

## TO START OCT. 22

### The New Johnson Mill To Begin Then With Its Old Forces of Fifty Men.

E. E. Johnson expects to have his new mill running here in ten days now. Monday, Oct. 22, is the day he has set for starting the machinery, and that will be four months and three days since the disastrous fire of June 25, which destroyed a mill that had been in operation here for 20 years.

The new mill is a substantial frame structure 45 feet in width and 200 feet in length, built of heavy timber and substantial enough to house much heavier machinery than is to be used at the start. The old boilers will be housed in a separate building at the northeast corner of the main building, they not having been moved. The roof of that building has a considerable pitch and has a very different and more business like appearance than that of the rambling old structure that was burned.

The mill is not yet fully equipped, lacking a ream, but it will begin with a complement of 50 hands, and will run two shifts. Mr. Johnson says he expects to have most of the old force who were working there before the fire, and have since been finding employment at various places. When fully equipped the new mill will have a capacity of 75,000 feet with one shift. At present with the two shifts it will cut 25,000 feet or more per shift. With a ream it would be possible to cut 50,000 feet with the one shift at such.

For the present this mill will run principally on cedar, for which Mr. Johnson has secured large contracts just prior to the fire.

The investment made in new material, machinery and buildings and the repair of the boiler and engine is about \$25,000. The value of the entire property including the site and what was salvaged from the former equipment in the house mentioned, the spruce, etc., valued at the mill property up to the value of the site now \$50,000.

The Sentinel is sure it is voicing the universal sentiment of his townsmen in congratulating Mr. Johnson on the grit and energy, the foresight and confidence in the future he has displayed in so speedily replacing the mill destroyed last June, in doing so so substantially and in thus laying the foundation for so superior a plant.

Mr. Johnson says that while business is good now and will doubtless remain so while the war lasts he does not anticipate that it will continue at such high pressure during the transition period after the war ends. The demand that is sure to come for the rebuilding of the waste places, and which will probably last for years, can hardly be expected to begin, once the roar of cannon has been hushed as it will take time to organize for peace as it did for war and the financing of the reconstruction of Belgium and northern France will necessarily be a protracted undertaking.

Certainly Coquille people have seldom heard as welcome a sound as the whistle of the Johnson mill will be when little over a week hence it calls the old force back to work with a new end triumphant note.

### Will Go Out Next Week.

Two more calls have been made for men to report to the local military board here within 5 days of Oct. 21. The following are to go out to Fort McArthur, near San Diego: George Quall, North Bend. Henry R. Handshildt, Marshfield. Frank Will Hubler, North Bend. McKinley Morley, Powers. Stacy Edward Ward, Myrtle Point. Coy Smith, Marshfield. Gilbert Schriener, Myrtle Point. Gus Carlson, Lakeview.

The following will go to Fort Stevens near Astoria: Vard Vivian Young, Two-Mile. Robert McGourty, Riverton. Navy Ernest Hatcher, Coquille. Gilbert Bogard, Lampa. Chauncey Edward Carpenter, Gold Beach. Frank Ward, Allegany. Thomas Frederick Strember, Proser. Daniel David Turpin, Marshfield.

The County Teachers' institute, which was to have been held in North Bend on Oct. 25, 24, 25 has been indefinitely postponed on orders of County Health Officer Richmond.

### The Latest War Bulletin.

The latest war bulletin following the latest news is as follows:

The British took 4,000 prisoners in the last German offensive against the British.

The British have captured Senones and also Valenciennes, the only remaining port on their coast in the hands of the Germans, which puts an end to the U-boat business there.

There have been demonstrations in German cities inspired by the Socialists, with the crowds singing the Marseillaise; the French national anthem. People were killed during these demonstrations.

The obsolete statements of peace conditions are no longer permitted to be distributed among the German soldiers at the front.

Emperor Charles of Austria, has relinquished a receipt, changing the form of the order of the governments forming the Austrian empire, but declaring there will be separate conditions for Trieste and the adjoining territory claimed by Italy.

### Many Are Asking Question.

Mrs. Upton, from the Bessie Society at Portland, was on my streets Wednesday with a couple of little girls just beyond the kindergarten age under her wing. She says that when she comes down, there are some men who faithfully begin to ask, "Look, is it?"

