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Dr. F. E. Townsend To Speak Here This Evening

Community Building or Myrtle Grove to Have Immense Crowd To Hear The Noted Speaker

Dr. Francis E. Townsend, the originator of the Townsend plan of old age pensions, which also includes in its idea the routing of the depression, or recession, or what have you? is to speak at the Coquille Community Building this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Steve Dey, in charge of arrangements, said Tuesday evening that if the expected attendance was present that it would probably be necessary to make it an outdoor meeting in the myrtle grove park.

Dr. Townsend is to speak in Oregon in only three cities on this trip, one of them being Portland, and arrangements have been made with radio stations at Marshfield, Roseburg, Medford and Eugene to have a hookup which will permit his address to be heard in those sections.

Mayor J. D. Rankin has asked all business houses to present a spic and span appearance to the crowd which is expected and there will be welcoming cards displayed in many stores and offices.

Whether one agrees with all the program of the Townsend Plan for National Recovery—and some plan is more needed now than when he first promulgated it several years ago—everyone who is able to get there will want to hear and see this national character who is probably as often mentioned and his plan as often discussed as any individual in the United States, with his new deal ideas.

Coquille welcomes Dr. Townsend and is very happy that this city was included in his Oregon itinerary.

Medford Jeweler Buys Out Broder

W. Matejka, who comes to Coquille from Medford, this week purchased the B. F. Broder's Jewellery store in the Hersey building on the north side of First street, and took possession at once. He is a graduate of a polytechnic school and has had 15 years' experience in watch repairing. He plans on gradually increasing the stock, as the demand justifies, and he invites the public to visit the store and become acquainted.

Mr. Broder, who opened the store in August, 1930, left Sunday on a business trip to the north. On his return next week, he and Mrs. Broder will leave for southern California to be near their son, who is in the navy.

Mrs. Geo. W. Leneve Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Susan Frances Leneve, wife of George W. Leneve, of Bandon, passed away at a local hospital last Friday, and funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros.' Chapel here at two p. m. Tuesday. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Marsh, Mrs. Daisy Randleman and Miss Georgia Leneve, of Bandon; a brother, Samuel Wagner, of Grants Pass, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Goodman, of Salem.

Two Logging Truck Wrecks This Week— Eastern Writer Injured, Trucks Total Loss

Lois Nichols, a magazine writer from the east, suffered a smashed pelvis in a logging truck accident on Sandy creek, Tuesday.

She had asked Wm. Westrope for a ride in the Ward camp and he had at first refused. She persisted and he finally took her to the camp and later allowed her to ride the loaded truck out.

On a 38 per cent grade the drive shaft on the White truck broke, due Mr. Westrope says to the load shifting. Realizing the danger, Miss Nichols jumped but, was caught between the rear of the truck and the bank.

The driver stayed with it until the truck left the logging road and then he jumped. The truck is a total loss.

Fred Milani jumped just in time to save his life about nine o'clock Monday morning. He drives his own

Lawn Prize Winners Named

Prize winning lawns in Coquille, according to the judge appointed by the civic improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce, were those of Geo. A. Ulett, first; E. L. Vinton, second; R. A. Jeub, J. A. Berg, H. A. Slack and the Gano Funeral Home, honorable mention.

The two judges, neither of whom are members of the civic improvement committee, made their round of inspection of Coquille lawns yesterday afternoon. First prize of \$5 and second of \$2.50 were contributed by the Chamber of Commerce.

There are other prizes yet to be awarded, in late summer, for the business property and also for the residence property showing the most improvement in appearance since the last year's inspection was made a few months ago.

Neither Could Give Right of Way

Albert Powers was in Coquille yesterday afternoon with a very sore arm and other bruises but thankful that he came out of his accident without more serious injury.

Mr. Powers has a speeder he uses to travel the logging railroad between the town of Powers and his ranch in the Eckley country. It is, or rather was, a Chevrolet truck and motor, on which flanged wheels had been installed.

