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## THANKSGIVING

### President Wilson's Proclamation —Many Reasons to Give Thanks

By the President of the United States of America.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

"It has long been our custom to turn in the Autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a Nation. This year we have special and moving causes to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in his good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigues among the nations.

"Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by another purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their Nation in serving mankind. God has, indeed, been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our National history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

"While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek divine guidance in the performance of these duties and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all that we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must insist to build the new structure of peace and good will among nations.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 28th day of November, next as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to come upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the 143d."

"WOODROW WILSON,"  
"By the President,"  
"Robert Lansing, Secretary of State."

### Mayor's Proclamation

The president of the United States having named Thursday, Nov. 28, as the date for our annual Thanksgiving, as Mayor of the City of Coquille, I bespeak a general observance of that day as one of thanksgiving and prayer by all our people, and request that all business houses be closed on that day. Certainly the American people have never before had greater reason to thank the Author and Preserver of our lives for His infinite and boundless mercies. Not only have we been blessed with abundant crops and general prosperity at home, but a complete victory has been vouchsafed to our army and those of our allies in Europe, which puts an end to the war and gives ample grounds for confidence that the world has been made safe for self governing peoples, great and small, and that the fear of future wars will no longer becloud the nations.

In view of these boundless blessings it is fitting that we humbly and reverently acknowledge our indebtedness to Almighty God and thank Him with grateful and overflowing hearts for his manifold mercies, while we ask that His face may continue to shine upon us.

Given under my hand at the city of Coquille this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1918.

President Wilson has signed the bill which provides for national prohibition after July 1, 1919, and until the demobilization of our armies is completed. That will unquestionably run the time into the year 1920, and by that time there seems to be little doubt that the national prohibition amendment will have been adopted.

### M. G. Fuld Retires

From the San Francisco Chronicle we learn that our old friend, M. G. Fuld, who came to this section as a member of the Baltimore colony in 1892, and is its oldest living member, being along in the eighties, has been arrested and interned as a German spy. It is charged that he has been in the employ of the German government for 40 years. He left Coos county about the time this country got into the war and went down to Southern California. From Los Angeles he wrote some letters to us that were published in the Sentinel. At one time early in the war he claimed to have 37 nephews in the German army. We are sorry the old man couldn't be true to the country of his adoption; but it is evident that from this time on German propaganda will be at a discount and German spies out of a job.

### Mill Starts Tomorrow

After several delays this week due to various causes, the E. E. Johnson mill will start tomorrow morning on a cedar contract which will probably keep the mill running for several weeks, although it is not probable that the double shift will be started at once.

## COQUILLE IS IN ARREARS

The United War Work campaign is still lagging in the Coquille district. Of the \$2546 quota assigned, but \$1768.90 has yet been turned in. Of course, Coquille, which has gone over the top in every patriotic enterprise since our country engaged in war isn't going to be a slacker on this; but just what means will be taken to put it over we are as yet unable to say.

Not all the city committees have yet reported, but \$500 more is expected from Coquille and \$800 from Astoria, Riverport and McKinley, which have not yet been heard from. Let's get busy and finish this drive up as we have everything else along this line.

The following are the totals for the various localities in this district:

Coquille City	\$1043.50
Brewster Valley	61.00
Exonville	15.00
Flahtrop	96.50
Johnson Mill Dist.	30.00
Roy District	112.25
Fat Elk	44.00
Beaver Hill (Incomplete)	48.50
Condele	18.50
Cunningham	48.50
Dora	30.00
Conlogue's Camp	126.00
Fairview	100.00
Total	\$1768.90

### May Be Two Years or More

In one of our wars demobilization has required two years and four months, but in none of them were there ever so many men enlisted as in this. While the majority of our boys will probably get home within the coming six months, some of them will very likely be under arms when 1921 arrives.

### Wood Wanted at Liberty Temple

Yesterday Chas. Ross built the fire at the Liberty Temple and this morning the stove donated by L. H. Hazard was set up so that it is now possible to have the room warmed, as soon as some one donates a load of wood. The Red Cross is waiting to see who will be the first to make such a donation.

