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\$1.50 THE YEAR.

FOR ONLY ONE DAY

Coquille Will Have the Only
Corn Show Held in Coos
County This Fall.

A one day Corn Show was decided upon at the Commercial Club last Friday evening, which will be held either Nov. 10 or 17. With the reputation Coquille has earned for providing the people of this section a fine entertainment at this annual affair, it was felt that the event should not be passed up altogether.

County Agent J. L. Smith has decided to hold but one corn contest in the county this year and that here in Coquille. His plan is to offer cash prizes instead of merchandise prizes for every item in the contest this year. There will be no silage contest, as it is too late now to make arrangements for it and the work of getting the exhibits for the State Fair collected and prepared interfered with that feature earlier in the season. But there will be a contest for mature corn for the best 10 ears, 100 ears and single ear of corn and also for potatoes.

Mr. Smith intends as usual to have a representative in from O. A. C. to judge the corn and to deliver addresses on appropriate subjects.

Plans for Coquille's participation are beginning to formulate. Lots of music will be one feature and if possible two male quartets will be on hand to vie with each other in giving the best entertainment. The band is especially strong now and participation will be a decided factor in showing the people a good time.

Another feature which is being considered is a one act farce at Masonic Hall before the husking bee. Without the latter a Corn Show would not be complete and it is to be on the program again.

The sport feature of the previous carnivals is to be eliminated making this year's show an instructive and musical affair.

It is proposed to hold two dances this year, one at the Masonic Hall for those who desire to enjoy the old-fashioned square dances, the Virginia reel, etc., while at Hearlet Hall music will be provided for the latest steps and trots of various zoological nomenclature. Responsible committees will be in charge and should anyone so far forget himself as to start any rough stuff he will be promptly ejected from the house by the officers.

At noon it is planned to serve coffee and sandwiches, provided by the Commercial Club, in still a third building. Whether the corn exhibits will be shown in third building or in the Masonic Hall has not been determined.

The booth displays by local merchants will also be cut out this year. The principal reason for this is the war. Demands by the government, Red Cross, etc., for both time and money on every hand made it seem best to eliminate this part of the show which has been a very expensive one in the past.

Corn is at a much better stage of development this year than usual, and with the entire county to draw from for the one show there ought to be a magnificent display of red, white and yellow ears in Coquille this year.

The potato feature is a new one but that crop is unusually large this year and it will add much to the exhibit.

Announcement of what is to be offered will be made later in greater detail as plans are matured.

Getting Short of Water.
Coquille is on the ragged edge now, so far as her water supply is concerned. The extreme and long continued dry weather has got in its work on the head waters of Rink, Walker and Dutch John creeks to such an extent that the reservoir on the hill is getting very low. Last Monday Water Superintendent Epperson gave our people the high sign by getting out bills forbidding further irrigation and advising strict economy in domestic use. Just where we shall get off at if it doesn't rain soon is what a good many of us are wondering.

He Quits the Court House.
Nels Osmundson, so long the popular and very efficient assistant and deputy at the county clerk's office here has resigned his position and expects to leave Coquille. His resignation will take effect Nov. 1st and after a visit at Seattle he plans to locate at San Bernardino, California, whither Mrs. Osmundson and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Wickham, will precede him.

High Time to Take Action.

"To bridge or not to bridge; that is the question." The time is getting short and nothing is being done. When the County court makes up its budget this year the three members of the court are pledged to appropriate \$10,000 for 1918 with similar appropriations for the two years following, to build a bridge across the river at Coquille—provided a site for the landing on this side is furnished. This has not been done.

We have not the County court's word for it, but it is reasonable to suppose that if the council as a body appeared before the court and pledged to furnish a site when the county is prepared to begin construction, there would be no hesitation on the court's part in fulfilling their end of the agreement as regards the \$10,000 appropriation. Another court might not feel themselves bound by their predecessor's promises. The opportune moment is now! Will we continue to sleep on our opportunities?

Not Accepted as Citizen.

The application of Ralph d'Ambrosio to be admitted to U. S. citizenship was refused in the Circuit court here this morning. Ralph was involved in a stabbing case at a lumber camp down the river some months ago when he used a pocket knife on a Greek named Dreata, and he also testified to being arrested twice in Pennsylvania for "packing a gun." He got married there, too, under exceptional circumstances, and had done nothing to support his wife since coming out here. So he was passed up as undesirable material for an American citizen.

COOS COUNTY GETS A "TANK"

The Holt Caterpillar Tractor ordered by the County court arrived here on Saturday and with two of the five cars to be used with it was standing on First street near the garage for several days. The tractor which cost \$5,000 weighs 20,500 pounds. The five cars weigh about a ton each and are of nine tons capacity so that the weight of this slow moving engine and a loaded train runs up to about 17 tons for the train and 45 tons for its load—not an excessive percentage of dead weight. What renders a view of this Caterpillar more interesting now is the fact that it was this sort of engine that suggested the plan of the British war "tanks" as they are termed, which have proved such effective engines of war, stopping neither for trees, fences nor small buildings, but smashing their own path as they go. These furnish shelter covered with armor plate from which those inside are able to pour a destructive machine gun fire in all directions.