Before starting for home he called to see if the line was clear and receiving no answer decided it was and set out. But it was not.

On a blind curve he met the logging company speeder coming down and so great was the blow of the collision that Mr. Powers was hurled upward as though shot from a gun. The railroad car was not much damaged but his is a complete wreck.

Suffered A Mashed Spinal Cord

The physicians in Portland, who examined Carl Ronning when he arrived there last week came to the same decision that Doctors Wilson and Rankin did here, that his spinal cord was crushed in that accident on May 20 when the porch on which he and his mother and brother were sitting collapsed. The total paralysis from the waist down is something which cannot be overcome.

Mrs. Reba Walder Cortez, who went to Portland as nurse, says that Mr. Ronning rallied from the operation, but that the doctors could give no idea of how long he might hope to survive the results of the injury.

Genevieve Chase Going Abroad

Miss Genevieve Chase, daughter of Mrs. Inez Chase and who grew to womanhood in Coquille, will spend her two months' vacation from duty with the school at Macomb, Illinois, in Europe. She will spend two or three weeks in Switzerland, then visit a friend in Denmark and spend the rest of the time in England.

Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

There will be work in the M. M. degree at the stated communication of Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M. next Tuesday evening, June 14. A feed will be served after the lodge session.

Theo L. Clinton, W. M.

Right-of-Way For Dike Raising Secured Friday

Highway Commission To Call For Bids On The Job At Their Session Next Wednesday

Members of the highway commission, several of its engineers, including R. H. Baldock, and others, stopped in Coquille last Friday noon for lunch. They were on their way down the coast to Crescent City.

While here one of the party stated that the commission expected to call for bids for the raising of the two miles of dike, from the bridge toward Bandon, on June 15.

The highway commission and a representative of the Russ Co. held a conference here last Friday and went over the section where the dike is to be raised with J. E. Norton and Leland Petersen, manager of the Russ estate here.

The conference was successful from the Coquille point of view for arrangements were made by which the Russ people deed a 30-ft. strip to the commission on the up-river side, for widening as well as raising the dike. It means that the large Russ barn will have to be set back about 40 feet from its present location.

Earth for the fill will be trucked from the two sharp points on the highway south, at the Hathaway and the Collier place. The point just below the Fat Elk bridge will permit the highway there to go around on a long sweeping curve, and come back on to the present route just below the Hathaway house.

An the next sharp curve, between the Joe Collier and J. E. Norton places, the new route will be set back 50 feet from the present, eliminating another sharp turn.

The plan is also for filling that low spot in the highway at the Clausen place.

If that job can be completed in 90 days the highway should be finished by the first of September.

Newspaper Publisher Here

Starr Baldwin, editor of the St. Helena, Calif. Star, was a guest at the Rotary luncheon yesterday noon and a caller at the Sentinel office. He and his mother, Mrs. Frank Mackinder, and a friend, Miss Jewell Barney, were on their way home from a visit at his former home in Yakima and he wanted to keep his Rotary attendance up to the 100 per cent record he has kept it for some time.

Saw "Rocky" Hit .500

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fortier returned Sunday from Pendleton, where they were called last Tuesday by the death of a niece of Mr. Fortier's on Monday. From Pendleton, they went over to Lewiston, Idaho, and Uniontown, Wash., where Bill broke into baseball thirty years ago. "Rocky" Peterson, former Coquille Logger, is playing with the Lewiston club and of the eight hits his team made that day, "Rocky" secured four.

Coast Highway Association Meeting Tuesday At Newport Settled Nothing

J. E. Norton, president of the association, Life Compton, its treasurer, and Councilors J. L. Stevens and J. A. Fitzpatrick, were in attendance at the Coast Highway Association called meeting, held in Newport Tuesday evening.

Very little was accomplished, although it did furnish some of the Lincoln county people present an opportunity to attack Ed Miller who for some reason they want released from his job. The latter rather took the wind out of their sails when he stated his resignation had been in the hands of the board of control for months.

