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\$1.50 THE YEAR.

ALMOST \$30,000

Coquille Coming in On the Home Stretch in the Liberty Loan Drive.

The following are the subscriptions made through the First National Bank, Coquille, Oregon:

- Brought forward from last week, \$7850.
- O. C. Sanford, \$50.
 - Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F., \$100.
 - Leo J. Cary, \$500.
 - Wm. A. Fugh, \$50.
 - Carrie B. Harnden, \$100.
 - L. H. Hazard, \$400.
 - Mabel E. Wernich, \$300.
 - Catherine G. Wernich, \$50.
 - May N. Allen, \$50.
 - Letitia Cadman, \$50.
 - Henry E. Shelley, \$190.
 - Paul B. Ryming, \$100.
 - Elmer W. Neely, \$50.
 - Geo. T. Moulton, \$100.
 - Mary J. Norris, \$50.
 - John P. Messer, \$150.
 - Leigh C. Douglas, \$100.
 - Mary K. Watson, \$100.
 - James L. Watson, \$50.
 - D. C. Kay, Mammoth, Cal., \$100.
 - Cecil J. Elwood, \$50.
 - Roy E. Nicolai, \$500.
 - Ethel Baxter, \$50.
 - Linnie Baxter, \$50.
 - Ethan A. Wimer, \$100.
 - Mrs. Judith Collier, \$100.
 - Fred A. Wimer, \$100.
 - Annie Wimer, \$100.
 - Viola M. Collier, \$50.
 - Alice Collier, \$50.
 - Harriet A. Longston, \$50.
 - A. T. Morfison, \$50.
 - Frankie O. True, \$50.
 - Lillias C. Machon, \$50.
 - Herbert Adams, \$1,000.
 - John Meador, \$400.
 - Novia E. Landreth, \$100.
 - John Youkman, \$100.
 - Marie E. DeWitt, \$50.
 - John C. Almack, \$50.
 - J. S. Barton, \$50.
 - Ned C. Kelley, \$50.
 - Frances A. Kelley, \$50.
 - Ernest Hammack, \$50.
 - Anna Morrison, \$50.
 - Mrs. M. G. Lutsey, \$50.
 - Maymie DeLong, \$50.
 - Walter G. Brandon, \$100.
 - Lawton Von Pegert, \$50.
 - Kirk Shelley, \$50.
 - Sheldon Von Pegert, \$50.
 - Gladys E. Treadgold, \$100.
 - Bert Longston, \$50.
 - Mabel Wernich, \$200.
 - Mary E. Cary, \$100.
 - Georgianna Lawrence, \$50.
 - Girls Honor Guard, \$100.
 - Harry S. Norton, \$50.
 - Gertrude Grace Norton, \$50.
 - Francis F. Norton, \$50.
 - Geo. O. Leach, \$50.
 - Carrie B. Stanley, \$50.
 - Edna Harlocker, \$50.
 - Vincent M. Arrington, \$50.
 - First National Bank, Coquille, \$2,000.
 - John S. McEwen, \$50.
 - W. C. Rose, \$100.
 - Morrell Jameson, \$100.
 - Charlotte Jane Rider, \$50.
 - Wesley A. Bean, \$500.
 - Anna Clark, \$100.
 - Clifford W. Martin, \$500.
 - Coquille Lodge, No. 568, L. O. O. M., \$200.
 - Ida K. Owen, \$50.
 - Wm. Betty, \$500.
 - Oscar L. Smallwood, \$1,000.
 - John A. Jackson, \$100.
 - Myrtle Beyers, \$50.
 - Jesse P. Beyers, \$50.
 - Edna M. Webster, \$50.
 - Phillip E. Johnson, \$100.
 - Mary Esther Johnson, \$100.
 - Walter Frances Paulson, \$50.
 - Maxine Paulson, \$50.
 - Agnes Whetstone, \$50.
 - Clarence A. Boyrie, \$100.
 - Anna E. Howe, \$50.
 - Mrs. E. W. Ferris, \$200.
 - Edward N. Moon, \$100.
 - Nils P. Rudie, \$50.
 - Mrs. Belle R. Gould, \$50.
 - Laura Douglas, \$50.
 - L. B. Shirley Estate, \$200.
 - Total, \$21,550.

