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## TIME TO TAKE CHISELING OUT OF RELIEF

A member of the Coos county budget committee was present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the hotel Tuesday noon and spoke at some length on the relief problems of Coos county. This relief question is one which enters largely into taxation and his talk was directed in support of the county relief committee and the county court which has lopped off many names from the indigent list, people who own property they could realize a living from and others who have relatives well able to support them. The relief act does not contemplate that elderly people who have children working should be placed on the relief lists, and the court and committee are to be commended for pruning the list, as far as possible to include those who are actually in need of charity.

The state relief committee has not co-operated as it should with the county committee and insists on sending in its own investigator from outside instead of allowing some Coos county person who may be acquainted with the condition of individuals to do the investigating and make a report.

There can be no quicker way to abolish all relief for the aged needy than to allow the matter of relief to be made a racket. The payment of \$85 a month to a widow who has no children to support is a racket which cannot be justified. It's a graft.

It is the Sentinel's wish that the newspaper man who objects when the color line is drawn in football had to live in the south and get some idea of why the southerners object to association with the colored race in games.



Washington, D. C., Dec. 20—Amos B. Camerer, director of the public park service, has authorized the installation on a temporary basis and as an experiment, a ski lift at Crater Lake. The lift is sponsored by the Klamath Falls Ski club. The expense will be taken care of by the club and is not a charge against the government.

Affairs of state will be shelved next Monday and the President of the United States will be just Franklin D. Roosevelt, citizen, and papa to a large family. He likes to refer to himself as "papa" and that is what all his children call him. For hours Mr. Roosevelt will be nestled in an arm chair in front of a blazing fireplace (fireplaces are in every room in the White House—relic of the original heating system), reading aloud Dickens' "Christmas Carol." This has been his practice for years.

There are three decorated Christmas trees, one in famed East Room where the murdered Lincoln lay in state and Alice Roosevelt was married, and at each window of the mansion facing Pennsylvania avenue, the side where tourists stand to take snapshots, garlands and wreaths are hung. The White House, in brief is decorated as millions of other American homes are, no more, no less. There is a cheerfulness about the scene.

Every employee at the president's house receives a personal present. The gifts were purchased by Mrs. Roosevelt. The buying is simplified, for the First Lady merely orders a couple of dozen of these and those until she has enough. Into the mansion troop all hands and the cook—literally. From the gardeners who mow the law and rake the leaves, to the broad-shouldered fellows assigned by the secret service as presidential bodyguards; from the scullery maids in the electrified kitchen to the weather-beaten policemen who patrol the grounds, to each and all Mr. Roosevelt gives a hand clasp and

a gift—possibly three handkerchiefs in a fancy box.

This scene, the president and first lady distributing presents, is reminiscent of commencement exercises at school, with the principal handing out diplomas. In the waiting line, in addition to the staff and servants, are their families—the wives and children. It is a big moment and the gifts are treasured as souvenirs. Years from now they will have historic value, will be museum pieces. For the youngsters there is candy; for the grown-ups pieces of cake.

Christmas Eve the grandchildren hang their stockings over the fireplace in the President's bedroom; awaken him Christmas morning with their shouts as they rush pell-mell to see what Santa Claus has brought them. It is one morning when, as he breakfasts in bed, the President does not have officials there to make reports, to discuss domestic and foreign developments. Mr. Roosevelt gets as much kick, pleasure and joy out of Christmas as do his noisy flock of grandchildren.

And the 124,000 government employees (they had \$15,000,000 to spend last Saturday—payroll is about a million dollars a day in the District of Columbia), their Christmas starts Saturday noon and they punch the clock next Tuesday morning. To all intents, government stops, is on dead center, with no one at any of the great, sprawling federal buildings except the uniform guards posted at the only entrance unlocked.

Farm Security Administration expects to assist in settling reclamation projects in Washington and Oregon—it has, settled 500 families from the drouth area on the Vale-Owyhee projects and as many more families from the Oregon. FSA is looking forward to locating farm families on the Grand Coulee project when water is available and on the Roza section of Yakima and later on the Deschutes project.

The farm family labor camps now in Oregon are expected to provide for 50,000 such families during the life of the facilities, on the theory that two families will use the same facilities each year. Cost of the Oregon facilities \$350,000. Practically the same arrangement is planned for the state of Washington.

Of 10,987 drouth families in Oregon only 4000 have been able to establish themselves without help, according to FSA.

Few advocates of rural electrification or creation of public utility districts in the Pacific Northwest have any idea of the amount of power required to operate the appliances most common in homes. Department of labor (not Federal Power Commission nor REA) has issued a bulletin on the subject. According to this government document, here are the estimate number of kilowatt-hours required annually for eight electric appliances:

Flatirons 80; vacuum cleaners 24; washing machines 30; toasters 30; radios 100; refrigerators 420; ironing machines 125; ranges 1200 k. w. h. They add up to 2000 k. w. h. for a year.

