

The Sentinel

And The Coquille Herald
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COQUILLE'S CALAMITY

Thirteen families were made homeless—all losing some of their household goods and some their all.

Three rooming houses were destroyed with not a bed nor stitch of bedding saved among them all. This diminishes our ability to entertain transients almost 50 per cent.

The only other occupied business houses destroyed are the picture show, Quick's hardware and second hand store and the Telephone central—the last will, of course, be in operation in a week. In no other place was there a stock of goods destroyed.

The total losses are appalling in their magnitude and thirty or forty people here are \$2,000 poorer on an average than they were a week ago today—some losing all they had.

Without a thought of minimizing the losses experienced in the two hours during which the flames ran riot, we must add that Coquille as a city and as a trading center is not seriously hurt—that \$85,000 out of a million and a quarter community assets isn't going to discourage us or weaken our morale.

We are still prepared to furnish goods and services along all lines, and with very little diminution of stocks on hand. War conditions will, it is true, retard and diminish the extensive rebuilding which would otherwise be strongly urged and freely financed; but the people who own the now vacant lots on the west end of First street beyond the First National Bank on the north side and practically the whole length of the block on the south side have something to offset that. By building now, they can make that the first street of substantial buildings in town and thereby insure a very desirable class of tenants. The Masonic lodge will probably set the ball rolling tomorrow night by deciding to rebuild on their lot with a business house on the first floor and lodge rooms above.

Above all things now, however, is the duty that confronts our city officials and all the people doing business in Coquille, of making the business buildings that remain as safe as possible. With the laxity in regard to fire precaution that has prevailed in the past the only wonder is that a block or more of our business section has not gone up in smoke long ere this.

Every stove and furnace, every stove pipe and chimney in the downtown district, and most especially every opening in any wall through which a stove pipe passes and the floor protection, or lack of it under every stove should have the closest attention.

For the loss we have sustained in the past week, although the first big fire Coquille has suffered in 26 years, gives no sort of immunity for another quarter of a century or even for a single day, if necessary precautions are omitted. Another such fire would hit the currents of our business life a good deal more staggering a blow than this one has; and no possible precautions to obviate it should be omitted. We are now in the position of the burned child who dreads the fire and ought to be ready to take the most drastic measures to prevent its recurrence.

BETTER PAY INSURANCE

The publisher of the Sentinel has lived in Coquille for but little more than four years, but in that time he has paid very nearly \$1000 for fire insurance for five years, or at the rate of about \$200 a year. Certainly we don't like the monopoly method and iron clad combinations of the insurance companies and least of all the

abominable monopoly legislation they secured from the last legislature of Oregon; but being a poor man we can't afford to carry our own insurance. With \$50,000 or \$100,000 worth of property in scattered investments it would be playing the part of a fool to dance to the music of the gouging companies, but the man with only a minor fraction of that amount of property and that all in only one or two investments can't afford to cut out insurance. So the \$114 insurance we had paid on the Sentinel property in the past 30 days didn't seem entirely thrown away to us when we were coming up from Bondon on the Chalm last Sunday morning and not certain whether on reaching Coquille we should find the Sentinel as we left it Saturday morning or a mere pile of ashes and about \$50 worth of scrap iron. If you're rich don't insure; but if your eggs are all in one or two baskets, don't risk being busted by unwise economy.

CHANGE COMES SOON

On March 31, one week from Sunday, all clocks are to be turned ahead one hour and in order to keep up with the procession we'll have to turn out an hour earlier in order to get up as early as we have been doing. Six o'clock in the morning will be before daylight again. But at the latter end of the day, quitting at 5 o'clock will seem like getting off in the middle of the afternoon. Whether the churches will hold their evening services at 8 by the clock after that we haven't yet heard. If so, they will begin before sunset along in June. Those who retire at 9 in the evening will do so long before dark. As the railroads will all observe the new government order—as they must indeed—it will result in our getting our eastern mail an hour earlier in fact, though we won't have any more time to read the news if we retire at the usual hour. The change seems revolutionary to look forward to, though we believe everybody will like it after they are initiated.

