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Coquille Employers Join State Assn.

Industrial Peace, Fair Play for Labor and Capital with Racketeer Elimination Are Objects

Charging that the labor racketeer is an enemy of both organized labor and industry and that the racketeer is the man the Associated Employers of Oregon are after, Daniel Hay, manager of the state-wide organization which now includes 27 cities and towns in Oregon, addressed an audience of 50 or 60 in the circuit court room Monday evening. Mr. Hay blamed business men for the racketeer now dominates labor and stated that union men—the workers who are being held in the fearful of his domination as are business men.

The purpose of the Associated Employers is to promote industrial peace and foster fair play between employees and employers. The associations respects the laboring man and recognizes his right to form unions but it is going to insist that he handle his own affairs and not leave the union as an organization to be dominated by one who is only interested in the dues paid by the members.

Mr. Hay was preceded by L. A. Lilljevist, who related the history of the Associated Employers organization this spring and past winter and declared it to be a united effort to secure industrial peace and with the only purpose in mind of being fair to both labor and capital.

After J. E. Norton, H. N. Lorenz and A. N. Gould had spoken in favor of forming a local organization here, the matter was put to a standing vote, with no opposition expressed.

The name will be Associated Employers of Oregon, Coquille Branch. Mr. Norton tried to outline the position of state trustee, which means he is the president of the local club, but finally agreed to act temporarily for the next 60 days.

R. L. Stewart was named secretary, while Les Greene and Don Gillespie were elected as a committee to secure the co-operation and membership of all employers in Coquille.

Mr. Norton announced that a meeting of the association to decide on dues, incorporation, etc., of the members will be held at the city hall tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 p. m.

Coos Hopes For More Like Today

Yesterday and today have been wonderfully enjoyable days and March apparently is going out like a lamb although it didn't look like it a couple of days ago. The barometer stood at 30.30 this morning which indicates fair weather, unless its rise presages a sudden drop.

Sleet, hail and rain on Monday and Tuesday were not unusual for this time of year, but all southwestern Oregon is enjoying the present fine weather.

Bank Accepting County Warrants at Par Now

Harry L. Claterbos, manager of the local First National Bank, has received authorization from the main office in Portland to accept Coos county general fund and general road fund warrants for deposit or by purchase. Warrants of \$25 or over are taken at face.

County Dairymen's Association to Meet in Coquille Monday

A regular meeting of the Coos County Dairymen's Association will be held in Coquille on Monday, April 4, at 1:30 p. m. in the Woodman Hall, in Coquille, according to an announcement made by E. L. Peterson, president of the organization.

Dr. G. W. Wilster, chief in dairy manufacturing work at the Oregon State College, will discuss the importance of quality improvement in obtaining the largest returns for products produced on the dairy farm. Dr. Wilster will show charts and pictures to illustrate the importance of sanitation and other factors involved in producing and manufacturing a

Coquille Blamed For All Closing

A Coquille business man who had occasion to go to Gold Beach last week drove down without any trouble but at this side of the Curry county town he saw a sign, "Highway closed because of high water at Coquille." Having just gone over the dike, he hunted up an official there and asked "how come?"

"Oh, that was put up when the slide near Arizona Inn stopped all traffic north," was the naive reply. For some reason Gold Beach is opposed to the present highway route, but the dike here is not closed to travel any oftener than the highway is in Curry county. Bad slides near Arizona Inn on one side and Pistol river on the other, shut off travel to Gold Beach during the storm period more effectively than did the water on the dike here.

Junior C. of C. Has 7 O'Clock Breakfast

There were 17 out for the seven o'clock breakfast in the hotel Tuesday morning, 16 of them being Junior Chamber of Commerce members, Don Gillespie, vice president of the Coquille C. of C. and contact man for that organization, was the other one present. His talk was on farming conditions.

Matters considered at the round table discussion were the possibilities of having telephone and electric poles removed from the business section, with the wire run in conduits underground; the need for a public celebration in Coquille some time during the year, and the securing of a federal postoffice building which the junior chamber is actively boosting.