Here is how one hand washes another: Triple A made available 1,292,341 pounds of hairy vetch and Austrian winter pea seed to farmers in Oregon and Washington (where the seeds are produced), to increase the supply of winter legume seeds available for southern farmers next fall. The seeds are furnished in lieu of conservation payments for carrying out the soil building program. Oregon received 1,216,141 pounds of seed for replanting; Washington 76,200 pounds. Triple A has also been distributing superphosphate in the program, distributing 2444 tons in Oregon and 1875 tons in Washington.

## Rural Pupils Being Tested

Children in all rural schools in Coos county are to be given diagnostic reading tests. This is a part of a plan for Oregon to improve the reading ability of children by ascertaining the type of weakness of each child.

Due to several causes the tests did not arrive on schedule so only a portion of the work will be accomplished before the Christmas vacation. The final portion of the test arrived in the office of county superintendent on Monday and is rapidly being sent to teachers.

The test forms are passed from one district to another in order to save expense. Miss Marguerite Sunstrup and Martha E. Mulkey, county superintendent, are assisting teachers in giving tests in order to save time. Supt. L. W. Turnbull, of North Bend, who has been giving these same tests in North Bend schools, has been invited to assist schools in the bay section.

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# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Dec. 26, 1919)

The second trial of Harold Howell resulted in another hung jury this week as the trial again failed to bring a conviction or acquittal. Judge Coke has refused to dismiss the jury, however.

R. S. Knowlton has completed 30 years of continuous business in Coquille and reports that last Saturday was the biggest day he has ever had.

The local unit of the American Legion will hold its annual New Year's eve dance this week at Gould's hall.

The past two days have been such beautiful days and the weather has been so warm that it is a shame our eastern friends could not see the Coquille valley now—they would, indeed deem this a paradise.

Mrs. E. E. Fraedrick is enjoying a visit from four of her sisters over the holidays. They are Sarah Imhoff, Misses Mary and Ida Habberger, of Iowa, and Mrs. D. S. Brode, of Bridge.

Among the U. of O. students home for the holidays last Friday are Misses Marvel Skeels, Genevieve Chase, Gladys Nosler, Austin Hazard,

Herbert Lukens, Julian Leslie and Ray Burns.

Mrs. Ruth Utter and son, Ivan Rea, left Tuesday for a two months' vacation at Woodburn, Salem and Corvallis.

Ellis Dement, of Myrtle Point, is to be found around the Imperial Hotel lobby in Portland. He just brought in several carloads of cattle and is now in fine form for Christmas shopping.

D. D. Pierce is home from Michigan, where he has spent the past three months. His trip was made for business and for visiting relatives.

Mrs. F. E. McKenna came home from Corvallis last week on Sunday to spend the holidays.

P. J. Michels left Tuesday for his home at Oregon City to spend Christmas.

The Logan cafe has opened up here this week and reports a fine business already.

Stars featured on the Liberty theatre screen this holiday season include Olive Thomas, Bill Hart, Wallace Reid, Charles Chaplin and others.

## Count Lawrence Answers Our Query

K. P. Lawrence answers the Sentinel inquiry as to when Wood Bros. conducted a real estate agency at North Bend. He says it was about the turn of the century. He had just graduated from high school here and was working on the surveying gang which was locating the right-of-way for the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railroad & Navigation Co.

Wood Bros. came to the bay from Boise, Idaho, along with Major Kinney, who was an early day booster and promoter of North Bend and delinquent tax sales for nearly a quarter of a century afterwards.

"Count" Lawrence says the Wood brothers were highsteppers and many were the parties they gave over there, with a wild night in the embryo North Bend following.

## Meet Next Week

The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association will be held in the Lincoln High School, Portland, December 27, 28, and 29. More than three hundred teachers will take part in this convention, as members of official committees, officers of the various departments, and speakers in the sectional meetings. Every community in Oregon will be represented by some of its teachers. It is estimated that the attendance will reach nearly three thousand.

The program has been built around the theme, "Education in a Democracy—Equal Opportunity for all Through Education." Speakers before the general assembly will be Honorable Charles A. Sprague, governor of Oregon, and others.

Supt. B. W. Dunn and Robert Nelson will attend the sessions as delegates from the Coquille schools and others from here will attend some of the sessions.

## Hospital At County Farm Is Ready

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beds so that ten is the number who might be cared for there at one time.

Most of the beds are of the adjustable type, the rooms are well provided with windows and the indirect artificial lighting makes it easy on the eyes of the patients.