BADGE OF HONOR.

A Liberty Loan button is a badge of honor. Rightfully obtained it marks the wearer as one who has performed a distinct, definite service to the country.

Not all can fight, not all can work directly for the Government; but in buying a Liberty Loan Bond, or War Savings Stamps, every American renders some service to the nation. It has been put within the reach and power of every citizen to aid the United States financially; it is a poor American who withholds support from the Government, from our soldiers and sailors fronting death on battlefields and oceans.

Iron crosses to German soldiers, and diamond orders exchanged between Turkish and German sovereigns may be but the badges of atrocity. But a Liberty Loan button, simple as it is, signifies a patriotic duty done and is an insignia of honor.

Can't Use Red Cross That Way.

Notice has been received that the different offices of the International Red Cross in Switzerland are receiving letters from the United States in great numbers containing written inclosures accompanied with requests that such inclosures be mailed in Switzerland and addressed to persons named in enemy countries, especially written inclosures intended for civilians residing in Italian territory occupied by the enemy.

Inasmuch as these written inclosures are not transmitted out of Switzerland it is hereby directed that postmasters and postal officials give publicity, as far as may be possible, to this notice in order that correspondents in the United States may learn that the International Red Cross is not available as a channel through which to send communications of the kind herein described to civilians or others residing in enemy territory or the territory occupied by enemy forces.

Otto Praeger, 2nd. Asst. P. G.

Last Monday people began to appreciate how much hoofing it telephones had been saving them. It took a great many miles of walking that day on account of the hello girls having to take a lay off.

The Commercial Club meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone invited.

COQUILLE PEOPLE

SHOULD EAT PIE DAILY

Pie is wholesome, combining both fruit and grain. Those who have trouble digesting pie should take ONE SPOONFUL simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. This flushes the ENTIRE bowel tract, removes foul matter which poisoned your stomach for months and relieves ANY CASE sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. Loaves stomach in condition to digest ANYTHING. C. J. Fuhrman.

ROAD TO COOS CO.

Douglas County Will Go Ahead
With the Highway into
Canyon.

Speaking of road work in Douglas county this year the Roseburg Review says:

Aside from the Pacific Highway undertaking the County Court considers the connecting link of roadway between Douglas and Coos counties the most important highway project on hand. It is proposed to construct eight miles of new road leading from a point about two miles beyond the Camas Valley postoffice to the Douglas-Coos line, to which point the Coos County Court has already agreed to build a highway of equal efficiency. The first four miles of the new road in this county will be plank surfaced, while the last four miles will be surfaced with gravel, which is easy of access after Bridge Creek has been reached. A maximum grade of six per cent is one feature of the County Court's plans relating to this new route, which will contrast markedly with the maximum grades existing there now, which are in some instances about 30 per cent.

Work on this undertaking will be commenced within the next 60 days and will be prosecuted actively throughout the summer. It is expected that the roadway will be made ready by fall to receive the plank and gravel surfacing, processes that will be effected with another year.

The importance this link of highway will occupy to the two counties upon its completion must be apparent to the most cursory observer, furnishing as it will a direct route of travel between the thriving lumbering and dairying centers of Coos County and the productive valleys of this section, and making possible commercial interchanges of a profitable nature to both counties. For instance, our melons, fruits, vegetables and cereals will go forward from here in automobile trucks, which will return with the products of Coos county, which are quite as distinctive in character as those produced here.

In addition the passenger traffic that will result from the completion of a 60-mile all the year highway between Roseburg and Myrtle Point must be great, as the majority of the residents on the coast will then find it to their advantage to seek the outside world by way of Roseburg, rather than by the roundabout rail route leading from Marshfield north and east to Eugene. It will be remembered that much of the traffic between Coos County and the outside world moves to and from San Francisco and for this the Roseburg highway will furnish marked saving in both time and distance.

