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## City Caucus Set For September 25—Six To Be Nominated

At the Monday evening session of the city council a resolution was adopted setting Monday evening, Sept. 25, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Community Building, as the time and place for holding the Coquille city caucus to nominate city officials for six offices.

The mayor and city recorder are elected each two years and those offices must be filled this year. Three council positions for four-year terms and one for a two-year term also are to be filled at the November election.

John Purkey, M. F. Pettit and Dr. G. E. Stark are the ones at present serving whose four-year terms expire, and Geo. F. Burr, appointed since the 1942 election, holds the office for which a two-year term councilman is to be chosen.

If they will all consent to serve again the Sentinel sees no reason for making a change in the official roster. Mayor Wood has given an efficient and progressive administration as the city's chief executive, and Recorder Leslie has likewise been an efficient and painstaking city clerk, one who knows every detail of the city's affairs as did his long-time predecessor in the office—John Lawrence—know them. He is courteous, accommodating, and is willing to serve again if the voters so desire.

The four councilmen, three of whom are serving by appointment, have given serious and conscientious attention to the city's affairs, economical too, and if they are willing to devote another four or two years to the management of the city, no more efficient men can be found to succeed them.

The time has not seemed just right to the mayor and council yet to employ a city manager, the authority for which was granted by the voters two years ago, but if a capable man can be found during the next two years, and one is secured, it will relieve the council body of much of the present details and consideration of matters which come up at each of the bi-weekly meetings.

Every qualified voter is urged to attend the city caucus on Sept. 25.

## This Practice A Menace To Health

Considerable complaint has been lodged with Mayor Wood, he stated at council meeting Monday evening, about people who haul their own garbage out to the dump grounds east of town and, finding the gate locked, dump it off alongside the county road.

This is a violation of state law and anyone convicted of doing it is liable to a fine besides having to clean up the ground and remove their trash.

The key for the gate at the dump grounds is always available at the Benham Transfer office, in the former Coquille Hospital building, and anyone hauling his garbage out the Second street road should get the key before going up there.

The reason for keeping the ground locked up is that it is necessary to keep the garbage all in one section so that it may be burned at stated periods. Garbage allowed to fester in the sun is a menace to health and no right-minded citizen will leave such matter along the public highway.

## Mrs. Britton Did Not Take Over Mrs. Cotton's Office

The Sentinel writer misunderstood Mrs. Amy Britton last week. She did not buy Mrs. Cotton's real estate and insurance business, as was announced. She did, however, take over the rental and collection of rents of the Drane building, corner of Second and Hall streets, which Mrs. Cotton had been handling, and the latter closed down all the other business she had been conducting in her office in that building before her removal to Eugene.

## A Kansas Man Interested In Oregon's Coos County

The Sentinel has received two remittances this week for a year's subscription from people in other states who have their eyes on Oregon and expect to settle out here after the war. The second was from a man in Lyons, Kansas, who is interested in Coos county, and whose friend, Robert Meyer in Port Orford, has given him some interesting information, he says.

## Coquille Tax Levy Down 2.6 Mills

A pleasing announcement to all taxpayers, made by Assessor Charles W. Forrest, is that computations just compiled for the fiscal year 1944-45 show the county tax levy to be down 2.6 mills from the previous year's levy. The levy for 1943-44 was 14.8 mills, whereas the present levy is to be 12.2 mills.

Assessor Forrest states the county millage has dropped 6.7 mills in the last four years, from 18.9 mills in 1940-41 to 12.2 mills.

The combined levies computed for the various cities varies to a great extent in each locality, some millage dropping while others increased. In many cases the increase in millage is due to money being budgeted for post-war construction or improvements.

The combined levy of the City of Coquille shows the largest decrease in the county, it dropping from 46.9 last year to 44.3 this year, a 2.6 mill reduction. The combined levy of Marshfield is 50.1 against 50.9 for last year. Combined levy of North Bend is 62.9 as against 60.5 in 1943-44. Bandon remains about the same, 59.6 for this year, and for last year 59.3. Eastside and Empire both show an increase in levy of 8.9 and 10.9 mills respectively. The levy of Eastside being 44.8 and Empire 48.7.

The total valuation of the county is \$26,118,948 as compared to \$26,795,237 a year ago. The assessor's office is now busily engaged in the extension of the tax roll consisting of approximately 35,000 parcels of property, and in making the tax statements. These will be certified to the tax collector on or before October 15. The statements are available immediately after extension for the tax collector to segregate for ownership, to extend delinquencies upon, or to prepare for mailing. The assessor wishes to point out, although the tax statements are being printed and extended, they will not be ready for some time for payment in the tax collection office.