The following are the subscriptions made through the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Coquille:

- Previously reported, \$500.
- J. W. Noblet, \$100.
- A. Ellingson, \$100.
- Chas. Webb, \$50.
- Henry P. Belloni, \$50.
- Anna M. Jacobsen, \$50.
- W. M. Hammack, \$50.
- J. W. Laird, \$100.
- Tena Tully, \$100.

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Was a Young Hercules.

Postmaster Lenoze was a good deal surprised when Charles O. Norman, of this city, stopped up to the stamp window the other day and said he wanted to enlist in the army. "Where is your registration card?" asked the postmaster of the husky young giant, who stands six feet six and tips the beam at 190 pounds, feeling sure that he was not less than 25 years old and that he got in bad by failing to register last June. "I haven't got any," was the answer; "I'm not old enough." And so it was, for he pleaded guilty to only twenty years of life on earth. He was enrolled in the Field Artillery at once, and on Monday morning went out for Portland.

He was so tall that he had to bend over to look in at the stamp window; but in the artillery may not make so conspicuous a target as he would in the infantry.

Increase in School Census.

J. S. Lawrence, clerk of the school board has just completed the school census for the city district, in which is included some contiguous territory, and finds 527 of school age, an increase of 15 over the count made last year.

CONCRETE BUILDINGS

Arthur Ellingsen on Wednesday purchased two lots from Henry Sengstacken, one fronting on Taylor street and one on Front street, at a price reported to be \$2750. The property transferred is L shaped being 25 feet on Front street with a depth of 80 feet just east of the Farmers & Merchants bank and 27 feet frontage on Taylor, running back 75 feet, between the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co. office and the Richmond buildings. When seen yesterday regarding his purchase, Mr. Ellingsen said he intended to erect a concrete building, one high story, with basement under the whole building. He intends to excavate for the basement at once, but will not begin construction work until prices on building materials have subsided a little.

The entire building will be occupied by the Coquille Hardware Co. with a front on both Taylor and Front streets.

At the same time Mr. Sengstacken intends replacing the frame building now occupied by the abstract office with a concrete structure similar to Mrs. Ellingsen's but without the basement, although sufficient excavation will be made to bring the floor to the street level.

When ready to begin work on this building the offices of the company will be moved and the present frame torn down. The vault at the rear of the office will be lowered to the ground and left in the same location it now occupies.

An improvement such as proposed, and one so near the business heart of Coquille is a movement that cannot fail to be gratifying to every one that has at heart the welfare of our city. And we feel like suggesting that so many of the better class of business houses here are now to be found on First street, that it will take more than one modern structure on Front street to maintain the equilibrium. With good times and a reduction in the cost of some classes of building material when the war closes there ought to be a general movement for the reconstruction of Front street buildings.

Horse Claims Turned Down.

Three claims for horses killed or injured on county highways were rejected by the County court at the October term. J. W. Williams wanted \$340 for the loss of team and damage to harness and wagon at the Bullard's ferry slip. J. E. Olson asked \$200 for his horse killed by stepping on a picket lying in the road under construction near Gravel Ford. Homer Dewiler, also of Gravel Ford, asked \$150 for injuries to a horse that got mixed up in its harness and was cut by a road scraper.

The New Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury for the present term is composed of the following persons: J. D. Carl, farmer, Norway; E. B. Fish, painter, Bandon; W. E. Bigelow, farmer, Myrtle Point; H. L. Johnson, farmer, Coquille; J. W. Watt, real estate, Marshfield; P. N. Reberg, merchant, North Bend; W. J. Floyd, farmer, Riverton. Mr. Reberg was selected as foreman.

FAIRY GODMOTTER ARRIVES

Miss Fern Hobbs Comes from Washington, D. C., Bringing a Treasury Warrant for \$139,708.54 for Coos Co.

Last Tuesday night Coquille received an unexpected visit from Coos county's fairy godmother bringing a gift of a large sum of money for our county treasury.

The woman that played that part was Miss Fern Hobbs, who has been engaged for the better part of the past year as an assistant for ex-Governor Oswald West, who is representing the United States government in the settlement of the O. & C. land grant taxes in the counties in which those lands lie.

