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## TO GO BY POWERS

Railroad Connection Between There and Port Orford Is To Be Made.

The following from Wednesday's issue of the Marshfield Record seems to corroborate the opinion the Sentinel has so often expressed that when the coast line railroad to San Francisco is built it will run via Coquille and Powers. The Eden line mentioned will, of course, probably become part of another connecting link between the railroad through here and the main line of the Southern Pacific at Grants Pass—making a loop from the latter place around to Eugene by way of the Coquille Valley and Coos Bay.

The Smith-Powers company is making many improvements and doing much road building. A road under construction at the present time is that leading from Camp 9 to Salmon creek, a distance of nine miles. The men of this camp are all soldiers, with the exception of seven. Soldiers alone are working on the road. Two miles from camp there is being cut a tunnel 200 feet in length and farther on one measuring 600 feet. This road is built through rough country and the work is of an extremely heavy character and expensive accordingly. It is estimated by one of the builders it will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a mile. This road is now very close to the county line and it is intended to build the road through Curry county to Port Orford where the company will conduct logging operations. This is one of the most extensive extensions of operations yet undertaken by the company.

Another road is being started from Powers to Eden valley, this to be about 16 miles long and it is estimated more expensive than that to Port Orford, as there is heavier cutting to do. On this road 25 or 30 soldiers are working. It will be some time before the work is completed on the two roads now under construction, but the force of men has recently been enlarged and the work is being rushed as much as possible.

If any one can cite us to a case anywhere in the country that 300 and 600 foot tunnels have been built for logging railroad purposes solely, let him speak right out. The Smith-Powers Logging company are not likely to be making any such investments as are mentioned in permanent work without an understanding that the Southern Pacific will take the line over in due time.

## \$370,000 Taxes Collected.

Before April 5 the Tax collecting force at the Sheriff's office here had made out receipts for \$135,000 of the taxes of 1917, including some delinquent taxes paid at the same time with them. Since then, of the taxes paid on the 6th and those previously received by mail but not receipted for, receipts have been made for \$181,376. There still remain to be put on the books \$12,500 for the first half of the Southern Pacific taxes and \$31,144 for the first half of the C. A. Smith taxes, with some others which will run the amount up to somewhere between \$50,000 and \$60,000 yet to be receipted for.

These amounts aggregate about \$370,000 of taxes of 1917 already paid. The total taxes for last year were \$805,000 but about \$50,000 of the Southern Oregon taxes are in litigation. Aside from those, more than half of the taxes of 1917 have already been paid.

As illustrating how much better taxes are being paid this year than heretofore Mr. Geo. O. Leach, the cashier, says that last year two representatives of investors in tax titles came down here from Portland and made their pick from the delinquent tracts, going away with certificates to the amount of \$12,000. This spring a tax title man who came took all there was, without stopping to make selections, and carried away only \$2,700 in certificates.

## Uniforms to Arrive Next Week.

Word has been received from shippers of the Home Guard uniforms that they will arrive here some time next week. A part of the hat shipment is here now while the other half is in Seattle, due to a breakage of the shipping case.

## Canadians Coming Again.

Lieut. Robt. B. Kuykendall and P. L. Smith, the returned Canadian soldier, who passed through Coquille the first of the week on their way to Curry county, intend to return to Coquille either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week at which time Mr. Smith will address a public meeting in the interest of the Liberty Loan campaign. If the weather permits it will be an open air meeting, probably in the street alongside the Baxter hotel platform. Mr. Smith has a wonderfully interesting fund of information and experiences to relate of his three years in the great war, and everyone will be able to get new ideas as to the operations in France. Word has not yet been received as to the exact time of their return to Coquille.

## Col. Leader Next Friday.

Colonel Leader, the British army veteran, who was responsible for that bogaboo about 400,000 Germans from South America invading this coast, is to speak in Coquille on Friday of next week. He was in the fighting at the western front until retired on account of wounds and is now military instructor at the University of Oregon.