## Larry Gets Dinner, Oscar Eats Dust

Oscar Hendricks got hot in the Flag Tournament last Sunday and caused Larry Lundquist to extend himself a little. By doing so, Larry took his flag the farthest around the course, winning a dinner and also leaving Oscar to eat his dust.

Several other golfers also won dinners in this contest. They were Fay Osterhout, John Arnold, Clayton Mast, Spike Leslie, Bill Barrow and Roland Bowers.

Sunday, August 27, there will be a Mixed Doubles Tournament, played with combined score of ladies and men, minus the men's handicaps. Several prizes have been arranged for this enjoyable tournament.

## Coos County Baptist Camp In Session On Coos River

The Coos County Baptist Camp opened Monday afternoon on the new grounds 17 miles up Coos River, on the ranch belonging to Rev. Mr. Barnes of the Marshfield church. The enrollment Tuesday was up to 130 and more were coming in.

A staff of local pastors, aided by Rev. and Mrs. Rodney Britten, state director of Christian Education; Rev. Albert Nielson, missionary from Africa, and Miss Lois Tomkins, state women's worker, carry on the camp program, including studies, sports, camp fires, projects. A very enthusiastic spirit is being manifested. Twenty-five are registered from Coquille. Sunday will be rally day, with an afternoon and evening service at camp, after the morning services there, and at the local churches. All friends are invited to attend the afternoon services at the camp. Lunch and supper are free Sunday but guests are asked to bring cake.

## Fred True Will Make A County-Wide Campaign

Fred C. True, republican candidate for County Assessor at the Nov. 7 election, is beginning to get out his printed material and intends to make an aggressive campaign right up to election eve.

Mrs. W. E. Sullivan, Jr., the former Melba McCoy, and her daughter, Mabelle, have been here the past week from Portland visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucretia Simpson. Mr. Sullivan has been over on the Bay, where his father is quite seriously ill.

## Marvel Skeels' Concert Enjoyed By Several Hundred

It is seldom a Coquille audience is given the opportunity which was theirs last Friday evening when Marvel Skeels was heard in a concert of glorious music. The auditorium of the Pioneer Church was packed, extra chairs being brought in and some persons stood through the long program and said it was worth it. This was the third vacation visit in seven years' time in which the gracious visitor has included a concert open to the public during her stay here. Coquille could not better express its pride and love for a gifted young person, native to the community, than it did, for it was an attentive, appreciative and happy audience. There were many lovely flowers, both on the platform in arrangements and in gorgeous bouquets presented at intervals during the program.

Besides the beautiful mezzo contralto voice, Miss Skeels is endowed with a sweetness of manner which is the same both on and off the stage. Public life has not worn down the quality and it has contributed toward her outstanding poise. It goes into her song and her listeners never lose their awareness of it. Miss Skeels' choice of numbers for her program was divided into four groups, all of which seemed definitely suited not only to her surroundings but to her own mood and, consequently, to that of her audience. A decided quality of smoothness, known to singers as evenness of line, is a development which has come in Miss Skeels' voice since the days when she returned from study abroad. This noticeable quality is extremely pleasing and gives the effect that seemingly she sings without effort. Her earlier style was probably more dramatic but with less attempt to sustain the present smooth flow of tone.

The program, which was a long one with the inclusion of additional numbers by Ronald Williams, young student violinist, and an impressive organ group by Bobby Burns. However one felt throughout a liveliness of entertainment and absorbing enjoyment.

The necessity of education for a singer who hopes to rise in concert realm was evidenced when Miss Skeels sang the aria from the opera, "Mignon," in French. Her organ accompaniment was excellent.

## Many People Knew He Wanted To Eat

The business section of Coquille was being disturbed Wednesday morning by a man who wanted to get into the Quelle Cafe before 7:30 for some breakfast. "Let me in," he called in his naturally loud speaking voice. After he had repeated it several times, a head was thrust from one of the hotel windows, and the query was made, "Don't you know people are trying to sleep here?" This brought forth several sharp rejoinders by both parties and about that time Chief of Police Creager appeared on the scene and, for a few moments, the hungry man thought he was really going to get his breakfast at the city's expense!

This story was told us by Phil Alborn whose brother, Evan, says the real news of the story is that Phil was down town as early as 7:30. It would hardly do to say which one of the Mt. States' employees it was who needed breakfast.

