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Dangerous Roads

An editor has to live and part of that living is to say something that gets him on the hot seat. So we did get there last week, and we're mighty glad of it.

A lot of people thought we shouldn't have called attention to the area from the Coquille football field into the high school. In fact they said it might give people outside the city of Coquille a bad idea about our town. Others . . . and there were lots of them . . . said they hoped we got a path pretty soon and they were happy.

We didn't mention in the editorial that the city council and the Chamber of Commerce had been working on the footpath idea, and that numerous letters had been written to the state highway department. For the record such is the case, but also for the record we wrote our editorial because we would much rather write a story telling of some action by the state highway department, than to write a story telling about some one being killed.

And that's the reason it's fun to write editorials. You should try it yourself sometime, we've a column always open to anyone called "Letters to the Editor."

Cranberries Come of Age

With the lowly tasty red cranberry, product of salt air, moisture, and seacoast sunshine, having a week set aside for it from Oct. 18 to 23rd, the red and delectable fall fruit has come of age. And rightfully so.

Long considered a delicacy for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, it has gradually worked itself in to a spot where people ordered cranberries all the year 'round.

More than that with World War II and modern medicine the cranberry suddenly took on new dignity by being heralded as a full and vital source of the important Vitamin

C, the magic chemical ingredient that keeps you frisky.

In Coos and Curry counties the cranberries started out slowly and were pioneered by courageous and energetic planters. The bogs that were planted were good ones. Then came the war and suddenly the bonanza of money struck the area and hundreds of people came to Coos and Curry to get in on the gold-rush.

Much of that today is over. The cranberry associations voluntarily cut the prices on cranberries this year to make it possible to sell to a much wider segment of the American people. Cranberries right now are the best buy on the market. And during National Cranberry Week, you should try some. It's possible that your can of cranberry sauce will be Coos county's own, and produced right here at the National Cranberry company's Coquille plant headed in this area by Ed Hughes.

Height of something or other in the realm of the ridiculous comes from North Bend where no longer do you need to fear a parking meter ticket for overtime violations. We've long known that some of the characters you read about in picture books are around, but not until we read about North Bend's latest flight into the fanciful did we know you only have to drive 20 miles to look-see for yourself.

What Other Editors Say... The Oregon Press Comments

There are a good many measures on the ballot for November 2nd that read nice, and would smell bad if enacted into law. So far comment and general knowledge regarding the bills have been restricted to practically no comment at all. Herein we present a few of the editorial comments from various state papers and are frank to say they agree with our stand.

Gresham Outlook—Many leaders of veterans' organizations are opposing the Bonus Bill because (1) it is incomplete in that it eliminates hundreds of Oregon members of the famous Sunset Division, (2) the burden of paying up to a possible maximum of \$73,000,000 would fall principally upon the veterans, themselves as taxpayers, and (3) the veterans resent initiation of the bill by a candidate who used it as a means of gaining publicity for himself. Not because it disapproves the principle of a soldiers' bonus, but because the proposed measure is unjust, an undue burden on veterans, and primarily is political bait, The Outlook recommends a No vote.

DRINKS BY GLASS, Nos. 314, 315—Oregon City Banner-Courier—This would be the first move towards public saloons and we are agin' it. The return of saloons would mean the eventual return of prohibition. It sounds innocent enough, but it is vicious as the very devil. It is an entering wedge. It is trouble! Vote it down!

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING, Nos. 306, 309—Klamath Falls Herald News—Limiting the franchise is a relic of earlier days. Income tax paying is now nearly universal. Fiscal voting should not be restricted to property taxpayers.

POWER BILL, Nos. 306, 307—Oregon City Banner-Courier—Public power development in Oregon does not alleviate local tax base difficulties. (Voter Editor note: Portland General Electric tax bill this year in Clackamas county alone is \$526,856, 15 per cent of all taxes levied on property in the county. Proposed Ox Bow dam would add millions to taxable wealth of Baker county and the state.) No one, except the visionaries, who want everything controlled by bureaucrats, can be hurt by this measure. Vote 306 X Yes!

part in making this show a bigger success than it has been in the past?

Elsewhere in this issue appears the adv. of J. E. Quick in which he announces that tomorrow evening, Oct. 20, 1928, he will close his store to the retail business. As a grand closing of his many years in business in Coquille, Mr. Quick is going to give away \$50 worth of merchandise at eight o'clock tomorrow evening.

C. D. Walker having recently disposed of his interest in the Coquille Service station to his three brothers, has just completed his plans for entering on a home-building program for Coquille. He figures on building a number of smart stucco bungalows, the first of the series being three on his property between Sixth and Seventh streets, on Henry—part of the former J. S. Lawrence property.

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Letter to the Editor

Myrtle Point, Oregon
To the Voters of Oregon.

Dear Voters—The crux of this letter is in direct protest to proposed amendment Nos. 316 and 317 at the next regular general election November 2, 1948. A proposed amendment for the next legislature to enact into law, for the benefit of veterans, a pension bill. Said law probably being adjudged fair by the proposers, who are probably very experienced at just that, proposing. The provisions as you know are \$15 for every month in the service and an additional \$10 for every month overseas, not to exceed a total bonus of \$500 in all.