## NAMED FOR PRIMARY

The following is the list of candidates who have filed with the county clerk here either by petition or by deposit of money, as required by law, for the primary election to be held on May 17:

- Sheriff**  
Democrat—J. M. Thomas, North Bend; W. W. Gage, Coquille.  
Republican—Edwin P. Ellingsen, Coquille; Oliver E. Smith, North Bend; Geo. P. Laird, Bandon; Alfred A. Nicholls, Empire.
- County Commissioner**  
Republican—John Yoakam, Coquille; Geo. J. Armstrong, Bandon.
- County Clerk**  
Democrat—L. W. Oddy.  
Republican—F. C. Getty, Empire; John D. Connell, North Bend.
- Carnage**  
Republican—F. E. Wilson, Marshfield; Gilbert E. Anderson, North Bend.
- Commissioners Port of Coos Bay**  
Republican—Henry Sengstacken, Marshfield; A. O. Rogers, Marshfield; A. H. Powers, Marshfield; Harry J. Kimball Jr., Marshfield.
- Commissioners Port of Bandon**  
Democrat—T. P. Hanly, Lamps; O. A. Trowbridge, Bandon.
- Surveyor**  
Republican—C. S. McCulloch, Bandon; E. L. Robinson, Marshfield.
- Treasurer**  
Republican—T. M. Dimmick, Coquille.
- Commissioners Port of Coquille River**  
Democrat—T. D. Guerin, Myrtle Point.
- Republican—J. N. Gearhart, C. E. Huling and Ray B. Dement, all of Myrtle Point.

## Improvements at Cedar Point.

It looks like business down at Cedar Point now. The S. P. is spending a bunch of money there to make it a transfer station for down river points. The big high wharf there is being cut down eight or ten feet and a long spur from the east has just been built to run out on the dock at its new level. This will greatly facilitate the transfer of the lumber which comes up from the Bandon mills on barges to go out by rail. Of course, when the days get longer the down river boats will probably arrange their schedules for a transfer of mail and passengers at the Point, too, but we can't see very much danger of a rival town springing up there.

## Looks Like Camouflage.

The rumor that Major L. D. Kinney, who has been in the Salem hospital for the insane for years has recovered his reason, appears to be a bit of camouflage to beg the tax case on his old properties a little more, if possible. As the major, under no imaginable combination of circumstances can have a cent's worth of interest in these properties, how his restoration to sanity, gratifying as that would be to everyone, could affect in any way the order for the sale of these properties for taxes, ordered by the Circuit Court, is not clear.

Montville Flowers in one of his wonderfully appealing talks next Friday evening. Hear him at Hazlet Hall.

## GERMAN KULTUR ALMOST MURDER

A Canadian Soldier Gives Us Some Further Insight Into Its Workings.

"The righteous shall inherit the earth; Germany is now doing it." That is the view held by all Germans according to the talk made by Private P. L. Smith, of the 72nd Seafork Highlanders, of Canada, at the Ko-Keel Klub here Tuesday evening. They also find in the Bible other substantiation of their bombastic claims, and declare that Moses, who led the Children of Israel out of bondage was born in the Hartz mountains in Germany.

Mr. Smith and Lieut. Robt. B. Kuykendall, 547th Field Artillery located at Camp Lewis, came in Tuesday evening on their way to Curry county, where they will assist in the Liberty Loan campaign this week. They were met at the depot by L. H. Hazard, chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, and a squad of the Home Guard.

Mr. Smith was living in California when the war broke out; although his home was in Nanaimo, B. C. He immediately returned home and enlisted in the killed Highlander regiment and it is in this uniform that he is making a tour of Oregon in the interest of Liberty Bond campaign.

He saw 32 months' service, was in France over a year and was wounded at the battle of Vimy Ridge April 4, 1917. He was struck four times within 30 minutes by barage fire when the Canadians made those heroic and historic attacks which wrote their names high on the scroll of those England delights to honor. One piece of shrapnel tore a hole in his skull, another piece is still in his arm and his back and side were also struck.

For seven months he lay in an English hospital and last November was returned to Canada. On the third of March, last month, he was operated on at Victoria, B. C. This operation consisted in the removal of six inches of shin bone from his left leg, and the placing it at the crown of his head where it is serving the purpose of protecting the brain as well as did his skull originally. Such are the wonders of modern surgery by which many an unfortunate wreck, emerging from a hailstorm of lead and steel, as good as dead, has been brought back to life and health.