## 450 Boys In Service Have Applied For Ballots

County Clerk Oddy has received applications from 450 Coos county young men who are in various branches of Uncle Sam's service, both at home and abroad, asking that ballots be sent them so that they may cast a vote at the general election this year. One hundred such applications were received on Tuesday.

## Eagles Dance At Gravelford Saturday Evening

Remember the dance to be given in the Gravelford Hall this coming Saturday night, given by the Coquille F. O. Eagles for the benefit of their building fund. There will be good music and an enjoyable time for everyone.

Calling cards, 5c for \$1.00

## Everything Ready For Fair at Myrtle Point Sept. 2-3-4

The preliminary work for the 33rd annual Coos County Fair is almost completed, and from all indications this will be one of largest and best organized Rodeos and Horse Shows that has ever been presented to Southwestern Oregon.

According to an announcement from the secretary of the fair board, Perry C. Roper, new gates have now been installed on the horse chutes, there has been erected a new judges' and announcing stand, the grandstand roof that was damaged several years ago has now been put in shape for the saddle horse races and the bucking horses, and the many exhibit buildings have been renovated and repaired.

Almost all of the new horse stalls on the west side of the fair grounds have been taken by local people who are entering their horses in the Horse Show.

The FFA exhibits and the Smith-Hughes Departments will be well represented this year, and are under the director of the County Agent's office and Mrs. Dunn. A new plan has been worked out for the taking of the exhibits and the entering of them so that a great deal of the delay heretofore occasioned will be done away with.

It is contemplated that ticket booths will be set up at various places on the street leading down to the fair grounds so that people can buy their tickets, and help alleviate the congestion at the entrance gate.

Christensen Bros., of Eugene, who are furnishing the stock for the Rodeo, say that a great many riders of the Pacific Northwest will be competing for the prize money. They are Red Allen from Miles City, Calif. Roper and Dogger Jack Sherman from Klamath Falls, Calif. Roper Slim Thompson from Baker, Harshank Horseshider and Bullrider John Scott of Eugene, not to mention a number of local entries from Coos and Curry counties.

Friday, Sept. 1, will be entry day for the exhibits and the horses and will give people a chance to look over the Rodeo stock. The rodeo proper will start on Saturday, Sept. 2, and will last through Sunday and Labor Day, Sept. 4. Each show will be replete with thrills galore.

No expense has been spared by the board of the Coos County Fair Association to make this 33rd annual fair the biggest and best ever, and they wish to extend a hearty invitation to all residents of Southwestern Oregon to come to Myrtle Point on Sept. 2, 3 and 4, to see Coos county's own show.

## Warrant Out For Forger Of A \$20 Check

Henry J. Hess and Charles Richard Ranta, arrested by the state police last Wednesday for being drunk on a public highway, were taken before Justice Fred Bull last Thursday, where they pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 and \$4.00 costs each. The judge ordered their 30-day jail sentence suspended on condition that they pay the \$54 assessed by Aug. 21. They did not pay Monday and warrants for their arrest have been issued.

The justice has also issued a warrant for a man named Fred Donner, who has not yet been found. The complaint was filed by the First National Bank and charged him with forging the name of W. A. Spalding to a \$20 check made payable to Ernest McCloud.

Fred Kamper pleaded guilty last Saturday to setting out a brush fire without having obtained a permit. His jail sentence of ten days was suspended when he paid the \$25 fine and \$4.00 costs.

## Coquille Seems Like Heaven To Recent Arrivals From Calif.

Mrs. Lee Wood, who called at this office Monday to add their names to the Sentinel's still-growing subscription list, said that she and Mr. Wood, came to Coquille from Fresno a couple of weeks ago to make their home here. She said it seemed like "going to heaven" to enjoy the cool Coquille Valley climate.

And why wouldn't it appear that way to those from the hotter climates? In the last two months the minimum registering of the thermometer at night has been right around 40 degrees, while the maximum so far is 78.

## Jack Howard, Navy, Suffers Head Injury

Jack Howard, home on leave from the Naval base at Shoemaker, Calif., was brought to the Belle Knife Hospital last night after he had been found wandering around the pasture at his home at McKinley for some hours.

According to what he has said in semi-lucid moments, he was out looking for stock and attempted to jump over a log. His foot caught in a grapevine and he was thrown violently backward, striking his head on some solid object.

It was not known at the hospital this morning whether it was more serious than a concussion or not.

He was due to have left today to return to duty but, of course, can not.

