

BANQUET IN BARN

Last Saturday Was a Big Day
Down on the Lower
Coquille.

Last Saturday about 150 people assembled at the Perkins' ranch on the lower Coquille about five miles above Parkersburg to attend the ceremonies and enjoy the banquet on the occasion of the dedication of the new barn planned and erected there by Neil & Lux, the lessees of about 150 acres of the river bottom land of this 300 acre place. Of course, it is correct to say that the men of this enterprising and far-sighted firm built the barn, but the \$1200 it cost was furnished by Mrs. Mary L. Perkins, the owner of the place, who is the mother of Captain David L. Perkins, so long and favorably known as a boat captain on the river between here and Bandon.

The barn is 84 feet long by 40 feet in width and 37 feet high. It stands a little lower than the old barn on the foot of the hill near the old Perkins' residence, and is supplied with some new wrinkles in the stabling of dairy cows. On the lower floor it has stalls for 40 cows and four horses, the animals facing the wide passage way in the center. An ingenious device provides for locking and unlocking all the stanchions by the movement of a single lever. The bottom of the feed trough is slightly V shaped the long way for each stall so that the grain fed tends to reach the lowest point right in front of the animal.

The building stands several feet above the ground and the plentiful posts that support it all stand on solid concrete bases. The upper story for the storing of hay and grain is built with a hip roof so that the space there is more than ample.

The rations that will be daily provided here probably for scores of winters to come, from the twin silos at the old barn to be moved over to the new one, as well as from the immense loft where the meetings were held, seemed rather nebulous and misty in the distance, however, compared with the bountifully laden tables below where the crowd enjoyed a cafeteria dinner, but of this more anon. We had all seen the spread before we ascended the stairway and took seats on the long planks for which the molds used in making the concrete foundation blocks made admirable supports.

On calling the meeting to order County Agent Smith joined the choir which assembled about the organ and the audience heartily followed their lead in singing "America, My Country."

Charles Hall, of Marshfield, President of the War Stamp Drive committee of Coos county, President of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, President of the Coos & Curry Telephone company, President of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon and President of the Coos County Good Roads Association was then introduced. His talk was along patriotic lines, comparing the expenses of our previous wars and the amount necessary to raise to finance them compared with the prodigious cost of the titanic struggle in which we are now engaged and in which we have already spent several times the cost of the Civil War.

Mr. Hall was heartily applauded and the crowd then descended to the first floor where the tables were groaning under a load which would have almost paralyzed Hoover's food conservation soul. For although the bread was mostly of the war varieties, and roast chicken is always allowable, the bars had been let down by somebody when it came to cakes and pies and other goodies, and the white frosting we had almost forgotten since war rules went into effect, were so much in evidence that we had to rub our eyes to make sure we were awake. However, no one was so overcome by the unusual spread as to be unable to do full justice to a meal that certainly indicates that the hands of the down river matrons had lost none of their cunning.

The next act was to arrange the guests on the sloping platform at the south end of the barn to have itself snaphotted by a Bandon photographer. He took four views and just then a boatload from Bandon was seen coming up the walk and another picture must perforce be taken to include them.

Then came another session in the big loft opened by singing of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," which sounded for all the world like the "Red, White and Blue" we used to hear sung away back in the war days of the sixties by lads and lassies, most of whom have since ceased from their labors and "gone west."

The principal addresses of the afternoon were made by E. L. Weston, of the dairy department at O. A. C. and Mr. Curry, of the dairy division of the U. S. department of Agriculture,

both of whom made telling talks in favor of the Bull clubs they are endeavoring to organize in this valley. Some striking figures were given about blooded bulls who were sent to the shambles before their daughters had made records of 500 to 800 lbs. of butterfat a year. Indeed, one case was detailed in which a bull had been sold for \$50 that would have brought \$50,000 after seven of his daughters had made records of that sort.

As illustrating the advantages of organization among dairymen Mr. Westover told the story of a magnificent whip a farmer had purchased. Old Moss, his negro coachman was a famous hand with the reins and the whip was placed in his hands for a manifestation of his skill.

"See that fly up there," he was told by his master indicating one high up the side of the mow on a girder, at the limit of vision.

Crack went the whip and the fly fell dead.

"Now see that spider," pointing out one on the other side of the barn floor equidistant.

Crack went the whip again and the spider was no more.

"Now, see that hornet on that nest up there," came the suggestion.

