of Coquille Post No. 36 American Legion at the semi-annual election held in Legion Hall, Monday evening. Martin Nye was chosen first vice commander, R. S. Wheeler, second vice; P. O. Lund, finance officer and adjutant; Ed Lund, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee consists of R. L. Stewart, A. H. Grimes and H. H. Hunt.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.