Miss Hobbs is a very interesting woman to meet on her own account as well as for the part she played in Oregon history during the past few years. As private secretary to Governor West at the time of the Copperfield rebellion against the enforcement of the liquor laws, she was sent there with a militia company to take charge of the situation as the personal representative of the governor. When Gov. West shortly before his retirement from office appointed Miss Hobbs as a member of one of the state commissions, the fight made by Governor Withycombe to displace her attracted wide attention, and did not redound to the credit of the new executive.

But when Miss Hobbs came here bringing a U. S. treasury warrant for taxes, penalty and interest on the grant lands for three years, her visit was a notable one independent of her personality.

Some time Monday evening Gov. West sent the following telegram to Sheriff Gage and another of similar tenor to Attorney Liljeqvist, who represents the county in the land grant cases:

Portland, Oct. 23.

Sheriff Coos County, Coquille, Ore.

Miss Hobbs will arrive at Coquille tomorrow evening. Hope it will be convenient to let her pay taxes that evening, as she wishes to leave next evening.

Oswald West.

This telegram was received here Tuesday morning and was very naturally taken to mean that Miss Hobbs would arrive that night; but closer examination showed that it was dated Tuesday and indicated that her visit would be on Wednesday. This was the conclusion at the sheriff's office and so no arrangements were made to meet Miss Hobbs at the train—for this

Get Away Again.

The following was the jury empaneled here yesterday morning for the trial of the case of the state against Raicy and Weidner, the Agitator co-tent men, who Cameron says knocked down and ran away with about \$50 of his money:

John Nielson, Sam Breuer, Henry Sengstacken, C. M. Rhodes, Edward D. Youkman, Herbert Lockhart, T. M. Hermann, E. S. Bargelt, C. P. Offield, Geo. Mullen, Geo. Getting, Enoch Holland.

Editor Cameron testified as to the amounts the accused had collected and how much of them they had knocked down as indicated by his records. The other witnesses examined were four of the girls who had been candidates in the Agitator contest and who told about the moneys they had collected and paid to those contest managers. These girls were Frances Martin, Nona Ray, Mary Martin and Eleanor Sheehan.

When the prosecution rested Mr. Liljeqvist, attorney for the young men, moved that the case against them be dismissed, reciting various defects in the proceedings, and alleging that the indictment was defective in that it did not charge them with any crime.

"The case is dismissed," ironically remarked Judge Coke, and Raicy and Weidner, who have been punished by half a year's imprisonment pending trial, walked out free men. Nor did they lose any time in shaking Coquille's dust from their feet and boarding the afternoon train to the Bay.

Those receiving specimen copies of the Sentinel this week are invited to subscribe and get a great big premium—a three years' subscription to the Oregon Farmer thrown in without additional charge.

telegram was really dated on Monday and then retailed before its delivery—and her indignation at the seeming discourtesy was very vigorously expressed. To be landed at a station apparently out in the county, long at hand, and no one even to direct her which way to go was a rather strenuous experience for a young woman carrying about \$150,000 in treasury warrants. The trainmen could not tell her where to go and if there had been a post leaving for Bandon that night she would have taken it and gone on to do her errand in Curry county for the time being.

So it was a very irate woman who called up the sheriff's office by phone from the Baxter about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, and asked for an escort to the court house. Deputy Sheriff Walker was the man called upon to explain matters to the offended messenger for the United States government and he started out armed with that misleading telegram as jauntily as if a woman afire with righteous indignation had no terrors for him.

By the time she reached the brilliantly lighted taxpaying room in the new Hall of Records her anger had nearly subsided and when she had fairly got to talking about the land grant taxes, to which she had recently devoted four months' time in the treasury department at Washington, she kept her auditors including Deputies Gage and Walker, Cashier Leach, the stenographer, Miss Wittman, and the Sentinel reporter keenly interested for an hour or more.