The motion adopted by a 13 to 12 vote to amend the constitution so as to permit individual membership in the association instead of group membership had no effect for the constitution provides that such changes must be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Another vote by the same one majority called for the employment of a field manager to canvass the territory and collect funds from individuals, and the employment of an office secretary. But this change is not to become effective until Jan. 1, and the annual meeting in December

Attempt Made To Burn Old Sitka Mill Thursday

Fire Had Been Set Beneath Center of Mill But Did Not Reach To The Floor Above

Last Thursday evening when Howard Pike went on duty as night watchman at the Coquille Log & Lumber Co. mill—the old Sitka plant below town—he found where a fire had been started under the center of the plant where if it had really got started it would have destroyed the whole property.

The accumulation of half-burned sticks and pieces of board was on the floor and a great deal of machinery was standing and the oil and grease from the machinery was smeared all over the under side of the flooring and hanging in globules which had not yet dropped.

Whether the fire had been lighted by tramps, or by boys, or by a fire-bag is not known, but the matter was turned over immediately to the state police for investigation and a watchman has been on duty there at all times since.

It's a little difficult to understand why an incendiary would have attempted to burn the plant. It has been shut down for several months; there had not been any trouble between management and employees prior to that time, and the most logical conclusion is that irresponsible boys tried to build a fire there for the fun of it without fully realizing what the results might be.

Smith Fir Mill Started Yesterday

The fir mill at the Smith Wood-Products plant was started up again yesterday, with no definite idea for how long it might operate. It all depends on orders received.

The cedar mill and the plywood plant continue to operate and there is a skeleton crew in the separator department.

In the Venetian blind department, Supt. Emery is keeping both day and night crews intact by working each on a 2 1/2 day per week basis, all day-time work.

Golden Anniversary For The Uptons

While in Coquille last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Upton informed the Sentinel that the following day would be their golden wedding anniversary, they having been married in Michigan back in 1888. They planned no celebration of the event at their home on the lower river near Lampa, but were rejoicing that Mr. Upton had shown considerable improvement since his severe attack last summer.

Calling cards, \$9 for \$1.00.

Council Considering Increasing Supply

What to do about increasing the city water supply is a matter that is causing the city council a great deal of thought.

The plan had been to install a pipe line for a mile and a half, and an engine, and pump water from the North Fork to the top of the hill above the big storage reservoir, in hopes that it would purify itself in that run down the hill and not disappear into the earth before reaching the reservoir.

At an adjourned session of the council held Tuesday evening, Everett Seeley as chairman of the water committee, stated that he was not altogether satisfied with such a plan, it savored too much of pumping out of the pipe line with the necessary settling basins and purification tanks to make it safe and potable.

He said he would like a thorough investigation by competent engineers as to whether drilling wells, raising

89 Degrees Here Monday Afternoon

Coquille did not hit the high recorded by the weather man at Portland Monday when the thermometer reached 92 degrees but it was not much lower. The maximum on Monday was 89, on Sunday 88, in Coquille.

With low humidity the danger of fire in the woods has been greatly increased, and there was a fire in the timber on Elk river, northeast of Port Orford, but fog on the coast and fire fighters kept it from spreading.

Soft Ball League Week's Scores

Soft ball the past week continued to draw good crowds to Athletic Park and interest in the game seems to be increasing. Scores since our last publication were:

Thursday—Moore's 5, Stevens 4.
Friday—Junior C. of C. 11, Riverton 7.
Monday—Pastime 5, Stevens 10.
Tuesday—Plywood 3, Fuhrman's 0.
Wednesday—Moore's 14, Jr. C. of C. 6.

While playing with the Junior C. of C. team last Friday evening, B. W. Dunn sprained his ankle but by yesterday had discarded both crutches and cane.