Just how much do the present day "Fathers" of this state, know of a military man's life under actual conditions, either here or overseas during war time? How many have endured thirst, hunger, long marches, short pay, overbearing officers, home-sickness, sea-sickness, false promises, endless rumor, and combat privation? I would like to see the amount of truthful hand raising on that one, when your next legislature convenes.

Believe it or not, I care little, but I would like to see truth rendered and upheld on this issue. I think my former buddies living and dead would like to see it also. Does your august body consider it fair to pay one man \$500 to comparatively sit at home in a rocking chair with all the blessings of democracy thrown in, and other \$500 for 20 months overseas, at the same time asking him to throw in 16 months overseas for nothing? This writer, and many of his buddies never had one day's furlough of any kind whatsoever during this 36 and 37 months they served overseas. No furlough was given until the rotation plan. This is on the record.

Why can this righteous country spend millions and billions for defense but quibble over a few paltry dollars for the welfare of its defenders?

It is quoted in a medicine book of my families, "You can do nothing for the dead, but you can do much for the living." Let us forget the past too soon, dear voters, why not act upon your present opportunity at the forthcoming general election?

To satisfy your curiosity here is the difference it means to me:

36 months overseas at \$15 per month	\$540
38 months in the states at \$10 per month	380
Total due	\$920
Proposed law	\$500

Fairly due \$420

The price of a good electric stove and water heater at present "Raw Deal" prices. What does it mean to others?

I am 30, spent three years in the Pacific, in the infantry, of sound mind and body, and fair judgment,

and in addition am a father. Would you ask us to congratulate the demnants of the "New Deal" or shake hands with the newer "Raw Deal?"

If your legislative body thinks that it has had it tough at any time, let them organize to their best and then deploy without air-support for 3 days in direct frontal attacks against a Jap-studded butte cross-fired from at every angle. If you gentlemen could spare some of your precious time, I personally, would like to have these sheets read before you at your next session. The truth would surely out.

Sincerely,
Sam Breuer.

Juvenile Grange Notes

Coquille Juvenile Grange No. 174 met October 8 with David Morton, overseer, in the chair.

Master Robin Griffith, assistant steward; Glenn Griffith, lecturer; James Brewster were absent.

We are going to have a masquerade Hallowe'en party. Prizes will be given for the best costume. A committee of four was appointed to find games to play that night.

Marilyn Morton, Reporter.



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By DAVE BIEGGER

There was an old theory that woman's place was in the home, but Commerce Department figures show that nowadays Mama is skipping about like a cat on a hot stove. Of the 82,786 passports issued in April, May and June, housewives got a larger percentage than any other group. Mama is no longer content with travelogues and women's club lectures. She wants her travel experience first hand. . . even if it means leaving home to get them. So, men, don't be surprised if the little woman gets a bit restless in the kitchen. It's just that old gypsy blood giving her the fidgets. Your nearest travel agent has the answer.

A large number of Coos county citizens made up the exodus to Portland over the weekend and saw a mighty lucky U. of O. team hit the Trojans for a meager 8-7 victory. Coos people get around, and we know that even without our urging the polls on November 2nd are going to be packed come the important election. Your votes on measures and men are needed if Democracy is to be representative of the people. See you at the polls!

At a Chicago convention barbers were advised to talk politics to their customers while barbering. At the same time they'd better keep a good hold on their razors. We figure politics are your own business. We'll just stick to giving you the finest possible service in town. So stop in soon . . . pay us a visit . . . you'll like what you see at BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street. Phone 262.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, October 19, 1928)

Nearly 50 were present for the Corn Show pep meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the hotel Wednesday evening, with 15 of them from outside the city of Coquille. Lyman Carrier presided at the meeting and in introducing the various speakers called attention to the fact that the Coquille Corn Show has slowly and naturally grown into a county affair, in which all sections are deeply interested.

R. Schwerdman of Portland is expected to arrive here today to rush construction of the dry kiln for the new Smith plant.

The grading for the spur to the new plant is nearly completed and the plans are for rushing it to completion. After the burning of the Oregon Wood Products Co. at Marshfield, Ralph Smith wired Albert Rives here to rush construction beyond original calculations. Whether the old Sitka and the Johnson mill are re-opened this winter or not, Coquille is assured of one more industry in the near future, and the construction of this \$50,000 plant will employ a considerable amount of local labor.

Another new building for Coquille, 51 1/2 x 100 feet, was assured next spring, when A. N. Gould, this morning, signed a ten-year lease with the J. C. Penney Co. for the east thirty feet of the structure. Mr. Gould says the estimate for the new structure is about \$15,000.

An improvement on the north side of the new Pioneer church was made yesterday when the curb along the property was removed and concrete surface laid between the street pavement and the sidewalk. It will afford considerable additional parking space.

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