"No, sah; not for Moss; dem fellows is organized," was the quick response.

The dance in the evening was attended by nearly twice as many as were present for the day's meeting, though many of the same young dairymen and dairymen who were present during the day went home to milk and returned for the evening's festivities.

To Run Three Shifts a Day.

Manager Roy Wernich, of the Sitka Spruce Co., made an announcement Monday evening of the company's intentions which is splendid news for Coquille. That is that in a couple of weeks the Sitka mill will be running two full crews on eight hour shifts and a partial crew for another eight hour shift. This means an increase of about 100 men on the payroll at the mill, or a total of 175.

Urgent and immediate need for the mill's production is the compelling factor in this departure, and Mr. Wernich, who has gone to San Francisco to make arrangements for disposing of the cheaper grades of lumber which the government cannot use, says the only reason for delay in starting the extra crew at once is the necessity of securing a market.

"We want to secure this additional help in Coquille, if possible," said Mr. Wernich, and he added, "Of course, we could secure soldier mill men, but we prefer to give Coquille workmen the first opportunity if they can be secured."

With a minimum of 45 cents an hour for an eight hour day this amounts to an increase of about \$10,000 in the monthly payroll in Coquille.

The installation of another resaw machine and the substitution of electricity for steam is one of the largest factors in enabling the Sitka to so greatly increase its output as this move indicates. The 100-horse motor for the heavy work and the 20-horse for the resaws put in by the Oregon Power Co., are working very satisfactorily. Increased storage room has been secured by the construction of the long dock for which Ed Ellingson has been driving piles, from the railroad to the river, at the west end of the plant; and it is also reported that another department will be provided for by the construction of another building just east of the main entrance to the mill and adjoining it.

The purchase of the Dollar mill by the Sitka Spruce Co. and the coming of such far sighted business men as R. A. Wernich and R. E. Nicholas have been and are of greater commercial importance to Coquille than anything else in its past history.

Contents of Safe Intact.

When Geo. W. Zerr opened the Masonic safe last Tuesday morning most of the contents were found in almost perfect conditions. Force was used to open the outside door, but Mr. Zerr says the safe is as good or better than ever since its baptism of fire, and he can reduce the bulge of one of the plates and put it in first class condition. The papers, currency and cloth bound books were not injured in the slightest but the leather bound books were denuded of their leather covering, which seemed to have melted and run off.

The charter of the Masonic order on sheepskin was in a Japanned cylinder about 18 inches long. When removed from its case the charter was in a tight twist, hard as a board and had shrunk to about nine inches. However, a soaking of several hours restored its original pliancy. A photograph was taken of the opened safe to send to the manufacturers.

Commercial Club every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

THE THIRD LOAN

Everybody Will Be Credited According to Their Deserts.

The Third Liberty Loan is designed to show up the slacker and the pro-German. It is expected to have fifteen million subscribers to the loan and those who are able to but do not purchase bonds are to be mercilessly exposed.

These are the plans of the United States government as outlined to the Coos county executive committees by T. S. Robinson, of Portland, at a meeting held in the Millicoma club at Marshfield Monday evening. After a local rating board has apportioned the \$75,000 to be sold in the Coquille district as equitably as possible among all those able to purchase bonds, the committees will solicit each man in the district, and the women who have independent incomes. If a person buys as much or more bonds than his rating calls for he will be listed on a blue card conspicuously posted. If he buys bonds but not as much as the rating board, thinks he should purchase his name will be placed on a red list, and if he buys none the yellow list will be his location with the assertion that the color adequately shows his character.

The loan asked by the government is \$7,000,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 is to be floated in Oregon. The Coquille district share of this is in the neighborhood of \$75,000. This district extends from Riverton to Flattrap on the river, out to Sitkum, and to the Summit on the railroad.

The third Liberty Loan drive will start on the anniversary of the United States' entrance into the war—April 6—and every community is expected to start the drive with a patriotic parade, music and speaking that day. An abundance of posters, literature, etc., will be furnished by the government.

To help the rating board arrive at a proper estimate of what each man should subscribe to the loan, a questionnaire will be furnished the committees on which is to be shown his subscription to the previous loans, his Red Cross and other relief donations, his War Stamp purchases and all other war activities, whether he owns an auto, and his assessment. To avoid being listed as a slacker and yellow every man and woman will be glad to answer the questions of team workers, for the rating board will not take cognizance of his statements unless they coincide with their knowledge of his circumstances.