Following is the schedule for the coming week's play:

June 9—Riverton vs. Myrtle Point.
June 10—Stevens vs. Riverton, a postponed game.
June 13—Riverton vs. Fuhrman's.
June 14—Pastime vs. Junior C. of C.
June 15—Plywood vs. Stevens.

Bunch Car Wrecked

Stepping on the wrong pedal by the driver caused the Levi L. Bunch car to go in the ditch about 5:30 Tuesday evening and to turn over two or three times at the low spot on the Myrtle Point highway beyond the Union Oil tanks. Miss Neta Rose Bunch was driving and her foot hit the accelerator instead of the brake as she was making the turn. She was not injured but Ellsworth Deament who was riding with her, suffered an injured wrist.

The car was considerably damaged.

The paved streets in the business section have been greatly improved the past week. Street Commissioner Dungey and a crew filled all the holes where the pavement had sunk or broken up with an asphalt and sand top surfacing.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

McKnight And Wheeler Cars Collide On Fairview Road With Damaging Results

A costly wreck resulted at 1:15 Monday noon from a Hallowe'en prank last October 31. At that time boys turned one of the stop signs on Henry street around so that the reading on the sign faced the intersection of Henry with Tenth street instead of facing south as it should.

There are stop signs on all four sides of the intersection, that being a dangerous corner.

Monday noon W. F. McKnight was going north on Henry street, or the Fairview road, and Mrs. Roy Wheel-

Mississippi Murderer Arrested Here Monday Evening

Taken On Forged Check Charge He Surprises Police By Confessing to Murder Last Year

The state police were rather startled on Monday when two men confessed to the murder of a man in Brookhaven, Mississippi, some time ago. Their names are Robert Owens and James Walter Greenlee, and they had been visiting at the home of Owens' brother, Wm. Owens, in the north part of Coquille for a week prior to their arrests Sunday and Monday.

Robert Owens was arrested in Marshfield Sunday by the state police for being drunk and was still in jail when the state police notified all city officers that they wanted a man for passing forged checks. The description tallied with Owens', who had passed two or three checks here last week with forged signatures, one of them Geo. Gilman's, and the Marshfield police notified the state police they had the OWENS.

While still drunk, Owens confessed that he was wanted for murder at Brookhaven.

Learning that a man named Whetstone had come out west with Robert

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Material Contracts For Improvement

Bids were opened for material needed on the city projects for which the WPA furnishes the labor, by the city council Monday evening, and contracts were awarded for a part of the items that evening.

The water pipe for the main line renewal, from the court house to Willard street, and the lateral connections were ordered at the adjourned session Tuesday evening. Of the 10-inch 930 feet, at \$1.748 per foot, or a total of \$1625.64, and for 108 feet of 6-inch, at \$0.866 per foot, totalling \$93.53, was ordered from the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. at Portland.

The sewer pipe needed for the Eleventh street sewer was ordered from the Ocean Dock & Terminal Co. at Marshfield. Their bid was \$367.15. Farr & Elwood's bid was \$375.

The Mansell Drayage & Delivery Co. bid of \$2.57 per barrel for cement was accepted. The Ocean Dock company submitted the same figure. Approximately 560 barrels will be needed for the street widening improvements.

H. W. Kelley's bid was lower than

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Four Going To B. P. W Session

Coquille's delegates to the B. P. W. state convention at McMinnville, June 10-11-12, expect to leave early tomorrow morning with four and possibly five going. Mrs. Leona Bryant, Mrs. Harriet Osika, Mrs. Viola Newton and Mrs. Georgia Richmond will attend.

The meetings open at a breakfast Friday morning and conclude with a breakfast Sunday morning at Dorchester House on the coast.

Mrs. Bryant, who is in line for advancement to the office of president of the state federation, has been asked to act as toastmistress at the Saturday evening banquet. Election of officers takes place Saturday morning.

The Legion Auxiliary will meet for their regular business meeting Monday night in the Legion Hall.