And let what we have said may convey the idea that Miss Hobbs is a sort of Amazon virago, we must add right here that she is a perfect lady with a softy modulated voice, rather under than over medium height, and that only the spectacles she wears suggest the blue stocking even; while she was very becomingly gowned in black. From the figures and facts she had at her tongue's end in the tax cases we would imagine that a cross section of her brain would look like a bisected ledger. Still when she remarked that whether she did or did not take into account the fractions of a cent in making out the tax rolls for the thousands of sections of rail-

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Don't Wait Too Long.

There is one thing to which the taxpayers living on Coos Bay wagon road and the Coquille-Fairview road need to give attention. These roads, while among the best in the county at one time, are getting in need of replanking and repairing. At the present time the Southern Oregon lands, originally the Coos Bay Wagon road land grant, are subject to taxation, and would have to pay a considerable percentage of any special road levy in the districts along these roads. That may not be the case very much longer. Everything indicates that the government suit involving these lands will result as the O. & C. suit did—in the passage of a law vesting title to the lands in the United States government. After that is done the wagon road land grant will cease to be assessed for county and state purposes, and will pay no more local taxes until in the slow passage of the years the timber on those lands has been logged off and they have been sold to homesteaders. Practically all the expense of any road improvement in those districts after the title to the S. O. lands has vested in the government will fall upon the ranchers who now live along the way. Then the ranchers' half of these lands, and much less than half east of the Gravel Ford meridian, will bear the whole brunt of local taxation for roads and schools.

While there is no help in the case of schools unless school buildings are erected now by a cash levy, it will be possible by holding elections and voting a road levy sufficient to rebuild the roads at once, to make all the property benefitted pay its proportion of the expense. A word to the wise.

There were 46 new subscriptions for Liberty Loan bonds at the First National Bank today aggregating \$7,750.

Speeding Up Fast Now.

The Liberty Loan subscriptions have been coming in for the past week in steadily increasing volume until the amount for the Coquille section now reaches \$28,500, which is above quota for the three billion loan. But we don't stop there for Uncle Sam needs to have it reach five billions. Of that amount Coquille's share would be about \$37,000; and if we had only known it at the start an organization could have been perfected that would have secured it. As it is we have largely oversubscribed the three billion call and are now well on the way towards the full quota of \$37,000. Can't you help—you who haven't come across?

Perham's Winter Job.

Contractor, E. G. Perham, is finishing his Davis Slough to Coaledo contract on the Coquille-Marshfield road this week. He expects to continue work on his second contract from Coaledo to Cedar Point through the winter. The earth cuts and fills there will be left until the weather gets settled next spring, but he will put in all the bridges and culverts and do all the rock excavation on the line during the rainy season.

ON TRIAL FOR FILICIDE

A jury was secured this morning for the trial of James Burns, the Empire Indian accused of killing his crippled 10-year old son. It consists of the following gentlemen: George Gettings, Enoch Holland, Geo. Mullen, C. P. Offield, Samuel Breuer, T. M. Hermann, C. M. Rhodes, Edwin D. Youkman, E. S. Bargelt, John Nielson, M. O. Hooton, and R. M. Sarter.

The opening addresses were being made this afternoon, District Attorney Hall conducting the prosecution and C. F. McKnight appearing for the defense.

The talk made by the latter indicated that the suicide theory was the one which the defense would adopt. In support of this the allegation was made that the dead cripple had been repeatedly heard to say shortly before his death that "life is not worth living."

The defendant, a middle aged Indian with an impassive but by no means a criminal physiognomy, and with his mother and daughter sitting beside him affords a picture of a vanishing race that it struck us deserved to be preserved on canvas.

Making Splendid Boulevard.

Fine work has been done on the Coquille-Myrtle Point road this fall by the Grant-Smith Company. Under the plans approved by the state Highway Commission the sharp elbows have been cut out, the grades have been cut down and the roadbed widened until that road will compare with the best in the country in these respects. And it is a delightful valley one overlooks from this shelf along the foothills that line it. What remains to be done is to provide a hard surface, and this the state by act of the legislature has pledged itself to do. Won't it be a boulevard then? Meantime gravel is being applied for a roadway on some of the worst stretches and where there are deep fills planking will be provided for the winter's travel.

That \$20,000 Armory.