## SOME TAX FIGURES

We mentioned last week the receipt of \$250,000 in taxes at the Sheriff's office here for which receipts were issued bearing date Oct. 5. This included not only the taxes for 1917 but also all taxes for previous years paid at the same time. Archie Walker of the tax collection department now informs us that the amount so far paid on the annual half of the taxes of 1917 amounts to \$220,000, and that the total amount as yet paid on the 1917 taxes in Coos county is in round numbers \$200,000. Out of a total of \$300,000 this leaves \$100,000 yet to collect.

The two items of the Elmer taxes and the Southern Oregon taxes, which are yet uncollected, and the latter of which is expected to be paid by the United States government, account for about one-half of this or some \$70,000, while the Southern Pacific is also in arrears for a large amount. In the first place the tax department of that road wanted to pay its taxes, less the special taxes in a number of road districts which it protested. The collector would not receive a payment of that kind cutting out taxes that every one else was paying and so the matter went over. When it was decided by the courts that the special road taxes were valid the railroad people came around again and wanted to pay their taxes, less the penalty which had already attached. They could not be permitted to do this, either, and so one per cent a month is running against their unpaid taxes of 1917.

Of the \$220,000 already collected for the last half of the 1917 taxes the county's share is \$129,900.

### A War Department Rule.

"No crowds are allowed to gather in the lobby of this office. By order of the War Department." That is the legend that has confronted every one who has entered the outer court of the postoffice here since last Monday morning; and it has been wonderfully well observed, too, considering what a trying place it had become for young people of both sexes, and how crowded it had been every evening for a year and a half, or since the present train schedule has been in effect. Even when it rained there were little groups out on the sidewalk in lee of the buildings on the south side of the street, but it has been only when some one unfamiliar with the rule entered, that as many as three people could be seen foregathered where there used to be scores. The measures taken to obviate the "fu" have been drastic, but they have been observed with the utmost good nature.

### Judge Belt on the Bench.

Judge Coka is holding court in Portland now and Judge Harry Belt, of Dallas, is here holding court for him today. It is an adjourned session of the June term and the day has been devoted to hearing motions. The report of the grand jury did not come in early enough for us to get it for the Sentinel today.

## CAUCUS TUESDAY STRIKES A SNAG

### Starting Them by Nominating Candidates for Mayor, Recorder and Councilman.

Next Tuesday evening is the date for holding the city caucuses to nominate city officials for the coming two years, and while the war is the all-absorbing thought in the minds of every one, we must not neglect our city affairs. The period following the end of the great conflict will witness many transformations and Coquille has several problems of vital importance to her welfare, which it will take good business heads to solve.

Among these are the bridge, the water system and the improvement of Hill street and two blocks on First street.

For mayor, the present incumbent, E. E. Johnson, has said that while he did not want the office again, he would not refuse it if no one else could be found willing to run. J. H. Norton has also been mentioned as a possible candidate but he pleads the weight of various other public duties, such as the port commission, commercial club, and war activities, as sufficient reason for his remaining out of the city government.

For recorder we have heard no one mentioned except J. S. Lawrence and his nomination should be unanimous. His excellent qualifications are well known to every voter.

For councilmen there are several who have been mentioned who might be persuaded to take up the burden. They are A. T. Morrison, C. F. Skelton, W. H. Lyons, C. J. Fulkerson, J. A. Lamb and E. H. Mass. The first three were members of council when the writer came to Coquille and it has never been our privilege to report the activities of a more earnest and efficient aldermanic body than that was. Of the three councilmen whose terms expire—W. H. Mansell, Henry Linton and C. W. Gardner—we are undecided as to whether they would accept a re-nomination, although Mr. Mansell is reported to have said he would not serve again.

Every citizen should take an interest in and attend the caucus next Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the city hall.

### Puts Lid on Tight Monday.

The lid went on here quick and hard last Monday morning when Dr. Jan. Richmond, county health officer, issued orders that all public gatherings must cease on account of the prevalence of Spanish influenza here and throughout the county. This affects all churches, schools, moving picture houses, dances, pool halls, Red Cross meetings, sewing societies, commercial clubs and, we suppose, even tea parties, and every sort of miscellaneous gathering. The orders came from the Surgeon General of the United States through the state board of health and were received by Mayor Johnson as well as Dr. Richmond.

Everybody has complied very cheerfully, but in view of the comparatively light form of the disease in most of the cases in this state and speedy subsidence of the epidemic it is hoped that the ban will soon be lifted.