An Error Causes Run on Gregg's

That people read the Sentinel's Buyers News was made very evident again last Friday when Gregg's Hardware store received phone call after phone call as well as many personal calls in response to their paint adv. Through a slip on the part of the mechanical department the figure 46c was not instered in the adv., although the large bills delivered with the Buyers News showed the price had been reduced from 79c or 80c to 49 cents. But when the adv. mistakenly read that it was reduced to 90 cents the demand was instantaneous.

The Kitcheneering, Dorothy Ducks, Shirley and Dream House features of the Buyers News have been creating much reader interest with a great deal of very favorable comment.

The boxholders all over Southern Coos county receive the News each week, not spasmodically, and advertisers are overlooking a splendid opportunity for widespread publicity if they do not avail themselves of the service offered by the Sentinel and Buyers News.

Organizing Dew Valley Grange

Arthur Brown and Henry Gustafson, state grange officials, have been active recently in southern Coos and northern Curry counties, and the prospect is good for the organization of a new grange, with headquarters at Dew Valley. The Westmost grange at Langlois was disbanded some time ago.

Court of Honor April 5

Another Boy Scout court of honor in which members of both Coquille troops will participate, is scheduled to be held in the Legion Home next Tuesday evening, April 5.

Half Million Taxes Paid in March

March Collections Two Years Ago Were Larger But For Three Month Period 1938 Leads

Tax collections for this month have reached a total of \$520,000, some of it being for delinquent taxes, but the payments for current tax being close to the half million mark. Rebates allowed according to law, for prompt payment, totalled \$12,832.11.

This was a larger March payment than in 1937 when it was \$477,898, but not so large as that of March, 1936, when \$530,033 was received. However, the tax payments for the first three months of this year which aggregate \$928,000, are slightly larger than those of the first quarter of 1936 which were \$925,000.

Highway Assn. to Meet at Reedsport

The semi-annual session of the Coast Highway Association is to be held in Reedsport, April 17 and 18, and J. E. Norton, president of the association, urged at the Chamber of Commerce session Tuesday noon that all who can possibly attend should be there.

Coquille is allowed three councilors to take part in the proceedings, besides the officers, Mr. Norton and Lafe Compton, treasurer, and J. L. Stevens, J. A. Lamb and H. A. Young were named as Coquille's representatives by the C. of C.

The question of an exhibit at the San Francisco fair next year; the need for an information bureau at Crescent City where adverse and untrue propaganda against the Coast Highway can be combatted; and the need for new construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the Coast Highway will be the principal matters to be considered.

Wrestling Is Again On in Coquille

Some of the Coquille valley and vicinity folks who have been pestered and beset by high water, rough weather and labor troubles will be able to forget their troubles and rend the welkin with their huzzahs and catcalls next Friday night at the Coquille Community Building. At that time, ladies and gents, Coquille's wrestling promoter, Harry Elliott, will stage one of his all-star shindigs in which otherwise reasonable guys will step into the squared circle and try to tear each other six or eight different ways from the center.

In the first card of wrestling since February, Harry announces that he has signed up two of the leading grapplers in the Pacific northwest for the Friday night card. They are Pat, "Rowdy Dow," O'Dowdy of Oklahoma and George Wagner of Houston, Texas. They will form the main event over the one hour route, best two falls out of three.

Pat O'Dowdy has appeared in Coquille. (Continued on Page Eight)

Rotary Enjoys Her Singing

Miss Anita Pageler, accompanied by Miss Rose Naef at the piano, very delightfully furnished the musical entertainment at the Rotary club luncheon yesterday. She rendered two vocal solos.

The club voted that as individuals the members would support the Sport Show which is to be held here early in May, probably in the Community Building.

Guests of the club were Charles Schroeder, of Bandon; Dr. R. F. Milne, of Coquille, and the senior class members, Lucille Riddle, Faye Sinclair and Delbert Starr.

Surveying for Wider Streets

A. N. Gould started Monday morning the surveying of the two blocks on each Hall and Second streets from which the city expects to remove grass parking strips this summer and pave from sidewalk to sidewalks, as a W. P. A. project.