And after all he has been through Mr. Smith is a fine entertainer, with a vein of humor and a way of making every topic touched on interesting. He walks with a cane but the limp in his bone-robbed leg is slight.

April 4 he came into the United States and worked the first week of the drive in the Bend, Oregon, district campaign.

Lieut. Kuykendall assisted last week in the campaign at Klamath Falls.

A crowd of about 50 assembled in the Ko-Keel Klub rooms to hear Mr. Smith relate experiences of his year in France. How prone the German soldiers are at times to abandon their barbarous warfare is made known by the statement that quite often the Hun artillery dropped a barage behind their own advancing lines to insure that they wouldn't turn back. At some points the gunners were found chained to their machine guns to make certain they didn't run away.

"The Saxons are fed up on war," said Mr. Smith, "and I once saw a comical situation. A Canadian was bringing in four Saxon prisoners who carried a stretcher on which lay a wounded Canadian. One of the Saxons gave out, so the Canadian thrust his rifle into the enemy's hands, seized his place at the stretcher and thus arrived at the allied lines."

Mr. Smith declared that the stories of mutilation and violation of women and children of Belgium and France were all true. He also stated that the Huns, almost to a man, when captured, were suffering from venereal diseases. But the inoculation of Allied prisoners with typhoid and tubercular germs, which Fritz started to do at first, was soon stopped when it became known that reprisals were visited on the Kaiser's relatives and noblemen who had not escaped from England.

The Huns fear the Canadians and especially the "Ladies from Hell" as they nickname the killed Highlanders. As everyone knows the barbarians

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## E. Bargeron Shoots Frank Grant ---He Is Making Wonderful Recovery.

Frank Grant, shot through the lungs, liver and intestines by "Frenchy" Bargeron, is rapidly recovering at the Coquille Hospital here and Dr. Hamilton says that barring unexpected setbacks he will be out before long.

Just about dusk last Friday Grant saw Bargeron on the road and called to him. Bargeron ran and Grant after him. Coming up with "Frenchy" Grant slapped him and told him he must apologize to Mrs. Grant for slapping her some time ago. The trouble at that time arose over a pig of Mrs. Grant's which "Frenchy" was abusing, and when she tried to get the animal he struck her. Grant attempted to punish him by legal procedure but the slowness with which the law machinery moved caused him to take the matter into his own hands.

Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage brought both Bargeron and Grant to Coquille that evening and the following is Grant's story of the affair, made under oath to Justice of the Peace J. J. Stanley, which was thought at the time to be his dying statement:

After slapping "Frenchy" and demanding an apology which the latter refused to make, Grant knocked him down and while Bargeron tried to protect his head with his hands and arms, Grant rained such a shower of blows that the beaten man called for mercy and said he would apologize. Grant yanked him to his feet and they started for Grant's home. Mrs. Grant heard them coming and stepped outside. Grant made "Frenchy" get down on his knees to make the apology and then lifted him to his feet by the collar. Stepping around in front of Bargeron he threatened him with a more severe beating if he ever bothered Mrs. Grant again.

About that time the woman had stepped between the two men and while thus hidden "Frenchy" drew his revolver, a .32 calibre weapon, and reaching around Mrs. Grant fired point blank at Grant. The ball entered his body an inch and a half below the right nipple, glanced off the eleventh rib and ranging downward penetrated the lung, liver and intestines, lodging in the back.

Notwithstanding the shock Grant grappled with his assailant and after chewing "Frenchy's" ear nearly off finally secured possession of the weapon. It was a terrific struggle while it lasted, pummeling, gouging, biting, kicking, but it ended with the disarming of "Frenchy," although the latter claims to have given the gun to Mrs. Grant.

Bargeron claims that Grant hit him in the head with a rock near his store at Coaledo, before demanding the apology.

When Dr. Hamilton began to probe for the bullet he had no idea that Grant could live, but the man's wonderful vitality, which has stood him in good stead many times before, is helping him through. The bullet has not been located and may never be removed.

Bargeron's preliminary before Justice Stanley was held Wednesday morning, and he was bound over to the grand jury under \$2,000 bonds. The state called two witnesses, Dr. V. L. Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Grant, while the defense called none.