### Germany's Horrible Brutalities

While Germany is whining for favors from the allies, British prisoners are said to be arriving at the western front who have been mutilated. It is hard to refrain from advising reprisals in such cases, but we can't afford to descend to the Hun level of savagery.

## SHORT OF HANDS POSTPONES CASE

### That Is The Fix The Sitts Mill Will Be In When The Soldiers Leave.

The first of this week the Sitts Spruce Co. officials definitely decided to operate the mill on the two-shift basis and as soon as the repairs to progress are completed, will begin active operations again. It is expected that these repairs and improvements will be finished so that cutting can be resumed the first of the week.

With the departure of the soldiers, more civilian help will be required. This will mean that labor must be imported. And with practically every house in town occupied the question of housing the newcomers will be a live one.

Mr. Wernich went up to Portland the first of the week to see if arrangements could be made for the Spruce Squadron to remain here for a month or two until additional help could be secured, but the officers in charge here do not anticipate that the men will remain after December first.

The operation of both mills here on a two-shift basis will mean a great deal to Coquille's prosperity and will assure a continuance of the good times prevailing for the past year.

Besides there are other ventures contemplated which will make for the best times this valley has ever experienced.

### Some Honor Guard Notes.

The Honor Guard girls have shipped out 377 pounds of fruit pits for charcoal for gas masks, before they learned that the Germans had gone out of the gas business.

They have also sent ten layettes to New York headquarters for the Belgian and French babies, the material for which cost the girls over \$140. The acts were very complete, including blankets, woolen shirts etc. Those who saw these garments displayed in the store windows a short time ago realize the work they required and the time spent by the girls and more particularly by their instructors, Mesdames Branstetter and Harnden, who did much of the finishing work after the ban prevented the girls from meeting for that purpose.

The girls have also decided to hold a dance on Saturday, Dec. 7, if the ban has been lifted by that time. They still have patriotic activities in contemplation which will require considerable additional funds.

### Don't Do It Any More.

The Coos and Curry Telephone company have been a good deal bothered lately by the acts of hunters and children in damaging their insulators, the glass carrying the wires at the poles and preventing the current from leaking. The people who have shot at these glass insulators and broken them probably did not think of doing malicious mischief and may have only been thoughtless, but they will do well to abandon such pastimes in the future. Superintendent Gates says that they are going to protect their property to the full extent of the law—and now that the telephone systems of the country have been taken over by the government the penalty for such depredations runs as high as 30 years in the penitentiary. Uncle Sam stands no foolishness.

### The Trip Proved Futile.

County Clerk Oddy went up to Portland with some records Tuesday, as a witness in the Kinney tax case set for hearing in Judge Wolverton's court on Wednesday. As it transpired, however, the court had under hearing the case of Dr. Marie Equi and another I. W. W. espionage case, which being criminal matters had the right of way; and so the Kinney case was reset for January 6 and Mr. Oddy returned yesterday.

### New Time Table Not Ready

There have been rumors that a new time table would go into effect on the Southern Pacific at an early day which would schedule our out-going mail train at about 8:30 a. m. and the incoming one about 3:30 p. m. While it seems probable that this change will be made the date will more likely be Sunday, Dec. 1, than sooner. The people at the depot have as yet received nothing official in regard to a change.

Call on us for Stationery.

### Judge Wolverton Sets January 6 For Kinney Tax Hearing

Former County Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist returned last night from Portland, where he had gone to try the Kinney tax case begun in the Federal court to hold up the sale of the Kinney properties for taxes due the county. Judge Wolverton had criminal cases on hand that could not be put off, and while the case might have been heard by Judge Bean, as all the previous proceedings in relation to it had been before Judge Wolverton, Mr. Liljeqvist deemed it best to have the case reset for future hearing and the date set was January 6.

One of the attorneys for the Kinney interest was asked by Judge Wolverton what the issue involved in the proceedings and replied that it merely covered the validity of all the tax foreclosure and tax sale proceedings in Coos county for about fifteen years, and the proper interpretations of the tax laws of Oregon. The judge said this was a fairly broad proposition.

Mr. Liljeqvist feels reasonably certain that the decision of this case when it comes to a hearing will be in the county's favor, but even so there will be six months in which to take an appeal to the Federal Court of Appeals.