## Registration Hours At Coquille Schools

Supt. Carl E. Morrison calls attention again to the high school registration dates as were announced last week, prior to the opening of the city schools on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Those who will be Seniors this year are asked to register on Tuesday, Aug. 29, between 9 a. m. and 12 noon, or from 1 to 4:30 p. m. The same hours will be in effect for Juniors on Wednesday, Aug. 30; Sophomores on Thursday, Aug. 31, and Freshmen on Friday, Sept. 1.

Students now working may be registered by appointment and those living outside of town may register on any one of the four days.

Students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, in the Lincoln building, and in grade 1 to 5 in the Washington building, will be registered on the opening day of school.

Parents are urged to see that the registration dates be observed.

## Logging Trucks To Traverse Second St.

At the city council session Monday evening a permit was granted to Jack Hultin to haul logs down Second street from the operation north and east of the city's Rink creek reservoir. A load limit of 16,000 pounds per axle for dual wheels, and 8,000 pounds to the axle for single wheels was set as the maximum which can be hauled on the pavement.

## Coast Fuel Corporation To Operate Soon



Picture Taken by Edgar McDaniel of the Coos Bay Harbor on Trip to New Coal Development Project

Last week a group of civic leaders visited the coal properties of the Coast Fuel Corporation, five miles south of Marshfield, and were taken on a tour of inspection by T. O. Toon, president, and Jack Isgrig, superintendent of the mining company.

Plans of the new bunkers, gigs and washery were shown to the group and the mining and handling of the coal was explained by Mr. Isgrig. Clarence Coe, chairman of the Industries Committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Mountain States Power Company, explained to the group the operation of the transformer bank that was installed on the property by the Mountain States Power Company which will supply over 600 H. P. of electrical energy for machine mining equipment. The route of the new road to the upper block of coal on which the corporation is planning a second mine was outlined by Mr. Toon. This road is being built by the Federal Government under the Public Roads Administration at a cost of over \$23,000. With this block of coal accessible, it will be possible to develop a tonnage in excess of 400 tons daily and all the coal will be delivered by gravity system through the washing where clean quality coal will be available for the consumer.

Mr. Isgrig explained to the visitors the superior coal that can be produced by mining the coal veins with modern coal cutting machines that eliminate the constant shooting of the coal with powder which results in the fracturing of the coal and consequently hastens disintegration into small pieces. Under-cutting the coal produces a solid fuel that is the result of not subjecting the coal in place to violent fracturing which is the result of blasting procedure. Under-cut mining results in coal dropping on to the shaker conveyors for delivery to the coal cars with a minimum of stress being put on the coal. Mr. Isgrig said he felt that users of Coos Bay coal will be well pleased with the quality product which can be supplied.

## Thomas Dungey Was Past Four Score Years And Ten

At the funeral services held in the Schroeder Bros. chapel here Tuesday afternoon for the late Thomas Dungey, his pastor, Rev. Chas. G. Brown, paid heartfelt tribute to one whom he had come to know in the past two years as a true and sincere Christian and one who did not fear to meet his God.

Mr. Dungey had not been able to leave his home on East Seventh street since last December, his afflictions being those of old age.

He was born in Tunbridge, Kent county, England, March 9, 1854, and was five months and ten days past 90 years of age when he passed away last Saturday night.

Before coming to the United States, 63 years ago, he was a landscape gardener in England. He landed in this county at a Texas port and after living some years in the Lone Star state he moved by covered wagon to Colorado, where he lived for a time.

He and Mrs. Dungey, who passed away several years ago, came to Oregon in 1891, settling at Gold Hill in Jackson county, where he engaged in mining. Early in this century he and his family moved to Coquille and he has since resided here, doing some mining and, until a few years ago, he had the care of the Washington School building and the First National Bank Building.

Two daughters, Amy Willard of Eureka, Mrs. Ada McClellan of Coquille, are survivors, as are also three sons, Thomas Franklin and Alton S. Dungey, of Coquille, and Lester H. Dungey, of Seapoope, Oregon grandchildren and six great grandchildren, survive Mr. Dungey. Interment was in I.O.O.F. cemetery, No. 2.

## Special Speaker At Baptist Church Next Sunday

Rev. Albert Nielson, missionary from Africa who is a special speaker at the Coos Bay Baptist Camp, will speak at the Coquille Church on Sunday morning. There will be no evening service at the church, for all friends are invited to attend the afternoon rally at the camp located 17 miles up South Coos River.