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River Again On a Tear—Equals Feb. Height

Highway Under Four Feet of Water Last Night—May Be Open Again Tomorrow

Aside from the inconvenience to travelers the worst feature of the Coquille valley flood is the way the highways are breaking in places. Out the Middle Fork road to Roseburg slides and washouts are numerous. And near Coquille there are two bad places. One is just beyond the Franklin Auto Camp, where the pavement on one side has sunk two inches, and the other near the John Martin place this side of Cedar Point where a cavern has been made under the pavement.

The water on the main stream of the river has fallen from a peak of eight to ten inches above the highway to the storm peak Tuesday evening when the wind whipped the water in such sheets that visibility was obscured. Thunder and lightning, hail and sleet, have been frequent nightly visitors this week.

The river at the bridge here reached the 22.5 feet above mean low water here last night, but this morning was dropping an inch an hour. On the dike the highway was four feet or more under water last evening.

So rapidly did the crest reach here yesterday afternoon that autos being conveyed by a pilot car were stalled about 3:30 yesterday and had to be pulled back by the tow car. The road was closed at that time but should be open again tomorrow.

The dike this side of Myrtle Point was under two feet of water yesterday but was clear today. The river also got over the highway at the Geo. Davis place, beyond Johnson's Mill, for a quarter of a mile.

What slides there may be on the highway to Bandon is not known, but inside of a mile from Coquille on the Myrtle Point road there are five, some making one-way traffic necessary.

The North Bank road, open last evening, was closed this morning.

Roy E. Kelso, who is accused of taking an auto from Bandon and who was arrested with it at Salem and was brought to jail here last Thursday, was released yesterday under \$1,000 bonds.

Herbert George Redley was sentenced by Justice Barton here last Thursday to serve ten days in jail.

LaVern Rhodes, 15 days; Robert Windblad and Claud Buell, each 30 days, were the sentences imposed by Justice Bolt at Marshfield last Saturday. They were convicted of petit larceny.

Edward Wagner, convicted at Marshfield of taking crabs for commercial purposes without a license, served three days in the county jail and then paid the remaining \$4 of his \$10 fine.

Writes of So. Calif. Losses

Mrs. Harriet Gould, mother of A. N. Gould and Mrs. Jas. Richmond, writes from her home in San Bernardino, Calif., that the loss in their valley during the recent floods was estimated at \$15,000,000 and in the Los Angeles district at \$75,000,000. And that does not include all the valleys that were ravaged a few weeks ago.

Miss Lodema Cross and Keith Kribbs Married Last Saturday at Bride's Home

Miss Lodema Cross, of Coquille, became the bride of Keith Kribbs, of Santa Maria, Calif., on Saturday, March 12, at 11:00 a. m. at a lovely ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cross.

The ceremony was performed before a screen of huckleberry and flowering quince. Large baskets of plum blossoms and flowering quince were placed on each side of the screen. Red and white carnations were placed throughout the rooms.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Harriet Miller sang, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Cedric Cross. The bride came in with her father to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. Mrs. Melden Carl, the bride's sister, was matron of honor and Mr. Cedric Cross the best man. The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. Smith of Coquille.

An Uncensored German Picture

One of the most timely pictures ever shown in Coquille is that on the Roxy's program for this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It is the first uncensored picture to come out of Germany in years and in view of Hitler's coup the past week in assimilating Austria into the German empire, it is most timely.

"Inside Nazi Germany—1938," March of Time's latest motion picture which has aroused a storm of interest throughout the United States, having been banned by Chicago's Board of Censors and protested (Continued on Page Six)

'Miss Spring' Due at Bay March 24

"Miss Spring" will be given a royal Oregon, when she arrives in ceremony the evening of Thursday, March 24, on the downtown streets of Marshfield.

Special entertainment and display features are being prepared by Marshfield stores to welcome the many visitors from southwestern Oregon cities who will attend the celebration. Windows will be veiled throughout Thursday, and at a given signal, coverings will roll aside to display the season's later style and household offerings. A street parade in which Miss Spring and her attendants will be central figures, will pass through the streets at 7:30 p. (Continued on Page Seven)

Sheriff Howell Files for Nomination

Sheriff Wm. F. Howell yesterday filed for re-nomination as democratic candidate for sheriff of Coos county. He asks to have printed after his name on the ballot as a slogan: "Present incumbent. Fair and honest dealings with all as in the past."