Bond in the amount named was immediately secured by the defendant, Fred Coleman, of Coaledo, C. T. Skeels, S. M. Noeler and Geo. T. Moulton, signing as sureties.

Neither of the principals in the affair has a reputation for being an entirely peaceable and law-abiding citizen, and threats of murder are reported to have been made some time ago by Bargeron.

According to Sheriff Gage, the state labor commission, about a year ago, threatened both Al Powers and Grant with prosecution if the latter was ever placed in charge of a Smith-Powers camp again, because of his brutal, bullying treatment of the men under him. He has since been running a donkey at Powers.

The County Court has contracted with Bert Baird to run the Coquille Ferry for \$200 a month, he to furnish all the force needed and also gasoline and repairs. This ferry is operated from 6 in the morning until midnight. The county furnishes the equipment.

## County Court Has Problem.

The County Court has quite a problem on its hands now. They built three drawbridges across the inlets north of the Bay on plans furnished by the State Highway commission and approved by the war department at Washington.

But Julius Larson has a dredge above the bridge on Larson Slough that won't go through and he is moving heaven and earth to compel the court to tear out those three draws and put in wider ones. He has even succeeded in getting George A. Zinn, a government engineer at Portland to write to Judge Watson threatening that the war department will withdraw its permit to locate a bridge there at all unless the draw is widened. There is really no reason why Larson's big dredge should go up above any of these bridges but he seems to be constitutionally a trouble maker, and paid no attention when the court notified him to get his dredge on the free side of the bridge before it was built. The matter will very likely have to be fought out in the courts, though the county court has offered to stand all the expense of getting Larson's big bucket dredge through the bridge into free water again.

## \$10,000 OPERA HOUSE HERE

This week C. A. Machon made an agreement with W. J. Longston by which the latter will superintend the construction of Coquille's new \$10,000 show house on a percentage basis. W. G. Chandler, of Marshfield, has prepared the plans and practically all the details are completed.

The building will be 40x100, built of hollow tile and pressed brick, with concrete foundation and probably concrete roof. The height of the structure above the street level will be 28 feet. The lobby will be 10 feet deep, while the stage, full width of the building will be 20 feet deep. The dressing rooms and the heating plant—hot water—will be located in the basement which will be about 14 feet under the whole building.

The roof will be trussed, permitting either concrete or tile as may be decided upon later.

Mr. Longston has his concrete mixer at Gardner's Garage here now and is ready to begin operations next Monday if the foundation materials, which have been ordered arrive. The hollow tile for the side walls and rear will be shipped from the Willamette valley. The front will be of pressed brick.

In an interview with Mr. Longston this morning he said that providing there were no delays in receiving material the building would be ready for occupancy in 60 days.

The balcony, on both sides and at the rear, and the main floor will seat 600 people. The chairs will be modern and comfortable. One hundred will be leather upholstered, 200 wicker and 300 regular opera chairs.

When this theater is completed Coquille will have as cozy and comfortable a playhouse as there is in the state and it will attract many show troupes which have found it impossible to come in heretofore because of inadequate facilities.

Three parties are seeking a lease on the new house, but Mr. Machon has closed with none of them as yet.

## The Eight Called for May 1.

Eight men are required from Coos county for the May 1st call and the following is the list of those who will go into service at that time as furnished the Sentinel by Miss. Eva Schroeder, secretary of the local board here. They will first be sent to Fort McDowell, California:

- 270—Wayne Norman Epperson, Myrtle Point.
- 282—Allen Thomas Roberts, North Bend.
- 290—Edgar P. Blundell, Bandon.
- 291—Clarence Marion Billings, Myrtle Point.
- 294—Carl Iver Beck, Marshfield.
- 295—Robert Sigismondi, Leneve.
- 297—Percy L. Roundtree, Lakeside.
- 315—Charles Glenn Colson, Powers.

Among the 30 men next in order on the Coos county list, whose names we published last week, as to be called for April 26, two were found who are engaged in emergency fleet construction and will therefore be skipped. They are Seth L. Selander, and Sylvester H. Neideigh, both of Marshfield. To take their places Wm. Rogers, of Marshfield, and Ernest Clifford, of Prosper, were next in line.

## MAY GET \$60,000

Coquille's Liberty Loan Subscription Is Growing Steadily Every Day.