Our tractor is first to be put in use pulling the stumps where a clearing is being made on the county farm. Then it will be taken out on the Myrtle Point road to aid in grading work. But its big test for road work will come when it is taken down to Bandon to haul gravel for surfacing the new line to Curry county.

Everybody come out to the Liberty Loan meeting at the City Hall next Tuesday evening at 7:30. Make it your patriotic duty.

This Season's Lyceum Course.

The first number of Coquille's Lyceum course will be held on the evening of Nov. 6. The attraction will be the Berkeley Sextette, composed of six musical ladies. The program will consist of orchestra numbers, readings, songs, instrumental solos and costumed selections. They come very highly recommended and the Ellison-White people consider them the finest entertainment orchestra now before the public.

Tickets will be placed on sale within a few days at the same price as last year—\$1.50 for reserved seat for the course of four numbers. The local committee in charge of the Lyceum course were able to select a better list of attractions this year even than they had last and one which they feel sure the public will appreciate.

J. C. Alsmack has been appointed on the local committee in place of C. A. Howard, the other two members being J. J. Stanley and H. O. Anderson.

If you know anything you would like to see printed in the Sentinel tell us about it before the paper is printed.

Commercial Club every Wednesday evening at City Hall at 8 o'clock.

LIBERTY LOAN RALLY

at
COQUILLE

at 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday, October 17

Speakers: Hon. S. B. HUSTON, of
Portland and Hon. B. L. EDDY,
of Roseburg

Everybody come out and hear them

2 WITH ONE STONE MAKE IT \$25,000

Sheriff Gage Goes South After
One Man and Comes Back
With Two.

Sheriff Gage returned from Eureka Tuesday night, having killed two birds with one stone so to speak, both of whom are now safely housed in the sky parlor at the court house. The man he went after was Jim Anderson, assistant engineer of the Bandon, who was accused of bootlegging.

The other was Winifred Davis, a young man who passed a forged check on J. Ira Sidwell, of Bandon, and who appears to have thought he would be safer with the state line between him and the scene of his crime. The check was for \$80 and Davis had placed his father's signature on it without authority. A wire from Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage to the sheriff at Crescent City held him until called for.

Anderson was willing to come back to Coos county without a requisition when he found that the alternative would be to fall into the hands of the United States officials on a federal charge for the same offense.

When Gage got back to Bandon with him, though, he was in a sort of six minds for Sunday condition as to whether to get a lawyer and make a fight for freedom in the courts. He finally concluded to plead guilty to having twelve bottles of booze in his possession in the Oregon jurisdiction though and take the consequences.

In pronouncing sentence Justice C. R. Wade told him that as he did not put the state to any expense for extradition papers and had saved the county the expenses of a trial by pleading guilty, he would be lenient with him. So he only gave him 60 days in the county jail and a \$500 fine; and the sheriff came right on up to Coquille with him.

Mr. Gage says the roads between Bandon and Eureka are in very fair shape for auto travel now. As to roughness there isn't much to choose between southern Curry in this state and Del Norte county just beyond in California. But the California county puts it all over the Oregon one when it comes to ramshorn windings, the road down there being full of sharp and dangerous turns.

Wiley-Lamney.

Charles and Edith Wiley, of this city are going to Portland tomorrow to be present at the wedding of their brother, Captain Earl Wiley, and Miss Ruby Lamney, formerly of this city. This is the culmination of a romance begun in Coquille and whose growth was noted by many of their friends here. The Sentinel joins with these friends and scores of others in extending congratulations and best wishes to this splendid young couple.

Two Added to Honor Roll.

Recent addition to the registration list for military service in this county are Jesse L. Robinson on the 10th and James Antoniu on the 11th inst. Robinson is from Fleethrap but has just returned from Canada where he has been for the past year and a half. Antoniu was uncertain as to whether he came within the draft ages, but on communicating with his mother in Greece learned that he is 24 years old.

Subscribe for a Liberty Loan bond and help our soldiers fight our battles.

time serve his own interest.

It was agreed by those who heard Mr. McAdoo that the Oregon communities ought to invest at least five per cent of the amount of the resources shown by their banks in Liberty bonds.

Friends and fellow citizens, what does this mean for Coquille? It means a \$25,000 subscription in this city and its trade territory. We can do this and we must do it. That will be double what we subscribed to the first loan in May, but we weren't awake to the necessity then; we are beginning to realize now what this war means to all of us and we are not going to be slackers. Every dollar of that \$25,000 must be subscribed and will be subscribed here. We are not going to fail in our duty at this most critical hour of the nation's life.

Let us all meet at the City Hall, or the court house if that isn't big enough, next Tuesday evening and get ready for Wednesday's rally the following day.

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Busy Day in Court.

It has been a busy session of the Circuit court here today. Judge Coke first passed upon a big batch of motions and demurrers and rendered judgment in some default cases. The applications for naturalization were then taken up and considered. Next will come the setting of the dates for the trial of cases on the docket for the October term of court which begins next Monday.