Sheriff Bill Dad has only one real competitor in the race in May, the man who ran second four years ago—Lans Leneve—and as both are friends of this office the Sentinel is making no predictions as to the probable winner.

The only other candidate to file the past week, aside from those seeking the positions as precinct committeemen was Harold Kolkhorst who seeks the democratic nomination for constable in Coquille district No. 3.

Will Address District Federated Women's Clubs

Mrs. Saldie Orr-Dunbar, national president-elect of the Federated Women's Clubs, will attend and speak at a meeting of the Coos federated clubs which will be held in Myrtle Point next Tuesday, March 22. Miss Izola Jensen, specialist in recreation, will also be there, announces Mrs. Jas. V. Davidson, president of the county federated clubs.

Niles to Leave Coquille

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Niles intend leaving within the next few days for southern California. They will go first to Santa Barbara, where she will remain with her sister, and Mr. Niles plans for the future are more or less awaiting her complete recovery, although she continues to improve daily.

Smith Plant Fir Mill Down Indefinitely

Was to Have Closed March 25, But High Water Advanced the Date by 16 Days—100 Men Out

Smith Wood-Products Co., which had posted notices that the fir mill would be closed March 25 for an indefinite period, were compelled to close yesterday by high water, and it will not be reopened until the price of lumber advanced. Figured on present costs the loss per month of operation have been huge and it was decided yesterday to lay off everyone except the superintendent, with advice to look for another job. Nearly 100 men are out of work as a result.

Whether to accept the temporary ten per cent cut in wages proposed by the company, but even that acceptance, if they did accept, would not result in reopening the mill at present.

The cedar mill is now operating four hours a day, the veneer plant justly.

There is no present prospect that the plywood plant will be down, but that, of course, depends entirely on receipt of orders.

Mt. States Quits Merchandise Game

When Glenn Jackson, head of the Mr. States Power Co. merchandise department, was here last Saturday he brought the information that the company is going out of the electrical equipment merchandise business just as quickly as present stocks can be sold, either at retail or to merchants.

Floyd Ridenour, who has been sales manager in Coquille since Ray Thomas went to Coquille, expects to be transferred to the Copeco company with headquarters in either Medford or Klamath Falls. He and Mrs. Ridenour will leave within the next two weeks.

"Sandy" McBride is another who will be out due to the change.

Clamp Down on Gambling

Last week-end State police and county officials, led by District Attorney Flaxel, visited a dozen places in the county, at Empire, North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille and Myrtle Point, where gambling was supposed to be carried on and arrested twenty or more of those conducting the games. Those on the Bay side pleaded guilty to the charge and paid their fines. The hearings of the pool room operators in Coquille and Myrtle Point are to be held tomorrow.

Legion St. Patrick's Dance Friday Evening

The annual St. Patrick's Day dance of the Coquille American Legion post is to be held in the Community Building tomorrow Friday evening. This is one of the Legion's two annual dances, the other being held on Armistice day.

Bum Gartin's Silver Spray orchestra will furnish the music for the dance, which will start at nine o'clock. Tickets are 50 cents for gentlemen, 25c for ladies.

Mrs. Wickam Seriously Ill

Mrs. Sarah I. Wickham, who was 87 years of age last June, has been in a most critical condition since Tuesday evening, with practically no hope of recovery held by her children. Her doctor would not allow her to be moved from the davenport on which she was lying when stricken and advised that the rest of the family be sent for.

No State League Baseball

State League baseball for Coquille is definitely out for 1938 stated W. H. Fortier Tuesday noon. And he added that it was a great load off his mind, that he could quit worrying.

One of the principal reasons for the decision was the certain impossibility of lining up jobs for the good ball players whom he was expected to sign up. And there were other reasons.