So at the very best next year will be growing old before the order for the sale of the Kinney properties for taxes can go into effect. However, the county, which is entitled to 12 per cent annual interest while these proceedings are drawn out at interminable length will not be the goat. Although in the case of some lots it may be that they will not bring enough to pay taxes and costs, most of the tracts will, and the county treasury will be a long way to the good when these matters are closed up. The repeal of the June 1st sale law for taxes by the last legislature enables the county to bid any tract in for the amount of its claim, and then hold the property until it can be disposed of most advantageously. "It's a long road to Tipperary but we are on our way."

### Dr. Hamilton Buys a Site.

Dr. V. L. Hamilton a couple of days ago bought of Wm. A. Foote a lot on the east side of Hall street nearly opposite the hospital for \$350, which is far less than its actual value. The doctor buys it intending to remove the present hospital building to that location when he gets ready to erect the concrete building, for which he has plans drawn, on the present site of the hospital at the corner of Hall and First streets. This building will be inferior to none in the city and will have one or more large store rooms on the first floor while the stories above will be devoted to hospital purposes. The doctor is enthusiastic as to the future of Coquille and intends to prove his faith by his works.

### Ocean Trips In Vogue Again

People who prefer the ocean trip to San Francisco will soon be able to take it again. The Pacific Steamship company announces that the S. S. Aurelia will be on the Portland, Coos Bay, Eureka, San Francisco run after Dec. 1, making trips every two weeks. Every day things are getting back nearer to normal, since the war had ended.

### Lamp Still Holds Out to Burn

Everybody, who hasn't had an opportunity to donate to the war charities, can find one at the First National Bank or at his office. We need \$700 more to make up our quota and all who can should chip in. Haven't you at least a dollar to keep our boys in good spirits during one month's duty they may have to spend doing police duty in Europe?

### Will Be Expensive Bonfire

The most expensive bonfire ever recorded is soon to be set at Shanghai, China, where \$14,000,000 worth of opium is to be burned. In order to prevent its use the Chinese government has purchased that amount from foreign merchants there, and everybody will be invited to come and see the big blaze it will make.

Even the kiddies will be glad to see school begin again on Monday week.

### See That Blue Cross?

Adjacent to the label of all subscribers whose subscriptions will expire Dec. 1, 1918—or Dec. '19 as they are marked—there appears this week a blue cross. Prompt renewals will save us time and labor and will be greatly appreciated by the publisher. Almost every day we are still restoring to the list names dropped October 1.

### Times Extended for Packages.

Extension of time for mailing of Christmas packages for the men overseas has been granted, according to an official notice which has reached the Christmas package committee of the local Red Cross, and November 30 is the last date on which the boxes may be sent.

For the benefit of those who have not received the coupons from the men overseas and know that the coupon was coming to them, there will be issued after November 21, duplicate coupons. An affidavit must be made, however, when the duplicate coupon is obtained.

From now on until Saturday, Nov. 30, the Red Cross rooms in Coquille will be open from 2:30 to 4:00 p. m. to take charge of the wrapping and mailing of soldiers' Christmas packages, all of which must pass through their hands.

## PUBLIC SERVICE HEARINGS

To examine matters appealed to the state public service commission, two members of the commission, Frank Miller and Fred Buchtel were expected last night from Salem and will hold hearings today and tomorrow, says the Record.

The County Court has asked that the railroad pay half of the expense of removing the bents from the Liberty railroad bridge at Bunker Hill and putting in a span. The cost of the work would be about \$350, half of which the railroad refuses to pay, having leased the span to Mr. Doll, who also refuses to stand half share of the expense.

A hearing will also be held on the Overland bridge. The cost of this structure was \$9,000, the Southern Pacific company is by law required to pay half of this amount. The company has offered \$3,000 and refuses to pay more.

County Commissioner Archie Philip will take the commissioners to the bridge tomorrow that they may get first hand knowledge of the matter.

A controversy over the new rates of the Mountain States Power company for juice is the incentive for another hearing, and one will be held to settle some appeals of the Coos and Curry Telephone company.

### Probably Lift Ban Dec. 1

While the epidemic of Spanish influenza is diminishing here the city officials do not deem it wise in view of the new cases yet developing to immediately lift the ban, and the school officials are likewise agreed that the schools should remain closed for another week.