There are also a nurse's room with private lavatory and bath, a kitchen and plenty of closet room.

An oil-burning steam boiler has been installed under the hospital and the steam from that also warms the five cottages formerly used for maternity and pest cases.

The ground around the hospital has already been prepared for the seeding which will be done in early spring and in time this spot will have the same beautiful lawn as that which surrounds the superintendent's house to the east.

Water for the farm is brought by two pipes from springs 3,000 feet back in the hills where a 10,000 gallon storage tank supplies the entire farm's needs. It is as pure water as there is in southwest Oregon as many Coquille people know, for many have gone out there to fill jugs and bottles when the city supply was off color.

The average number of patients on the farm is about 30.

One of Mr. McNelly's prides at the farm is the cannery, which cans everything—meats, fish, fruits, vege-

H. Thompson, who was ill and unable to attend.

Music for the program was furnished by Miss Elois Wilson who rendered a solo, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Minter, and by the singing of patriotic and Christmas songs, led by Mrs. Beyers.

The ensuing gift exchange caused considerable merriment and those receiving gifts suitable for children left them for distribution by the health department at places the personnel considers such gifts are needed.

It was a most enjoyable affair throughout and all of those present are still reminiscing with pleasure.

Those present were: Judge Hugh McLain, R. H. Lawhorn, R. H. Mast, Mrs. Leta M. Leslie, Messrs. and Mesdames J. P. Beyers, C. G. Coughell, J. N. Gearhart, Iris Elrod, E. Darrel Brodie, F. C. McNelly, T. Ralph Harry, Chas. Stauff, Dee Browne, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Dehne, Mesdames Mae Waggoner, Anna M. Rooney, Marian Endicott, Misses Myrtle Minter, Dolores Belloni, Eleanor Petersen, Elois Wilson, La Verne Knife, Julia Leatherman, Lucille McLain, Messrs. Floyd Robb, Arthur Derbyshire, Hobart Schaefer, H. C. Getz, Arthur A. Selander, Elden Brodie Richard Christensen, Stanley Furman.

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## Council Settles Damage Case

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Dimmick, Dockery's, J. J. Hendricks, Tom Wing and Florence Brown; and a rooming house license to the Star Rooms on Front street.

Applications for various beer and wine licenses and addressed to the state liquor commission were approved by the council for Ora Allen, S. H. Donsted, W. H. Fortier and C. L. Elkins.

A resolution was adopted fixing the pay for members of the fire department. The chief is to receive \$10 a month, the firemen 50 cents a week for drill, if they attend \$1.00 for each fire in the daytime and \$2.00 for each night fire.

Mr. Flagler, of the Coquille Bowling Alleys, was given permission to hold a dance in the Community Building from 12 midnight on New Year's eve until morning. The purpose of the dance is to raise funds to send delegates from Coquille to the bowling tournament in Tacoma

next month.

Art Pulford was given permission to store benches belong to the I. W. A. in the annex to the Community Building.

The request of R. F. Newton for grading and graveling the two blocks on North Coulter street, from Tenth to Twelfth, was referred to the street committee. This is the route to the ball park and, although the street has been gravelled heretofore it is now so pitted with chuck holes that the water stands in the driving portion all the time.

No bid having been received for the paving improvement of North Tenth, the council instructed City Engineer Gearhart to supervise the job and have it done by day labor.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 2, Monday being a holiday.

Don't forget us on your last-minute gifts. We have a large stack of Books, Games, Vases, Pictures and many other items. H. S. Norton, Music and Stationery.

Just in case you're wondering—Myrtle Gardens has recently become Cooper's Gardens.

Christmas cards for the whole family. Beautiful Mother, Dad, Sister, Brother, Son, Daughter and other cards, at Norton's.

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**Merry Christmas**

To my friends and customers, with genuine appreciation and thanks for the pleasure of our business relations during the year now past, we desire to express the wish to you. . . . May the coming year be one of complete fulfillment of every hope, continued good will and the utmost prosperity.

**V. R. WILSON**

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**Christmas Good Cheer**

## County Officers-- Employees Have Party

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who spoke; Judge McLain for the county court gave a very interesting talk on pioneer days in Oklahoma when he was a young man of 20; the sheriff's and treasurer's offices combined for the portion of the program, presenting a contest in which the tax department employees were the victims; Mrs. Edith McNelly, for the county farm, read an original poem which was so appreciated by Judge McLain that he filed it away in his desk to read to some county court visitors; F. A. Robb and Ralph Harry spoke for the highway department. The county clerk's office was most cleverly represented by Miss Julia Leatherman who called upon several of those present to tell of some Christmas experience, and the ensuing tales were most interesting.

During the evening a phone call was received from Commissioner T.

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