Another contingency confidently looked-forward to by the County Court upon the completion of this highway is the re-establishment of the Roseburg-Coos Bay mail service. Aside from the Pacific and Coos Highways, new roadwork in the county will practically come to a standstill.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends

KAISER BILL SOUSED

By W. M.

We'll fight for Woodrow Wilson,
We'll help him all we can.
And when we start to catch the Kaiser,
It will sure take every man.

He licked those little Belgians,
With bullets filled Russia full,
And almost licked the Frenchman,
And little Johnny Bull.

But when those Sammies got to fighting,
'Twas then the Kaiser fled.
And out on No Man's land
His whole army he left dead.

He left the whole world with a sigh,
But he swore he'd rule it by and by.
He didn't stop and he didn't wait,
For he knew right well that he was late.

The Kaiser thought he'd like the smell
Of burning sulphur down in hell.
He thought he'd see what was his fate,
So he stopped to listen outside the gate.

But Oh! He heard the devil speaking
There inside,
And knew his home in hell had been denied.
He was giving his imps a little warning,
For he expected the Kaiser down in the morning.

Then old Satan with an impish grin
Asked the Kaiser to come in.
The Kaiser smiled when he shook his hand
And swore hell was a happy land.

But old Satan wouldn't take this dope,
So he tied the Kaiser with a rope.
The devil knew that he had lied,

And took the Kaiser on inside.
Old Satan laughed as he scratched his head,
For on sulphur and brimstone he was fed.
So he called his imps with a hearty cheer,
And said, "the Kaiser has just got here."

The imps all thought of the fun he'd make,
So they threw old Bill in a sulphur lake.
Oh! Blast the luck said Kaiser Bill,
The devil is sure some tough old pill.

The imps then thought with a grin and thrill
How they would punish old Kaiser Bill.
They would kill him by inches in all that stuff,
But Kaiser Bill was old and tough.

And now in that hell of frightfulness
Where they never see the sun,
It is now being filled up
With the German and the Hun.
But all those brave old Sammies,
Will meet above the sun,
Where God will surely take them
When their work on earth is done.

Now a Closed Incident.

Editor Sentinel:—There has been some recent correspondence on the subject of Red Cross Christmas seals, through which we learn that there was a misunderstanding. The Marshfield committee who sold seals in Coquille last Christmas-tide acted with the approval of those at headquarters. It was hard lines for us—but everybody meant well, and there is no more to be said. F. E. E.

SO DECEPTIVE

Many Coquille People Fail to Realize the Seriousness.

Backache is so deceptive.
It comes and goes—keeps you guessing.
Learn the cause—then cure it.
Possibly it is weak kidneys.
That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective.

We present the following case as proof:

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One loaf saves 11,000,000 pounds; three loaves a week for a year means 1,716,000,000 pounds saved!

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Corn Bread with Rye Flour

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| 1 cup corn meal | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup rye flour | 1 cup milk |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | 1 egg |
| 5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder | 2 tablespoons shortening |

Barley flour or oat flour may be used instead of rye flour with equally good results. Mix dry ingredients into bowl; add milk, beaten egg and melted shortening. Stir well. Put into greased pan, allow to stand in warm place 30 to 25 minutes and bake in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

The March which came in like a lamb three weeks ago today may or may not go out like a lion on the Sunday our clocks have to be turned forward, but it has been of the roaring sort almost unanimously so far.

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known to man, the savings bank book is the one that will come in handiest in days of trouble. Get one of these books by opening an account with this bank. It doesn't take much to start an account and it will grow amazingly if you give it attention.

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You will be sending your friend more tobacco comfort and satisfaction in a pouch of Real Gravelly Plug than in a half a dozen plugs of ordinary tobacco. Real Gravelly is worth sending a long way. It is condensed quality.

Give any man a chew of Real Gravelly Plug, and he will tell you that's the kind to send. Send the best! Ordinary plug is false economy. It costs less per week to chew Real Gravelly, because a small chew of it lasts a long while.

If you smoke a pipe, slice Gravelly with your knife and add a little to your smoking tobacco. It will give flavor—improve your smoke.

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