So unless conditions should meantime take an unexpected and improbable turn for the worse, the ban will be lifted, says Mayor Johnson, on Sunday, Dec. 1, the churches being permitted to hold services on that day and the schools and all other assemblages on Monday, Dec. 2.

### Takes Picture of Spruce Division

J. H. Stauden came over from Marshfield Tuesday to take pictures of the Spruce division at the Sitts mill here, who are daily expecting notice to entrain for demobilization. Indeed Mr. Hurley says they dare not leave their wash at the laundry any more, for fear orders will come late some evening to take the train at 6 o'clock the following morning.

Lieutenant Brown states, however, that he expects the men of the spruce division to remain here until the first of December.

### Any Old Reason Goes.

It would be ludicrous if it were not so giggardly, the reasons advanced by some well-to-do men for refusing to contribute to the Associated War Charities drive. That there are so many worthy causes solicited for in one fund, or that previous donations exempt anyone from contributing now that the fighting has stopped are merely excuses for parsimoniousness. The slackers will be remembered for years to come.

## THE FIRE GONGS

### The Council Proposes to Install Three of Them in The City

Whether to permit the telephone company to install three fire gongs in the business section of the city, by which the police can be quickly summoned and notified of a fire, was the main topic of the gabfest by the council Monday evening.

About two months ago Councilman Gardner was authorized by the council to purchase three gongs but later advice from the telephone company were that they would purchase the gongs, install them and operate them for \$2.25 each per month. This was necessitated by rulings of the Public Service Commission. For an additional 75 cents per month the company would maintain a waterproof telephone at each gong.

The principal objection was that after 11 o'clock at night it was so nearly impossible to arouse central that a fire might burn itself out before the alarm was sounded. Councilman Mansell also advocated, as soon as possible, an electric connection by which the fire bell could be operated similar to the fire alarm systems of large cities.

The proposed points of location for the gongs are the city hall, Fuhrman's corner, and the Busy Corner; and the matter was left with Mr. Gardner to have them installed. They will be operated and paid for as long as the service is satisfactory.

A broken sewer pipe from the Busy Corner building, which has been considerable of a nuisance was left to the building inspector to handle, but inasmuch as the fault was in the street and beyond the property line, the owner of the building was not responsible. Wednesday Marshal Miller made repairs and all is serene again on the street leading down to the wheel.

Another subject of lengthy debate was the condition which causes the maledoracious scents on First street. What to do to abate the nuisance was beyond the ken of their city fathers, but it is possible a new ordinance will be drafted to cover the case.

### Veterinarian Locates Here.

Dr. C. M. Saxby, a graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary College, and with 20 years' practice in his line, came in from Illinois this week, accompanied by Mrs. Saxby, and has decided to locate in Coquille. He will open an office as soon as he can secure quarters. Dr. Saxby's specialty is cows and he has taken care of the large herds of such men as Gov. Lowden, of Illinois, and the Cudahy herds near Kansas City. He comes highly recommended, one of his recommendations being written by ex-Gov. Hodges, of Kansas, who frequently employed the doctor's services for his stock.

### Now and Twenty Years Ago

M. O. Hooton has built a fireplace at the W. B. Bunch place above McKinley this week. He says he built one for Mr. Bunch in the same neighborhood just 21 years ago, but getting out there was a different matter than from what it is now. This time he went out in a car but then he rode a pony over the mountain and through the mud and was well nigh frozen when he arrived there long after dark. The big sandstone slabs he used in that first fireplace, though, a foot in thickness, still remain intact, never having chipped a particle.

### Flu Affects Business

If it hadn't been for the Flu ban the Sentinel would have been an eight page paper this week. Since the government regulations went into effect October 1, we have cut down our consumption of paper nearly one-third, and fully complied with the requirements of the War Industries board.

### Taken To Bullards For Burial

The body of Miss Minnie Ner, the Indian girl, who died Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Fred Aasen, a relative, on North Front street, was shipped to her home near Bullards yesterday, accompanied by the parents. Funeral services were held there today.—Record.

It is most welcome to our people to hear the Johnson mill whistle again albeit it is a little more shrill than it used to be.