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OUR 2 BIG DAYS

Coquille's Annual Corn Show and Carnival Now in Full Blast.

The big corn and potato show and carnival today and tomorrow is just beginning as we write and everything is in readiness for Coquille's annual festival. The day is superb, the people are coming by car and boat in throngs and everything presages that this third show will surpass both our former ones.

Our business men have been putting the finishing touches to their booths at the hall and, encircling the entire room, they present a very attractive feature, hastily as they have been improvised.

The city schools have a really wonderful exhibit in the southeast corner section, the High School and all the grades from the first up being very creditably represented. The water colors by the more advanced pupils evince much artistic talent; and that turkey, by a first grade youngster, being led up to a block, looks almost good enough to eat.

The center of the room is given to the exhibition platform 40 feet long and sixteen feet wide. On this are 18 one hundred-ear entries of corn arranged each in a separate circle nearly three feet in diameter and these are flanked by forty more 10-ear entries of red, white and yellow specimens in ray shaped arrangement. This exhibit contains 3,000 ears of Coos county's best corn.

In a box running around this table just below it are over a hundred exhibits of potatoes, some very fine and even, and others notable chiefly for their size. Some of these look large enough to furnish projectiles for 6-inch howitzers, and others would make excellent clubs in case of a scrap.

The posts running up through the middle line of this table are ornamented with very fine samples of our grains and grasses and at their bases may be seen seventy pound pumpkins, which furnish the promise and potency of such pies as our grandmothers used to make away back east.

The Sentinel has not been able to learn just how many organizations are to be represented in the "Patriotic Parade" here at 10:30 tomorrow morning, but the Red Cross organization, Woman's Relief Corps, the G. A. R. and the Girls' Honor Guard will have leading positions, and we feel sure that every other society that can possibly do so will be glad to manifest its steadfast and deep rooted Americanism by taking part. We believe it will be the biggest parade Coquille has ever seen.

Everyone keep a copy and sing with the big chorus. Tune of "Hot Time in the Old Town."

First Verse
'Course you know about the corn show, that we have in our old town, When every red-checked lassie, wears a bran-new-gown, And all the lads are smilin' when they gather in the hall, For they know the time for "red ears" is always in the fall.

Chorus
Come and sing, let your voices all ring out, Come and sing, show folks that we're about,

And when the song is through, give J. L. Smith a cheer, 'Cause the corn show, our corn show is here.

2nd Verse
There'll be fun for every body, be they tall, thin, or fat, Put on your best bib and tucker, and your go-to-meeting hat, Then hitch up Tom and Dobbin, to the buggy or the sled, And bring along some chicken, pickles, pies, cakes and bread.

3rd Verse
If the war has stopped your smiling, 'Tis now time to begin, So wreath your face in laughter, From your forehead to your chin, Take a look at our fat leader, with that grin he always wears, Shake hands with your neighbor, forget your worries and your cares.

Coquille High School won a close football game from North Bend High here this afternoon by a score of 6 to 0. The hard practice the boys have done the past week has borne good fruit.

Commercial Club every Wednesday evening at City Hall.

Made One Hundred Per Cent.

The food conservation reports that came in last Tuesday for the previous week were 73 in number. The first 63 reporting showed 504 wheatless meals, 1053 meatless meals and 1166 wasteless meals in a total of 1823 meals, a rather remarkable record. Out of the 21 meals a week the average for each family was 9 wheatless, 17 meatless and 19 wasteless. So out of all the families reporting the average of meals with meat was only four for the entire week. Three especially remarkable reports were received from people who are entirely reliable. They showed 100 per cent perfect, 21 wheatless meals, 21 meatless and 21 wasteless during the week. The Sentinel would like to get the bill of fare for the next family that achieves a wheatless week. For one who is a compulsory vegetarian like the writer the meatless stunt does not appear so remarkable, especially as chicken and fish are permissible in "meatless" meals.

The plan for a Pullman sleeper to be run along with cattle cars and coal cars on a mixed freight between Eugene and Marshfield has been given up. All we can hope for now in this neck of the woods is a little better running time over the line to Eugene—and that it not to be expected until the winter rains are over.

BOUGHT THE FIELD BOILERS

The commissioners of the Port of Bandon held their regular monthly meeting at the city hall here Tuesday. The budget, as published in the Sentinel the past two weeks, was approved and adopted, there being no objections filed thereto.

The Port has closed its option on the two boilers from the wrecked steamship Fifield at a price of \$2500. These boilers were purchased to install in the new dredge which the Port hopes to have built the coming year.

Other business concerns were anxious to secure these boilers and offered more money for them but the Port had the first call and closed the deal. Such boilers as these would cost considerably more at the present time and as they comply in every way with specifications for dredge boilers the Port is fortunate in making so good a bargain.