It is hoped to have the plans and specifications ready for the council next Monday evening so that they can be approved and passed on to the W. P. A. regional office.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Good Will To Coquille Is Felt by Labor

H. A. Minter, Plywood Union President, Says Men Could Not Have Accepted Cut

In a ten-minute talk before the Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday noon, H. A. Minter referred to an item in the Coos Bay Times this week which stated "It was reported a number of Coquille merchants have informed mill workers their credit will be stopped if the wage cuts were rejected and operations are shut down indefinitely as a result," and he expressed the thought that it was "just loose talk."

It is emphatically loose talk. There has been no suggestion that any merchant can be learned no merchant has said anything of the kind. The extent of credit for everyone, whether a Smith Wood employee, a business man or a rancher, will still depend, as it always has, on the merchants' resources and ability to carry his customers.

Mr. Minter also made the statement that had the plywood union, of which he is president, voted to accept the ten per cent cut, the Oregon and

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Well Spent If They Are Successful

Judge Hugh McLain, and Guy Gordon, of Roseburg, intend leaving Saturday for Washington, D. C., to ask congress to authorize the payment to the counties—Coos and Douglas—of 75 per cent of the timber sale receipts from land in the Coos Bay Wagon Land Grant instead of the 25 per cent heretofore authorized. It is estimated that it would make a difference of \$70,000 paid to the counties, and the larger portion of the grant land lies in Coos county.

The county clerk was instructed yesterday to issue a warrant for \$1500 for expenses of the two men who will go east Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Wilson Writes for Sentinel

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilson, who formerly lived on the Fairview road beyond the county farm but who now have a ranch a few miles below Bandon, were in Coquille last Saturday. While she was here the Sentinel made arrangements with Mrs. Wilson to furnish us with a series of articles on cactus and other succulent plant culture.

When Mrs. Wilson lived on Fairview mountain she had a wonderfully fine flower garden and she is developing just as fine a one at their new home. She has made thorough study of the subject on which she is now writing and what she has to say about cacti will be of interest to all flower lovers and growers.

The first article appears in this issue.

Community Bldg. Floor Sanded

Prior to the opening of the 1938 dancing season, the Coquille Eagles lodge dance committee has had the Community Building floor sanded and put in the best shape it has been for many months for dancing. The first dance will be held there on Saturday night this week, April 2. Babe's Melody Kings will furnish the music and there will be other entertaining features.

Office Seeking the Man

There is talk in Coquille of Ernest Clausen, of Broadbent, for county commissioner. Whether he will consent to run is not known by those who are urging his candidacy but he is being seriously considered.

Mr. Clausen is one of southern Coos county's progressive farmers, who is making a success of his own business, a man of good judgment and sound in financial matters.

3-Hour Closing on Good Friday

Coquille business houses will again observe Good Friday, April 15, this year by closing between the hours of 12 m. and 3 p. m., while the services are in progress at the Pioneer church. Practically all places of business signed the agreement circulated by Rev. Geo. R. Turney and placards announcing the closing will be distributed this week end.

A Proclamation

Whereas, April 15, 1938, is Good Friday, the day set apart in commemoration of the Crucifixion of Christ, and

Whereas, the day is observed throughout the whole world as a special day of worship and remembrance, and

Whereas, the Coquille Ministerial Association has arranged services for three hours (12 M to 3 P. M.) on that day, and

Whereas, the business houses of the city are co-operating in closing them for the three-hour period,

Therefore, I, the Mayor of the city of Coquille, commend such observance of the day to the residents of Coquille, as they shall see fit.

J. D. Rankin,
Mayor of Coquille

Special Services at Pioneer Church

Pioneer Methodist Church is planning for a week of special services, beginning with Sunday morning, April 3, and continuing on through the week. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Graybeal, will do the preaching, while special music will be furnished by both the regular church choir and by the Young Peoples choir.

Mr. Graybeal has announced afternoon meetings at 4 p. m. each day for boys and girls, and plans to have them sing in the regular service Friday night. Members of the local Boy Scout troops are invited to attend in a body Wednesday evening.

The sermon subjects announced include "Is Your Name on the Payroll?" for Sunday morning; "God Names a Man" Sunday evening, and "God's Rays" for Monday evening.