The members of the Coquille executive committee attending the meeting at Marshfield were L. H. Hazard, Roy A. Wernich, Leo J. Cary and H. A. Young. E. C. Roberts represented Myrtle Point.

That Liberty Day Parade.

Chairman L. H. Hazard has appointed Frank Burkholder to have charge of the patriotic parade on Saturday April 6 when the third Liberty Loan campaign begins. And according to Messrs. Hazard and Burkholder the only people entitled to view the parade from the sidewalk are cripples and pro-Germans. Every man, woman and child in Coquille, and as far as possible those from the other localities in this district, are expected to be in line. It is to be a separating of the sheep from the goats and no loyal, red-blooded American will miss this opportunity to show his colors.

The school children, lodges, and citizens belonging to no organization will be in line. Mayor Johnson is to be asked to declare a two-hour holiday that morning and no open place of business will be tolerated.

Mr. Hazard has also named a music committee consisting of Frank Leslie, Geo. Leach, Mrs. M. O. Hawkins, J. C. Almack, Miss Mabel Bay, Mrs. Aaron Wilson and Mrs. L. P. Branstetter.

Mr. Burkholder has named the following committees to take charge of and arrange for the various features of this Liberty parade which it is planned to make the largest by far ever seen in Coos county:

Parade—F. G. Leslie, W. H. Lyons, Geo. Battey, J. S. Barton.

Marshals of Day—Leo J. Cary, L. P. Branstetter, W. W. Gage, R. B. Rogers.

Liberty Float—E. H. Harnden, C. R. Barrow, A. T. Boldon.

Schools—J. W. Noblet, Mrs. W. C. Chace, Miss Mabel Bay.

Relief Corps—Mrs. Geo. Battey, Mrs. W. G. Brandon, Mrs. Jas. Richmond.

G. A. R.—J. C. Noel, D. P. Strang, J. S. McEwen.

Honor Guard—Miss Ada Newell, Miss Edith Willey, Miss Mildred Norton.

L. L. L.—A. B. Roberts, Chas. E. Schroeder, W. G. Brandon.

Home Guards—Wm. Brown. Fraternal Orders—J. S. Lawrence.

Archie Brought Them To Time

The meeting of the State Highway Commission at Portland last Friday closed with an order to Highway Engineer Nunn to prepare plans and specifications for five miles of hard surfacing of the Marshfield-Coquille road.

Archie Phillip, who represented Coos county at the session, was the last of five delegations sent to attend that meeting. He was informed by Commissioner Benson that although they were to issue \$500,000 of bonds for work this year, they had contracts outstanding for \$1,100,000 of road work, and there was no chance of getting any money out of bond sales for Coos county.

Mr. Phillip was asking for the entire 20 miles of hard surface road guaranteed Coos county in the bill passed by the legislature and endorsed by the men and women of Oregon last year, well knowing that he wouldn't get that much.

Commissioner Thompson, who fought this section all the way, complained bitterly of Coos county's nerve in asking for \$400,000 worth of road work when the government had requested all road bond moneys to be spent on through highways, meaning the Pacific and Columbia highways. Mr. Phillip came right back with the statement that it was not up to the commissioners to criticize Coos county, that if the bill had provided for the entire \$6,000,000 to be spent in Coos county that the Highway Commission would have had to do it.

When matters were getting pretty warm and it looked as though Coos county would be shut out, Phillip sprung his trump card which was the threat that if Coos was not granted anything every contract in the state would be tied up on injunction proceedings. "We'll do that," was his ultimatum.

After an hour's talk, Commissioner Adams suggested that the money to hard surface a few miles in Coos might be secured from the auto license fund to be available April 1. He had investigated and found there would be \$300,000 in that fund for state work.

From that time on Commissioner Benson sided with Adams and although they tried to buy Phillip off with 15 miles of macadam or 10 miles of hard surface 10 feet wide with a three foot rock shoulder on either side, he stuck for the full 16 feet in width hard surface and was finally rewarded with the order for five miles.

It will probably be June before work is started but the local officers have been requested to ascertain the rates on bitumen from California.

One thing Mr. Phillip learned while out was that instead of an increase of 20 per cent in the number of autos licensed this year as was figured, the actual ratio is 70 new licenses to every 90 renewals.