Although there were 260 cases at the State University at Eugene and nearly 300 at O. A. C., there have been at this writing no deaths reported in either institution. Indeed, most of the cases in this county are of the nature of a light cold or mild attack of grip and hardly come under the definitions of the Spanish influenza.

### Better Cash Than Warrant.

County Treasurer Dimmick says there are lots of people who are holding old county warrants that have been called and no longer bear interest. The amount of called warrants that have not yet been presented for redemption is between \$25,000 and \$50,000; and some of the holders are bound to make a kick when they find that they have held them months beyond the time they ceased to bear interest.

Referring to the fact that \$229,000 has recently been collected on the last half of the taxes of 1917, Mr. Dimmick says he will have \$31,000 of state taxes and about \$129,000 of school and road district warrants to pay out of that total before he begins to pay county warrants from it. He thinks, however, he will be able to make more calls for warrants before the close of the present year.

### Call on us for Stationery.

### The Proposal to Recall Commissioner Archie Phillip is Looking Bady.

Judge John P. Hall this morning furnished the following opinion to County Clerk L. W. Oddy in answer to a request for an opinion in regard to matters in connection with the proposed recall of Commissioner Archie Phillip:

"Replying to yours of the 18th inst., in regard to the recall petition of Archie Phillip, county commissioner, will say that if it is the intention of the parties to file more petitions against the same party, you cannot consider them as a whole. In my opinion they cannot file a part of a petition one day and a part another. They should all be contained in one petition and filed at one time.

"Section 18, Article 2 of the Constitution of Oregon, provides that: 'Every public officer in Oregon is subject, as herein provided, to recall by the legal voters of the state or of the electoral district of which he is elected. There may be required twenty-five per cent, but not more, of the number of electors who voted in his district at the preceding election for justice of the supreme court to file their petition demanding his recall by the people. They shall set forth in said petition the reasons for said demand. If he shall offer his resignation it shall be accepted and take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled as may be provided by law, if he shall not resign within five days after the petition is filed, a special election shall be ordered to be held within twenty days.'

"My opinion is that the election shall be within 30 days after the five days for resignation shall expire.

"As to the number of days' notice the clerk must give prior to calling the special election, the statute is silent. I would say, however, that at least five days' notice must be given. The law provides that the election must be called within twenty days. Section 18 of the constitution provides the manner of nomination etc. It does not come under the general law.

"As to checking the signatures, will say it is not necessary that the names of all the voters be on the registration list if you have satisfactory proof that the petitioners who signed the petition are bona fide residents of the county and entitled to vote. Will say, however, that in my opinion there should be affidavits made by one or more persons to the effect that each and all of the signatures on the petition are genuine and that they are legal voters in the county. I would so advise the parties who caused the petition to be filed that before any action can be taken that it is necessary that these affidavits be attached to the petition."

### Curse of Answered Prayer.

The new train schedule on the branch line from Eugene down to Powers, which we outlined last week, doesn't suit the Bay people a bit, and they now wish they hadn't started that talk about a night train. Indeed, they are getting petitions signed, requesting that the present time table remain undisturbed. Whether that will avail to prevent the new plan for conservation of labor and fuel worked out by General Passenger Agent J. M. Scott remains to be seen.

## FINE CORN FOR THE SHOW

During the past week J. L. Smith, county agriculturist, has been trying to see whether it would be possible to have a corn show this fall by getting samples of this ear's corn crop wherever he could find them and he already has a surprising display on exhibition at his office—big, fine, well-matured ears of a good many different varieties, all of which would make fine exhibits at a corn show. Mr. Smith would like to have every farmer who comes to town look these samples over and see if he hasn't something to add to them. There are twenty odd samples there of six to a dozen ears each, many of which are being tried out in Coos county for the first time. The Yellow Raspberry Dent is the most remarkable of these.

That big deep red bunch of pop corn struck us as just the thing for a corn show, where red ears with all that they promise are always at a premium.

Notwithstanding the extremely dry year Mr. Smith has a stalk 15 feet high from the field of A. Kurta at Bencroft.

He found David Baker running a sorghum mill and getting out long sweeteners the other day, and says that W. A. Fish and William Lett above Bridge both have fine patches of it.

E. H. Harnden has grown sample patches of flax, buckwheat and millet on his Fat Elk farm this season, which have all given encouraging results.

