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AND THE COQUILLE HERALD

VOL. XII NO. 41 COQUILLE COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1917. \$1.50 THE YEAR.

\$100 ABOVE PAR

Coquille Has Contributed \$529.60 To the Y. M. C. A. War Fund.

Coquille did not fail to do her part in raising funds for the Y. M. C. A. though most of the work was done Monday. The city schools, which had been asked for \$50, raised their contribution to \$390, and other subscriptions amounting to \$629.60 were secured. So the Coquille district's quota of \$720 was considerably over-subscribed. Mayor E. E. Johnson subscribed \$100 and A. J. Sherwood, 25; the rest being in amounts of \$15 and less. President Norton, of the Commercial Club, makes the very practical suggestion that in future Red Cross and other war contributions, we raise all that can be secured, give our quota, and deposit the excess in the banks against future calls that are sure to come.

At North Bend last night the last round of a contest that has been going on for some time was fought out at the Agitator print shop. Frank Cameron has landed on County Commissioner Archie Phillip time and again in that sheet, and the matter began to look altogether too one-sided. So Archie called Cameron out of the picture show, went over to the shop with him and proceeded to give the Agitator man a pounding with his fist. Phillip scored all along the line and after he thought Cameron had been punished enough left with a warning that if his name ever appeared in the Agitator again the door would be repeated.

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Commercial Club Business.

Allowing bills and winding up the affairs of this year's Corn and Potato Show were the main points considered at the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening. The subscriptions for the event raised by the finance committee amounted to an even \$300. The expenses were slightly over that and the balance will be paid from the club's treasury. The following bills have been allowed and ordered paid:

Cossonian Band, \$100.
Prizes for Corn and Potatoes \$125.
Football game, \$25.
Sports Committee, \$26.25.
Feed Committee, \$23.20.
Advertising, \$4.55.
Total \$306.00.

Several small bills not yet presented will bring this total up to about \$320.

In reporting on the activities of the Feed committee, F. B. Phillips said they served between 350 and 400 people, beginning before eleven and finishing at 1:45. That this could be done on an expense of \$8.20, including cleaning the room before and after, marks the members of that committee as wizards in finance. Of course, most of the provisions were donated.

A suggestion was made that the County court might be induced to assist in this Coos county affair in the future as they have in the past appropriated considerable sums for the county fair and for exhibiting at the state fair.

Auditorium For Corn Show.

Since the third Corn Show has come and gone, there is renewed talk of an auditorium to house this annual affair suited to its needs. The crowds have been all that could be accommodated with our limited facilities and on Saturday evening each year Masonic Hall has been all too small.

The Commercial Club discussed a stock company proposition Wednesday evening to raise the money to purchase the land and erect a building 100x100 feet for next year, to which additions could be made as needed when possible.

No plans have been developed yet but the idea is being seriously considered and we predict that a move will be made along that line in the near future.

Much Plowing Done Already.

A. E. Bettys says that a great deal of ground has been plowed out at Fairview this fall and much winter oats and wheat are being sown. Besides ground is being prepared now for planting corn and potatoes next spring. The late rains last spring interfered seriously with getting the crops in but the farmers are taking time by the forelock now.

Advice By State Librarian.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, of Salem, state librarian, was here Tuesday night and met with the city library association and the city council in the library room at the city hall. She made a very interesting talk about libraries and strongly recommended that the city take over the library and run it. By then conforming to the state laws it will be possible for our library to secure state books and state assistance. She discussed this matter thoroughly and the sentiment in favor of the proposition was unanimous.

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Bring the Highest Prices.

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His Largest Audience.

Prof. G. E. Hyslop, of O. A. C., who judged the corn and potato entries and made three addresses to corn show visitors here last week, said that the Corn Show was one of the best affairs he ever saw in the Northwest and that his meeting Saturday afternoon was the best he ever had. And Prof. Hyslop's experience covers most of the fairs and shows held in the Northwest since he came to this section.

Thanksgiving Services.

The Thanksgiving service next Thursday will be held at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. There will be music by the Methodist choir and Rev. J. W. Whidden, of the Christian church will preach the sermon. A collection will be taken, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund for providing testaments for our soldier boys in the trenches.

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As a fitting close to this patriotic exhibition, Der Kaiser was very properly hung to one of the 501,000 lamp posts which Ambassador Gerard told Emperor William would be the result of any attempted uprising of the half million loyal Germans in the country. Urban Elwood played the melodorous role of Kaiser and as he was swung up a mighty cheer went up from the throng which regarded the act as a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Sold Out the Entire Stock.

For the past two weeks the Coquille Hardware company has been advertising a special brand of aluminum goods in the Sentinel. The result has been, Mr. Thrift, the manager, assures us, that every piece of those goods in the store was sold; and he believes twice as much would have been sold if they had had it. The business man who doesn't secure publicity through the columns of the Sentinel is certainly sleeping at the switch and neglecting golden opportunities.

Nationality of Men Registered.

Of the 1969 men between 21 and 30 years of age registered in Coos county for war service, 825 are married and 1144 single. There are 1652 native citizens among them, 177 aliens, and 102 aliens who have taken out their first papers. These aliens are from the following countries: England, 7; Ireland, 8; Scotland, 4; Canada, 26; Greece, 40; Italy, 23; Russia, 75; Norway, 34; Sweden, 42; Austria, 14; Germany, 18; Holland, 1; Switzerland, 6; Bulgaria, 1; Denmark, 9; China, 1; Japan, 1; Mexico, 1.

Will Return The Exhibits.

As an answer to many inquirers as to what he is going to do with all the corn and spuds exhibited here last week, County Agent Smith says that the best of it has been saved for the Corn and Potato Show at Corvallis in January during Farmers' Week. The balance is being returned to the owners for seed.

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Arrived at the Corn Pavilion the entire audience joined in singing "America," accompanied by the band.

As a fitting close to this patriotic exhibition, Der Kaiser was very properly hung to one of the 501,000 lamp posts which Ambassador Gerard told Emperor William would be the result of any attempted uprising of the half million loyal Germans in the country. Urban Elwood played the melodorous role of Kaiser and as he was swung up a mighty cheer went up from the throng which regarded the act as a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Sold Out the Entire Stock.

For the past two weeks the Coquille Hardware company has been advertising a special brand of aluminum goods in the Sentinel. The result has been, Mr. Thrift, the manager, assures us, that every piece of those goods in the store was sold; and he believes twice as much would have been sold if they had had it. The business man who doesn't secure publicity through the columns of the Sentinel is certainly sleeping at the switch and neglecting golden opportunities.

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