Last Saturday Coquille went "over the top" on its \$40,000 quota for the Third Liberty Loan but the subscriptions have been coming in steadily since, and it is possible that the quota can be doubled.

The names of the subscribers and the amount taken at the Sitka Mill have not yet been turned in to the banks here, but Mr. Nikolai stated this noon that the amount would be \$5,000 and might be a little more than that.

So far there have been 483 subscribers for a total of \$45,600 worth of bonds. Many men in the district who are amply able to take bonds and have not done so will be solicited next week and if they refuse the committees will have no alternative but to turn their names into the federal authorities.

The following is the list of those taking bonds since our last report:

- Lee Goodman, \$50.
- Dora I. Kay, \$100.
- E. G. Kay, \$100.
- Jos. Saccomoni, \$50.
- J. E. Z. Fowle, \$100.
- Geo. V. Fowle, \$50.
- August Johnson, \$50.
- Sig Eckholm, \$50.
- Domnick Naimo, \$50.
- James Brown, \$50.
- David Liljeroth, \$100.
- Florence Cox, \$50.
- James Brown, \$50.
- Frances Saccomaino, \$50.
- Paul Boyd, \$100.
- L. A. Whereat, \$50.
- Fred Fitzky, \$50.
- Morril Jameson, \$50.
- W. J. Ferbrache, \$50.
- J. M. Hodge, \$50.
- Emma Kennedy, \$50.
- Otis A. Webster, \$50.
- Mrs. Julia A. Yoakam, \$50.
- F. R. Bullack, \$50.
- F. F. Bullack, \$50.
- E. E. Johnson, \$100.
- Phillip E. Johnson, \$100.
- I. S. Robison, \$100.
- J. H. McCloskey, \$50.
- Odis H. Beckam, \$50.
- Perry H. Brewer, \$100.
- J. F. Polley, \$50.
- Elma M. Roberts, \$100.
- A. E. Crouch, \$100.
- Eva M. Barrow, \$50.
- Carrie E. Crouch, \$50.
- Paul T. Ramsey, \$50.
- Geo. Geddis, \$50.
- Ray Peart, \$50.
- Frank Miller, \$50.
- Martin Clausen, \$200.
- C. C. Gardner, \$50.
- Walter A. Phelps, \$50.
- Mary M. Beckham, \$50.
- E. M. Beckham, \$50.
- Mary Mulvihill, \$200.
- Sarah McAdams, \$550.
- Frank P. Mergel, \$100.
- Geo. N. Goodrich, \$50.
- Mrs. Geo. N. Goodrich, \$50.
- Minnie B. Taylor, \$50.
- Jim Agostino, \$100.
- Anton Jacobson, \$50.
- H. L. Johnson, \$100.
- B. R. Kingsbury, \$100.
- Nellie McCracken, \$50.
- W. L. McCracken, \$50.
- Jas. H. Winters, \$100.
- Ralph A. Tuck, \$50.
- J. H. Sason, \$100.
- Thos. Coats, \$50.
- Adam Rice, \$100.
- H. F. McCracken, \$50.
- Sylvia B. McCracken, \$50.
- G. C. Wyant, \$50.
- Roy Neal, \$50.
- Mrs. Roy Neal, \$50.
- F. A. Baker, \$50.
- Even N. Harry, \$50.
- A. O. Westgate, \$50.
- G. W. Harry, \$50.
- Walter M. Laird, \$50.
- Perley Crowley, \$50.
- Jas. D. Laird, \$50.
- Marvel E. Skeels, \$50.
- Birdie E. Skeels, \$50.
- J. W. Cole, \$50.
- Lillian Catton, \$50.
- Alex H. Lowe, \$50.
- P. Colwell, \$50.
- R. C. Robison, \$50.
- J. W. Thurman, \$50.
- Mrs. Jas. K. Cavers, \$50.
- Wm. Richardson, \$50.
- Alice E. Almack, \$100.
- A. T. Boldon, \$50.
- R. H. Irvine, \$50.
- Ed Moeller, \$100.
- Mrs. Myrl Aber, \$50.
- Chas. A. Goodrich, \$50.
- Chas. E. Schroeder, \$200.
- Chas. H. Crouch, \$50.

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