As to when the dredge will be built there is uncertainty until Congress meets. The proposition put up to the War Department that the Port would build a dredge if the government would appropriate the funds for dredging the bar and river has been approved by all the department's engineers on the coast and now awaits congressional action.

Congressman Hawley, when here recently, said it might be possible to pass the bill as a war measure in December. The need for spruce and the scarcity of cars for carrying it east may necessitate the use of ships for its transportation and for this reason Congress can probably be induced to give the Coquille river the assistance it needs.

The completed plans for the dredge were filed by Capt. Polhemus with the commission Tuesday and have been placed in the vault of the Bank of Bandon, pending the time when active construction of the dredge is begun.

Court Can't Compromise.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the time Judge Skipworth gave the holders of the Kinney tract in which to pay the \$90,000 and odd of taxes on their property before he issued an order of sale to the sheriff of Coos county, expired. The new organization of Portland and North Bend men, who were to raise and pay this amount, failed to come across when it came to a show down, and now they are again asking for more time to settle.

This morning L. J. Simpson came over from the Bay to propose a compromise to the county court—the same old proposition to pay the taxes and costs if the county would throw off the penalties and interest, a matter of \$20,000 or more.

The court was unanimously agreed that it had no legal right to make a compromise and accept the taxes without interest and penalties, no matter how good the offer might—or might not—appear from a business point of view.

So the case remains unchanged, and Judge Skipworth, if he adheres to his opinion of last August, will issue that order of sale on the lots and blocks comprising the Kinney tract in the near future.

LASTS OVER WEEK IT WAS A TOSS UP

County Court in Session Seven Days and Convenes Again Today.

In addition to the business reported in last week's issue the following are among the items of business transacted by the County court here at its November session:

An appropriation of \$300 was made for the County Teachers' Institute in session at Bandon this week.

An appropriation of \$50 was made to Loretta Kunkel, of North Bend, for the relief of her family.

Walter D. Crook was appointed captain of the county's caterpillar engine.

Hans Hansen was given an allowance of 14 days for good conduct and labor on the roads off of his 90-day jail sentence for bootlegging. His \$100 fine was paid on Tuesday and he was discharged from custody.

Add to Hansen
The money to pay Hansen's fine was put up by Otto Edlund who knows how it is himself.

The petition of Fred A. Baker and others for a bridge at Brewster valley was granted, the county to appropriate \$300 to match the 100 days' labor and \$10 in cash donated by the people there.

J. J. Burns, the bridge tender at South Slough, who was discharged two months ago, still continues to present his bill for that job.

W. H. Wann has been employed to make an audit of the county's business during the year 1917.

Maria Grant was allowed an additional \$10 from the county indigent fund.

In compliance with a petition by the ladies of Myrtle Point an allowance of \$10 per month was made from the indigent fund for the support of Mrs. Mamie Sanders.

The site for a landing and right-of-way for a river bridge at Coquille offered by the city council was approved by the court and \$10,000 towards the construction of the bridge was placed in the budget.

The petition of the citizens of Eastside for a 15-minute service on the county ferry between there and Marshfield was laid on the table.

The petition of John Lind and others for a road at Spruce valley between Bandon and Bullard's ferry was denied on account of indefiniteness in the location of the proposed road.

Hagquist & Bjorkquist were given an extension of time until Jan. 1, 1918, to complete their grading contract on the road from Bandon south to Curry county.

Contractor E. G. Perham was given an extension of time, until May 1, to finish his contract on the Coaledo to Cedar Point section of the Coquille-Marshfield road.

The employment of J. E. Forbet as a clerk in the sheriff's office was approved.

Joseph Hauser, who is doing time for violating the liquor law and working on the county road at Norway, was given an allowance of \$1.50 a day so long as he continues to do good work, to be paid to his family for their support.

The petition of W. K. Wiseman and others for a road from a point two miles north of Powers "near the county road" to the north end of First avenue in Powers, was turned down on account of the indefiniteness of the starting point mentioned.

Notice has been given to the election districts of the county to petition for any changes in boundaries that may be desired at the December term of the County court, which will convene on the 5th prox. That is the only time of the year such matters can be acted upon.

The following items will go in the county budget for the Bay section, subject to revision at the session of the court the last of December to consider all the appropriations:

\$6,000 for the improvement of the Eastside ferry.

\$12,000 for the Glasgow to North Bend ferry.

\$3,000 for the South Inlet bridge.

\$15,000 for macadamizing on the Empire to South Inlet road.

Among other items the County court tentatively placed in the budget at its recent session was \$5,000 for a revision of the assessment of the county by a board especially appointed for that purpose. Based on this fact a Bay paper has already named the board, acknowledged a declaration by one of its appointees and begun to look around for a substitute. That is

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Hard Fought Legal Battle Came Very Near Proving a Draw.