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### Still Want Their Valuation Cut.

Some of the big landholders in Marshfield have appealed to the Circuit Court against the heavy increase in the valuation of their lots in the business center of that city. While the board of equalization cut the assessments on buildings on these properties, as well as others, 20 per cent, they made no change in the lot figures and the raise was so large that the W. S. Chandler Investment company, the Coos Bay Hotel company, Colonel William Grimes and D. T. Flynn have pooled their issues to contest the assessment.

### Order Numbers Assigned.

Mr. Beyers, of the local board, informs us that the big job of assigning the order numbers for the men registered last month has been completed and cards will be mailed out next week to the 1260 men in Coos county in that registration who were between 18 and 21 and between 22 and 37.

Just three months ago today the Allies began their counter offensive on the western front and the American troops got into the war good and plenty. Everything General Foch has done since has been offensive to the Huns, and they have fully decided they want to quit the game as he plays it.

The war isn't over, but the possibility that it may stop any hour now is making us all hold our breath.

Archie Phillip, who was over here this morning watching the proceedings says that he would like nothing better than to have the matter of his recall decided by the voters of the county at the November election, but he fears that it will be impossible to have it brought to an issue then in view of the character of the petitions filed and the carelessness with which signatures were secured.

## CUTTING SPRUCE

### Talk With Captain Cox in Charge of Soldier Loggers near Beaver Hill.

Last Monday the Sentinel had a call from Captain Cox, who is in command of the soldier loggers and railroad builders who have just been sent to Beaver Hill section to make railroad connections and open new logging camps there. There were 179 men in the company at that date and Camp No. 3 had recently been opened away west of the Collogue Camp and high up on the hill beyond it and some distance southwest of Preuss.

The Captain talked very interestingly about spruce production here and the ways in which it was being found possible to utilize a larger and larger per cent of the timber by careful cutting. Indeed, he states that where the average aeroplane stock at the start was only 13 per cent of the product, that by selecting only the best trees it has been found possible to utilize 60 per cent of the timber cut.

So in the mills, with increased experience and better facilities the amount of cut up lumber ready for the aeroplane factory has increased at an almost unbelievable rate. He says the average product of the Vancouver mill is now 1,100,000 feet per day where 800,000 feet used to be considered a wonderful day's work. The r. w. material used at that plant now amounts to 85 carloads a day. The quality of the spruce product that has passed inspection and been sent out by the mills of the Pacific northwest is attested by the fact that from neither of the three nations we have been supplying with this stock—England, France and Italy—has there ever come a single complaint in regard to what we have sent them. And how much we have sent overseas can best be understood by his statement that all three of them have received what they deem sufficient to supply them to the end of the war, with the single exception of a small quantity of the 60 feet lengths.

Rivod spruce he says is only used at the start, the mills now cutting as nearly with the grain as it could be split.

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### Port Orford Cedar is Also Being Used

in considerable quantity for aeroplane construction, its only drawback being its slightly greater weight.

Of the planes themselves the Captain was quite enthusiastic about a new bombing plane whose manufacture has been recently begun. It has engines of 1700 horse power and is capable of a sustained flight of 1500 miles. It carries two tons of bombs, eight men, four machine guns, with abundance of ammunition and fuel and supplies for a flight of that distance. As to just what would happen if the war should be suddenly brought to a close Captain Cox said that all government work in the spruce camps and mills would instantly cease—and it was to learn the latest news from Europe that he came in.

But there is no doubt that the conquest of the air and the use of airships for carrying passengers and freight has been advanced many years by what has been done along that line in the prosecution of the war—perhaps a half a century as some observers believe.

### In Jail Here Now.

Henry Royer, a Bandon man, 79 years of age, was brought up here Wednesday and examined as to his sanity. He was ordered committed to the hospital at Salem, and will go out as soon as a guard comes for him from that institution. He slipped away from the officer here on his way up to the court house and got down to Willard street before he was apprehended again.

Fay R. Smith, a man 33 years of age, was brought over here a couple of days ago by Constable Goodman, of Marshfield, on a charge of violation of the espionage act, and held for the U. S. Marshal at Portland. He has been in jail before.

### The Summary in 10 Days.

The Assessor's force is busy now in making out the tax rolls and it is expected to have the general summary completed within ten days and we will then learn just how much the valuation has been increased over last year and get the totals for all kinds of property.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.00.