FOUR-MINUTE MOVIE TALKS

C. R. Barrow has been named chairman of the Coquille "four-minute men." This movement which originated in Washington, D. C., is for the purpose of instructing the people of the United States, who do not get it in any other way, concerning the aims and purposes of the U. S. in entering the war and on other matters of government policy.

Everyone who reads magazines and newspapers is familiar with these subjects but for the man, who confines his reading to a comic section, it was thought that four minute talks by leading citizens at moving picture houses two or three times a week would get the desired information to him.

This plan was inaugurated last summer and has been carried on in thousands of show houses in the country for the past two months.

The chairman chosen for a town or city is authorized to make the selection of those who shall speak and it is considered a patriotic duty to comply with his request. The subject on which the "four-minute men" speak and an outline of their remarks are furnished from Washington and the same information is being detailed all over the country at the same time.

In one respect the title "four-minute men" is a misnomer because the ladies are also called upon to give these talks and they are making a great success of it. Mr. Barrow has ladies as well as gentlemen on his list and arrangements have been made with the management of the scenic for these short talks two or three times a week.

Port Meeting at Bandon.

J. E. Norton attended the meeting of Port Commission at Bandon last Tuesday. Routine business occupied most of the time. The budget for next year was prepared and will be ready for publication soon. The changes of the Bandon harbor lines were discussed and the district engineer in charge of the work will hold a hearing in Bandon in a couple of weeks on the proposed changes.

It's Hop, Skip and Jump.

Assessor Beyers informs us that so rapidly are the young men between 21 and 30 years of age moving about now that not a day passes but from one to a dozen notifications are received from those registered in this county giving a change in their address. These come from almost every state in the union, too.

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RATES REDUCED

It's New High Line Finished and
The Oregon Power Co. Makes
Radical Reduction.

The new high potency power line of the Oregon Power company from Marshfield to Coquille was cut in at Henryville the first of the week and will be in full operation tomorrow giving this city and the surrounding country the same ample supply of current as the Bay cities have been getting. Manager McKenna informs us that work will immediately begin on the construction of a new high potency line between this city and Myrtle Point of the same character as the line just finished from this city to Henryville giving us through connection with the power plant of the company at the Smith mills.

The only difference will be that the Myrtle Point line will be equipped with two heavy copper wires where the Marshfield line carries three. The poles for the Myrtle Point line are already on hand.

The present power lines on the old poles between here and Myrtle Point running to various farms and ranches will be transferred to the poles of the new line and it is expected to do this work with little if any interruption in the service.

Mr. McKenna also informs us that there will be no change in the rates for electric lighting here, the same figure of 12 cents per kilowatt hour being maintained.

For power, however, there will be a radical revision downward. The base rate for the smallest quantity used will be cut from 8 cents per K. W. H. for the first 100 K. W. H. hours and 7 cents per K. W. H. for the second 100 K. W. H. to 5 1/2 cents per K. W. H.—almost one-third or exactly 32 per cent.

This rate will apply for small amounts consumed, but the reduction for large quantities of juice will be in some cases as much as 80 per cent.

The new rates take into consideration both the horse power consumed and the kilowatt hours. It runs about this way: on a one horse power motor the first 50 K. W. H. will be charged for at the maximum rate of 5 1/2 cents. So will the first 100 K. W. H. on a 2-horse power motor; the first 150 on a three horse power; the first 250 on a five horse power; the first 375 on a seven and a half horse power motor and the first 500 on a ten horse power. Above that on current consumed by such motors the rate will be 1 1/2 cents per K. W. H. To illustrate this we will take the case of a 5-horse power motor operating 10 hours per day for 26 days in the month on an average load (that is not pulling 5-horse power every minute), which would consume about 500 K. W. H. per month.

At the old rate the bill for the month would figure up thus:

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| First 100 K. W. H. @ 8c..... | \$8.00 |
| Second 100 K. W. H. @ 7 1/2c..... | 7.50 |
| Third 100 K. W. H. @ 7c..... | 7.00 |
| Fourth 100 K. W. H. @ 6 1/2c..... | 6.50 |
| Fifth 100 K. W. H. @ 6c..... | 6.00 |
| Total..... | \$35.00 |

The same motor under the new rate would get the following bill:

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| First 250 K. W. H. @ 5 1/2c..... | \$12.75 |
| Second 250 K. W. H. @ 1 1/2c..... | 3.75 |
| Total..... | \$16.50 |

It will thus be seen that for those using a 5-horse power motor right along the rate has been split 60-50, the consumer getting a rate only half as great as he has been paying.

The new rate is exactly the same as prevails at North Bend and Marshfield, and is as low as is enjoyed at any place in Oregon. Indeed, Mr. McKenna says it is so low that it is the cheapest power available on a large scale anywhere, and that the lumber mills which get their own fuel without expense have no cheaper power, but probably it is more expensive.

What it will mean to the industries of Coquille and Myrtle Point and the surrounding sections of this valley to be supplied with power as cheaply as the new rate renders possible we can hardly imagine at this time. But that new industries of many kinds will be encouraged to locate where power is obtainable at the minimum rate and where so much raw material is close at hand, while transportation by sea and by rail are available, it requires hardly half an eye to see.

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