Ray Jeub's Talk to Pro-America

At the Pro America meeting held in the city hall last Saturday afternoon, a most interesting talk on the proposed "Government Re-organization" was given by Ray Jeub before a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Jeub explained fully the vicious features of the proposed plan. It was decided to send a telegram of protest to Senator Reames of Medford. Senator McNary is already opposed to the proposed plan. Those present signed a petition to congress against this bill. At the next meeting, which will be held April 30, some of the local candidates for county offices will be in attendance.

Bicycle Ordinance Is Now In Effect

While the city police department is still awaiting the arrival of the celluloid front registrations card holders which must be attached to all bicycles, a start was made Monday by Kermit Shaw on the examination of applicants for registration, and the cards will be issued soon. The fee for registering a bicycle is 25 cents and there are many points of the new ordinance with which riders must be familiar.

Anyone owning a bicycle would do well to get in touch with the police officer and learn just what is necessary.

First Straw Vote

At a recent joint meeting of Young Democrats, held in Reedsport, a straw vote gave Gov. Martin twenty-two out of the 24 present. It is regrettable that the vote received by Willis Mahoney was in the same proportion.

"Demon In the Dark" Senior Class Play at Liberty Next Thursday

If you enjoy spine-chilling, ghastly entertainment and side-slitting comedy, you will find them combined in the senior play, "Demon in the Dark," to be presented April 7 at the Liberty Theatre.

The story takes place on a haunted island where Sandra Trevor, played by Patricia Peart, comes with her friends to spend her vacation. The villain of the play invents such terrors as a sea demon, who claims human brides, a bloated corpse, shrouded in seaweed and a severed hand which goes moving about as though alive.

Lizzie Scruggs, played by Jean

\$146,000 Blanket WPA Proposal Submitted

Council Does Not Expect to Have That Much Done But Will Speed Up What Is Attempted

A special called session of the city council was held last Saturday noon with Mayor Rankin and all councilmen present.

A. N. Gould, who is making a survey of Hall and Second streets with the city purpose of taking out the parkings on those streets as the cause, was also present, as was W. M. Bartlett, WPA engineer from Portland.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bartlett, the council passed a blanket application for WPA work on the Langlois, which totals \$146,751, divided \$93,060 for streets and \$53,691 for water projects.

The city has no present intention of selecting projects which will total that amount, but has now in mind only three—cleaning up and beautification of Patterson Grove, removal of the parking strips on Second and Hall streets and some provision for increasing the city's water supply. The WPA will furnish labor to the extent of 50 per cent of the above amounts if the blanket application is approved in Washington, D. C.

The reason for the blanket application is that it requires from six to twelve weeks for the board back there to give final approval, but after that has been secured it requires not more than ten days to get a decision from the regional WPA office in Portland and projects as suggested by the council here can be speeded up, whereas if every one had to be referred to Washington, there could not be very much done in securing federal relief locally this summer.

Four Are Seeking J. P. Office Here

With the dead line for filing nominations for the primary election coming next Monday at five p. m., there is a rush for the justice of the peace office in Coquille. Clarence Barton, incumbent, filed some time ago. The past week Tom Boeke and H. F. McCracken also filed for the democratic nomination, and Carl Mack has announced his intention to file as a republican candidate. The democratic candidates all live in Coquille. Mr. Mack, who has a law office here, is a resident of the Johnson Mill district.

Eight Plead Guilty to Gambling Charge, Are Fined

Proprietors of the four billiard parlors in Coquille appeared before Justice Barton yesterday and pleaded guilty to the charge that they had permitted gambling in their places. Each was fined \$250, with \$150 of it suspended for a two year period.

The dealers in the games were each fined \$150, of which \$100 was suspended for the two year period.

These were the same fines as were imposed at Marshfield, North Bend and Myrtle Point, following the raids by the state, county and city officers earlier this month.

Dog License Date May 1

The county court this week extended until May 1 the date when a penalty of \$10 may be added for dog owners failing to secure licenses for their animals. Up to last evening 425 dogs had been licensed in the county by the deputy assessors.