Last Monday the case of E. Barger on, the Coaledo storekeeper, against Geo. Geddes and wife of the same place was tried in Justice Stanley's court here. The amount sued for was \$44.57 and the jury after being out until 10:30 at night gave a verdict of \$8.35 for the plaintiff, which also carried costs amounting to about \$45. C. R. Barrow, of this city represented the plaintiff and L. A. Liljeqvist, of Marshfield, the defendants.

For the amount sued for this was an exceedingly involved case, and also one of long standing. Two and a half years ago Barger brought an action against Geddes in the Circuit court here for \$121.40 and attached property of the defendants in aid of suit. This case never came to trial, being compromised on an agreement that the defendants would pay in installments.

These payments were made until only \$14.90 remained of the account and there stopped. That was the first item Barger sued for, the second was one of \$6.45 which Mrs. Geddes had computed as a balance agreed to be due Barger on book account and had so noted in his books in her own handwriting. The third item was for a lot of potatoes Barger had sold the Geddes, some items of store account and a bill for plowing he had done for them, all totalling \$43.22.

The defendants testified to having made payments of cash, once of \$10 on account when the bookkeeper was not in so that they did not get a receipt, and again \$25 for the potatoes charged against them—this time not at the store but at their house where Barger had taken supper with them.

Then they claimed loaning Barger on harness to the value of \$8.50 which had not been returned and asked for \$25 as punitive damages because he had kept it.

The plowing Barger did was admitted but it was claimed it was done so poorly that another man had to be employed to do it over. Barger had charged \$14 and the next man did it for \$7.

The matter of a pasturage bill for two horses and a cow also entered into the accounts. So there was a dispute as to whether it was four or five sacks of potatoes Barger had sold the defendants. As against the \$6.45 admitted to be due Barger it was claimed that he had borrowed from Geddes two sacks of oats worth more than that, which he had never returned.

The jury which tried this case, consisted of G. A. Robinson, J. H. Oerding, E. W. Gragg, J. D. Myers, F. W. Jones and I. M. Weekly.

They disallowed many claims of both parties and came near making it a stand off between them.

To a man up a tree it looks as if it would have been money in the pockets of both parties to this suit to have paid an expert bookkeeper to come to Coaledo and audit their accounts at least, once a year, to say nothing about friction and hard feeling between neighbors.

Ship Trainload of Cattle.

Leo J. Cary, John Yoakam, and L. P. Branstetter shipped a train load of stock to Portland Sunday. There were five cars of cattle, averaging about 30 head to the car and two cars of sheep, averaging about 225 head. Another car was picked up at North Bend and by the time they left Eugene there were 14 cars of stock.

Train Dispatcher O. C. Biddle gave them right of way over everything and they made the run to Eugene in five hours and ten minutes, the Coos Bay Limited having to sidetrack for them. The loading was done at the S. P. stock corral near Cedar Point. Mr. Cary returned Wednesday morning.

Lots of things prepared for this issue must go over until next week, in order not to have the whole paper go over until tomorrow. Among them is something about the splendid X Ray machine Dr. Richmond has just added to his office equipment—absolutely the best thing in this line that can be procured anywhere.

One of the most marked instances of premature maturity in journalism we have ever seen.

The Y. M. C. A. Drive.

The big drive here for Y. M. C. A. war funds has been postponed, so as not to conflict with the Corn Carnival today and tomorrow. The pupils in the public schools having already subscribed for nearly four times their allotment and about one-fourth of the entire \$720 the Coquille district is asked for, only a little over \$500 will remain to be raised and Sunday and Monday are to be devoted to a drive to secure it. Some other subscriptions were made early in the week, but when the committee gets at it with a will the first of the week and the last days of the campaign there need be no question that Coquille will furnish her quota.

Holiday for One Hour.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Coquille, and in compliance with the expressed wishes of the patriotic people of the city, I hereby set aside the hour from 10:30 a. m. until 11:30 a. m. on Saturday, November 17, 1917, as a legal holiday in said city on the occasion of the Patriotic Parade to take place at that time. Every citizen is requested to lay aside all other business during this patriotic parade and devote the hour to the honor and glory of our common country.

E. E. Johnson, Mayor.

SHE SCORED A TRIUMPH

Lest we forget let us mention at the start that the entertainment at Masonic Hall last Saturday evening was not only as great a musical treat as had been promised, but that every seat was filled by an appreciative and enthusiastic audience, and the net amount turned into the Red Cross treasury was sixty dollars.

Miss Arloine Andrews charmed every one with her singing and gave us such a taste of operatic airs as we have long gone hungry for. Her exquisite contralto voice poured forth waves of melody that thrilled her hearers from start to finish, and the pathos of her songs touched every heart to its depths.