Considerable time will be devoted by the County court at its November session beginning on the seventh, to the preparation of the budget. The matter of an appropriation of \$10,000 for a bridge over the Coquille river here will be considered then. It is also expected to insert an item of \$20,000 for the construction of an armory at Marshfield, so that that proposition may be discussed by the taxpayers before the final figures are fixed. It is questioned, however, whether the latter appropriation can be made within the six per cent increase limit the law prescribes.

Cards Still Coming In.

Assessor Beyers is just in receipt of the card of Fred William Waters formerly of Marshfield, who registered as subject to service in the United States before E. L. Johnson, vice consul at Vancouver, B. C. Among recent registrations was one from a citizen of the United States now at work in a machine shop at Edinburg, Scotland.

The jail population here stands at 15 again now, with two out and one in during the past twenty-four hours.

THE HONOR GUARD

Girls Take Hold of the Campaign and Run the Subscriptions up at a Great Rate.

The second Liberty Loan campaign lagged for a good while in this city for lack of organized and systematic effort to make it hum. It is lagging no longer, as the big bunch of subscriptions received by each of our banks last night following the meeting arranged by the Honor Guard girls amply testifies.

The idea of this meeting had its inception with the girls of the guard, and all the arrangements made for it, the selection of the speakers, the printing of the bills and the securing of the band were theirs.

About eight o'clock last night the band played at the First National Bank corner and a representative assemblage speedily gathered in which the ladies and girls were very much in evidence.

The speakers arrived in the cars of L. H. Hazard and M. O. Hawkins and the meeting was called to order by Leo J. Cary, who introduced Mayor E. E. Johnson as the first speaker. He made a patriotic address and was followed in turn by Superintendent J. C. Almack, of our city schools, and Judge John S. Coke, of the Circuit court, who was introduced as a man who had been known in this county for over forty years. Then came County Judge Watson, who demurred when he was presented as a man who had not been here quite as long as Judge Coke and who had lots of friends among the sterner sex, but whose standing among the ladies the chairman could not testify to—this in allusion to his protracted bachelorhood. The Judge did not allude to the latter matter but rather emphasized its force when he insisted that instead of being a later comer in Coos county than Judge Coke he had lived here longer. The fact is he was born here.

Other speakers were Walter Hamilton, a soldier in uniform, M. O. Hawkins, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, J. E. Norton, president of the Coquille Commercial Club, Mrs. William Candlin and Miss Ada Newell, president of the Girls' Honor Guard. Every speaker expressed the most patriotic sentiments and was roundly applauded. Miss Newell's statement that the Honor Guard had purchased a \$100 Liberty bond with the funds in their treasury brought an especial round of recognition.

The admonition of the speakers to hurry into the banks, both of which stood invitingly open and brilliantly lighted, and buy a bond, brought forth fruit in the pile of subscriptions elsewhere noted.

Nor must we forget the patriotic music discoursed by the band which contributed much to the enjoyment and enthusiasm of the Honor Guard Girls' Liberty Loan demonstration.

Schmedding Is Acquitted.

The trial of Joseph Schmedding, at one time bookkeeper for the Bradley Candy Co., of Marshfield, for embezzlement, occupied the attention of the Circuit court here from Monday morning until Tuesday evening. District Attorney John F. Hall was the prosecutor and John D. Goss appeared for the defendant. The jury stood 11 to one at the start for acquittal and in a few minutes agreed on it. Schmedding was accused of appropriating \$73 of the company's funds to his own use but the evidence submitted by the officers of the Candy company left room for a good many reasonable doubts in the minds of the jurors as to whether Schmedding, who had always borne a good reputation, was really guilty. He came up here from Arizona, where he now lives, accompanied by his wife, to answer this charge and his friends are congratulating them on the vindication he received at the hands of the jury.

No Good at Roadwork.

Carl Deimert, the cook of the steamer Bandon, now serving a sentence in jail here, has been tried out as a road worker at Norway and proved to be of no sort of use. Either he couldn't or wouldn't work and became a general nuisance. Still in helping Mr. Zurr install the metal furniture and shelving in the offices of the new bootleggers from the Bay, Hauser and Hansen, are, on the contrary, said to be among the very best workmen on the job at Norway.