Sentinel Has Narrow Escape

The Sentinel was on the firing line last Sunday morning and was nearer destruction than any of us imagined. The senior editor, who is hardly fit to fight fire in any event, was down at Bandon at the time. The junior had it nip and tuck for two hours on the roof of his residence in the Lyons' apartments, to put out the numerous fires starting there which came so near destroying it.

Mark Morris, however, had been instructed by our landlady, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, to look after the machine in her garage, and when he came over here to get that out, he noted how the burning embers and fagots were falling all about and climbed to the roof and prevented them from setting the building on fire. At the same time Officer Jackson, on the roof of his residence with a hose was keeping the west wall of this building wet, so that between them they saved the day for the Sentinel and kept it in condition to tell the story it does today.

Masons Will Probably Rebuild.

At the meeting of Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in Odd Fellows Hall tomorrow night the rebuilding proposition will come up for consideration. The plan talked of now is to raise \$12,000 to \$15,000 and rebuild with brick or concrete on the former site—a Masonic temple above and a moving picture house on the ground floor. One hundred dollars a month is talked of as about the proper rent for the latter.

Among the strange things done during the big fire we note a case where some one let his zeal outrun his discretion by emptying half a barrel of rice on the floor and then climbed to a top shelf and began to throw catsup bottles into that barrel.

Geo. T. Moulton, J. E. Norton. Ushers—W. C. Chase, A. N. Gould, Fred Von Pegert, W. C. Rose.

All committees are requested to meet at city hall Wednesday, March 27 at 8 p. m.

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Sunday school at 10. Come and study.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "How to Make God Real in Your Church."

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Spiritual Power and How to Attain It."

Epworth League at 6:30.

Beginning Monday night there will be special evangelistic services at this church every evening during the week. The pastors of the Christian church and the Presbyterian church will join with the pastor of this church in doing the preaching. Some pastor will preach each evening. All who can sing are requested to help. It is a community effort and all the people are urged to lend their assistance in this special effort. Be sure to attend and tell others about it. Come in your everyday clothes. Good music every night.

S. G. Rogers, Pastor.

St. James Episcopal Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Christian Science Society.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Free public reading room open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 4 p. m.

Corner Third and Hall streets.

Presbyterian Church.

Teaching service from 10 to 11 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Subject, "A Gracious Invitation."

Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "A Good Man Lost, A Bad Man Saved."

Rev. J. A. McVeigh, pastor.

Christian Church.

Bible School at 10 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to all these services.

A. J. Whiddon, Minister.

From Jail to Transport.

Jim Anderson, the engineer from the Bandon, who has been doing time and boarding out his fine at the county jail here for several months past was discharged yesterday, on paying the \$136 balance yet due on his \$500 fine. He is held in high regard by those who have become acquainted with him. He will go at once to New York to take a position as engineer on one of the government transports taking our troops over to Europe.

New Cases in Circuit Court.

March 18—Esther Elliott vs. E. M. Elliott. Suit for divorce.

March 19—Arthur McKeown vs. Esther Miller.

March 19—Chas. Ellis vs. John Trigg.

March 20—Coos County vs. A. E. Shuster, L. O. Strommen and B. E. Smith.

Probate Court Notes.

Petition for administration of the estate of John W. Mullen, of Bridge, was filed March 21. The estate consists of \$5,500 worth of real estate.

The same day a petition was filed for the appointment of an administratrix for the estate of Samuel H. McAdams, of Coquille. The estate consists of \$250 in personal property.

Wilson-Johnson.

Saturday at the residence of W. H. Woodruff on Front street Arthur H. Wilson and Emma Johnson, of Marshfield, were united in marriage, Rev. J. A. McVeigh, of the Presbyterian church officiating.

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Marriage Licenses.

March 15—Peter S. Ramsil, of Portland, and Eva K. Hall, of Marshfield.

March 16—James Walter Williams and Minnie Margaret Nickens, both of Marshfield. They were married Saturday at the residence of A. D. Walcott by Rev. C. Herbert Hayden.

March 16—Arthur R. Wilson and Emma Johnson, both of Marshfield.

March 18—Orval W. Kibbey and Vera M. Harris, both of Marshfield.

March 19—Thomas Johnson, of Marshfield, and Elizabeth Barker, of Bandon. They were married the same day by Judge Watson.

March 20—Earnest Willard and Irene Elliott, both of Empire. The groom was 19 and the bride 16. The written consent of their parents was filed to secure the license. They were married at Marshfield by Justice Penock Wednesday evening.

March 21—Earl Goodman and Catherine Reefenburg, both of Marshfield.

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