Miss Bonnie Frances Smith, of whose abilities as a Delsarte actress and Greek poseur we have been hearing, more than justified the praise that has been awarded her.

Her dancing and her characterization of the thirty principal human emotions were the perfection of grace and beauty and every one present wondered how this Riverton girl in the brief time she has devoted to practise could have acquired such inimitable grace and such perfect command of every movement and expression. She certainly has a wonderful future before her, when she can already sway her auditors like ripe grain before the summer breezes with her every movement.

The audience never tired of applauding and encoring her, and seemed to enter so perfectly into her moods and to be so enraptured with her graces that to say she achieved a triumph at this, almost her first professional appearance, would be to express the truth tritely.

Death of Uncle Jerry Haines.

Uncle Jerry Haines, of Myrtle Point, passed away last night at the age of 89 years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Arrington, as a result of old age. He was born in Ohio and was one of the pioneer settlers of Coos county coming here about 1868. During his active business life he has been a dairyman, hotel keeper, logger and saw mill proprietor. Everything he touched in a business way proved a success. He is widely known especially among the old timers. He was one of those old-fashioned people who believed that the truth is worth a hundred cents on the dollar every day in the year. In politics he was always a staunch republican. Besides Mrs. Arrington he leaves three sons and another daughter, one of the sons living at Coos City and another daughter at McKinley.

All But Seven or Eight.

There were 350 housekeepers in this city who signed the food conservation cards agreeing to follow the directions of Mr. Hoover in saving food for our soldier boys and our allies. Only seven or eight, who were seen, declined to sign, and in most cases this is thought to have been due to a failure to understand what was requested rather than to lack of patriotic intention.

BRING PREMIUM

County Warrants Are In Same Class As Government Bonds Now.

So far as the recollection of the editor of the Sentinel extends—and he has been a resident of many states—an unprecedented condition exists in Coos county today. The county warrants issued at the November term of our County court command a premium, a small one, it is true, only half of one percent—but that is more than recent issues of United States Bonds.

Nothing could testify more emphatically to the excellent financial condition of Coos county, the prosperity of its people, and the careful management of its business by our county court than this fact.

We are not out of debt, it is true, but a call for outstanding warrants of 1914 has recently been made, and another is expected soon. Several hundreds of thousands of dollars are still due by large taxpayers, the Southern Oregon company alone standing for \$260,000, which is considerably in excess of the amount of county warrants outstanding.

While government bonds bearing only four per cent interest have been selling by the hundreds of thousands in this county, it is no wonder that county warrants bearing six are beginning to be looked on as a gilt edged investment and to be hidden for eagerly. As it may be two or three years before the Southern Oregon case gets through the courts, it is clear that the warrants issued now will run for some time, and their desirability as an investment is unquestionable.

At the same time the taxpayers should remember that it is not the county, which in the last analysis is the goat in the payment of this six percent interest, but that the taxes the land grant company owes are paying the county double that amount, so that the county not only is receiving more interest than it is paying but piling up a surplus of tens of thousands on the credit side of the ledger.

Say They Were Buncoed.

An interesting case was begun in the Circuit court here last Saturday between Myrtle Point parties. The plaintiffs are an old couple, Orion Johnson and Amanda M. Johnson and their grand-daughter, May R. Johnson. The latter being a minor about 16 years of age, for the purposes of this suit Justice J. J. Stanley, of this city, has been appointed her guardian.

The defendants are H. B. Steward, and wife, F. A. Pierson and wife and Joseph Williams and wife.

This case arises out of a real estate transaction in which it is claimed that the principal plaintiffs were, on account of their advanced age and failing powers, easily influenced to make a bad bargain, though still of sound and disposing mind and legally competent to do business.

They owned some small tracts in or close to Myrtle Point said to be worth \$1,350 but incumbered for \$350. These they were induced to trade for a \$1,500 mortgage on four lots in the city of Bandon they now claim to be worth only \$80 altogether, and they also charge a pretended sale of five such lots for \$2,000 with an alleged cash payment of \$500 and a mortgage for the balance. So they are asking to have the deeds they gave for the Myrtle Point property and the assignment of the Bandon mortgage to them set aside as fraudulent and void. These defendants are represented by E. C. Roberts and Claud Giles.

All Three Got Commissions.

The Times says information was received at the Bay yesterday that J. E. Montgomery, of Marshfield, and Henry Bergman, of North Bend, who have been attending the U. S. Officers' Training School at the Presidio, have been awarded commissions as first lieutenants in the construction division of the Aviation section of the signal Reserve Corps.

K. E. Hodgman, who was connected with County Roadmaster Murdock's office, has been commissioned as a captain in the same branch.

They will probably be ordered to Portland for duty about November 20. In all 120 commissions were awarded in this branch of the service and the three Coos county men who made application for it all passed.

Call on us for Stationery.