Two arrests for drunkenness were made by Coquille city police last Saturday night. Robert Chance served out his \$5 fine and F. R. Pheps posted \$5 bail and forfeited it.

Library Report on New Books and Borrowers

Librarian's Report for 1937—Total Circulation of Books Was 23,928—200 Books Bought

The Library Board held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, in the library. Routine business was transacted. Considerable interest was evidenced in the librarian's annual report for 1937 and the monthly reports for January and February, all of which indicate a steady increase in the use of the library facilities. The annual report goes to the state librarian at Salem and our library is compared and rated with all the other libraries in Oregon. We then receive the state librarian's report on how Coquille compares with other small libraries.

In 1937 the total books in catalogue were 3843; total circulation, 23,928; total increase over 1936, 8876; books purchased, 200; gifts, 50.

Books Lent	1936	Jan.	Feb.
Adult Fiction	1637	1680	1680
Juvenile Fiction	427	411	411
Adult Non-Fiction	175	149	149
Juvenile Non-Fiction	52	29	29
Magazines	392	370	370
Total	2894	2639	2639
New Borrowers, Adults	28	40	40
Children	9	8	8

Two hundred seems like a modest amount.

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Mt. States Pays \$103,483 Tax Bill

C. G. Caughell, of the tax collection department, states that the \$103,483 paid to Coos county on Tuesday of this week by the Mt. States Power Co. was the largest check payment ever made to the county. There have been larger tax payments for a single year but never before one as large in one payment.

The total paid by the power company in Oregon that day was \$244,830.03, and 42 per cent of it was to Coos county. It covered the company's entire real and personal property tax in the nine Oregon counties.

For the first time in many years this utility is today able to pay its entire tax bill in one payment thereby taking advantage of the discount which is allowed for prompt payment.

Will Start Tagging Again

The city police department which has been showing extreme leniency for the past month in the matter of overtime parking announces that next Monday they will resume the checking and tagging of cars which violate the hour limit, in the restricted district.

The rain and quiet times were the causes for allowing local residents to get away with the overtime parking violation.

Rain Stops Work at Park

Work at the ball park has been necessarily held up for nearly a week but good progress was being made in grading the field until the rain started.

Among other donors to the improvement job is the Bosworth Motor Co., which did and will furnish a truck to haul the scraper, without cost to the park commission.

Red Cross Meeting Postponed

The annual meeting of the Coos county Red Cross, previously set for Friday evening of this week, has been postponed, date not yet set. Two of the county organization are in the hospital, one is in California and the speaker from San Francisco was sent to the Los Angeles area to supervise rehabilitation there of the flooded area victims.

February Taxes Paid \$100,000

Tax collections in the sheriff's office in February were the heaviest for that month of any since "Hode" Caughell has been connected with the office. He does not attribute it to better times in Coos county but to the sending out of delinquent personal property tax letters and the earlier mailing of statements for taxes due this year.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

Grange News

The Coquille Grange held its regular meeting last Friday evening with about sixty in attendance.

Master Josh Ruble announced he would present the Grange with a new floodlight. His generosity is greatly appreciated. Initiatory ceremonies held jointly with Fairview will be held at the next meeting night, March 25.

Readings, vocal solos, several selections by the well known Grange Trio and a puppet show by Mrs. Ruth Beyers were enjoyed during the lecture hour.

Refreshments of pie and coffee served at tables gay with daffodils, rounded out a very instructive and enjoyable evening.

Valley Golf Course Is To Be Sold

The Coquille Valley Country Club in attendance at the meeting held in Myrtle Point Monday evening, when the proposal to sell the club's golf course to Norway to Mr. Maloney, of Eau Claire, Wis., was up for consideration.

After a full discussion the vote was unanimous to authorize the board of directors to sell the course in accordance with the tentative plans already worked out between the directors and Mr. Maloney.

His purpose in buying is to develop completely the course, finish the club house and operate it as a public golf course.

Good Membership Response

The Coos County Humane Society wishes to express its appreciation to the business houses of Coquille, who went better than 97 per cent in membership in the society. We are truly grateful for this wonderful support.

Our membership will soon be started in the residential sections of the city and we hope for the same support there.

May we caution the owners of dogs in Coos county that the extension of the penalty period we secured from the court, will expire April 1st and all who have not secured their dog license by that date will have a one dollar penalty to pay on each dog, and also be subject to \$10.00 fine plus costs. We hope this does not happen to any one, but all dog tax definitely will be collected this year.

Jack Broshears, Pres.-Mgr.

It's Been a Successful Campaign

It was stated at the League of Oregon Cities meeting in Marshfield last week that Marshfield had reduced its delinquent and current street improvement assessments by \$100,000 since the campaign was started to collect delinquencies.

Coquille's collections of \$61,000 since the campaign here was started in August, 1936, is probably about the same percentage of collection as the Bay city.

Current Very Swift Yesterday

Floyd Price, Smith Wood-Products employee, who has been on the river here nearly all his life, told Mrs. Geo. A. Ulett and party who went with him on his inspection trip of the company's booms below town yesterday, that he had never before seen the river so swift as it was yesterday just before it overflowed its banks. High tides at this time combine with the narrow valley below Riverton and below Lampa in slowing up the run-off of the flood waters.

City Treasurer Sickness this week

making a call for city warrants issued in July, August and September, 1937. The call involves payment of \$5600 in principal and interest.

Rotary Club Hears Mr. Trullinger Talk on Need for New Truck Legislation

L. G. Trullinger, president of the Oregon Motor Vehicle association, was the guest speaker at the Rotary luncheon on Wednesday. In a brief talk he stressed the necessity for intelligent legislation to protect the industry from the inroads of irresponsible gyppo outfits, as well as from the efforts of the railroads to put over laws that would put the trucks out of commission. He stated that the lumber industry that has come to be so dependent upon trucks, would be seriously affected if some of these vicious bills sponsored by the

Anniversary of Coquille's Big Fire

Twenty Years Ago Today Shortly After Midnight the Demon Caused a \$92,000 Fire Loss

To most people this is St. Patrick's Day but to those who lived in Coquille 20 years ago it is the anniversary of the last big fire in this city which destroyed many business buildings in the section of town where the Sentinel is now located.

The estimate at that time of losses sustained was \$90,000, on which the insurance coverage was \$22,000.

The fire started in the Seismic Theatre, frame building where Mrs. C. A. Machon's brick building now stands. It spread to Front street and swept the block from where the hotel annex building stands on First street through to Willard, cleaned out the buildings from the bank west to the Sentinel corner and burned three houses which stood east of Mrs. Callie Leach's house on Second street, and two across Moulton street, north of Mrs. Ida Owens' home.

"Deacon Dubbs" Liberty Next Tues.

Next Tuesday evening, March 22, at eight o'clock the curtain in the Liberty Theatre will go up to disclose that comedy production which the Eagles Auxiliary, assisted by men from the Eagles lodge, will present, "Deacon Dubbs."

The cast has been rehearsing almost daily for some time now and it promises to be a most enjoyable show.

Following is the cast of characters: Deacon Dubbs - Victor McAllister
Amos Colman - Bob Bailey
Rawdon Crawley - William Nelson
Major McNutt - Robert Chard
Deuteronomy Jones A. O. Culbertson
Rose Raleigh Norma Hickenbottom
Miss Philipena Popover - Naomi DeGroat
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Ask Associated Employers Organization Here

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the Tuesday noon session extended an invitation to L. A. Liljeqvist and members of the Marshfield branch of the Associated Employers of Oregon to start a Coquille branch of the association.

The date for holding a public meeting of all business men interested in joining such an association will be set and announced later. It will be held at the convenience of those invited from the Bay.

John Suqua Dies at Farm

John W. Suqua, 80 years of age, passed away at the county farm on Tuesday. Before the fire he was a resident of Bandon. The body is at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries awaiting word from his only known relative, Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Onesso, Okla.

Births at Coquille Hospital

To Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davis, of Coquille, a six pound daughter, named Dian.
To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Everett, of Myrtle Point, a five pound daughter, named Myra Vane.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stonecpher, of Coquille, an 8 1/4 pound daughter.
Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.