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\$1.50 THE YEAR.

A BUNCO ARTIST

He Is Arrested at Gold Beach and Brought to Coquille and Jailed

Last Saturday Bob Leach, the North Bend constable, brought Archie B. Arnold, as he calls himself up from Gold Beach and placed him in all here. He was arrested on a warrant charging him with obtaining goods under false pretences. He bought an auto of Milas Richardson at North Bend and paid for it with a check in a Marshfield bank in which he had no money. Then he started south but was stopped at Gold Beach by Sheriff Tolman on a message from the sheriff's office here. He had already given another bogus check there and was just about to write a third one when the officer took him in custody. He put up a bold front and talked very loudly about the damages he was owing to get from the men who had stopped him, boasting that he had \$2,000 in the bank at Marshfield, and denying that he had any right to arrest him without a warrant. Indeed, his assertions of his innocence were so strong that it seemed to be a question whether he would be hid or not, until the constable arrived with a warrant for him. Then he subsided and became meek as a lamb. The officers here he puts up a sympathy talk, attributing his troubles to anything except himself, claiming that everything was against him and that he never had a fair show in this world. It is an old saying that "no rogue e'er felt the halter draw with a good opinion of the law," and the tendency of men is to excuse themselves for their crimes, no matter how glaring. It's an old story with the officers, for they hear it in a thousand different forms. It is always somebody else or something he couldn't help that makes him go wrong to hear the man who has been caught tell it.

It is to be hoped that Arnold, who is also known as "McNair," won't slip through the meshes of the law as so many criminals have been doing in Coos county lately. He claims to be a Coos county boy, but so far no one among the old settlers has recognized him.

Saturday Is the Last Day

Saturday of next week will be the last day any one can register to vote at the June election. For the sake of the Roosevelt Highway bill a general registration is hoped. Be sure you are registered yourself and that all your neighbors are. All who have voted in the past two years and who have not changed their places of residence are among those permanently registered. Those who have not voted in two years or who have moved from one precinct to another will need to renew their registration. The County Clerk sent out 3,000 postal cards last December to those who had not voted for two years and received replies from 500 of them, who wished to renew their registration. If you have not renewed, better hunt up the registrar in your district and attend to that matter right away before the books close for the June election on Saturday, May 17.

It is estimated that there are 10,000 men and women of voting age in this county; and that not more than 8,000 of them are now registered.

Must Be Filed by Tomorrow

It is expected that the recall petitions which have been in circulation during the past two months will be filed either today or tomorrow. In fact they cannot be filed later than tomorrow, if the election is to take place along with that on the amendments and measures now before the people on June 3. There has been a great lack of interest in the recall movement during the time since the petitions were placed in circulation, and if the recall was the only matter to be voted on next month the vote would undoubtedly be very light.

Swan Gets Only 30 Days

From Portland comes the news that Roy Swan, who recently came in and surrendered to the Sheriff's office here, and was subsequently taken to Portland by Deputy Marshal Tichenor to answer to the charge of evading the draft, had been sentenced to jail for 30 days by Judge Wolverton, for evading the draft.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.00.

Sunday Will Be Mother's Day

Did you ever see a man so depraved that he had anything but a good word for his mother. Sunday will be Mother's Day and there will be especial mention of it in the church services on that day. Put a carnation or some white flower in your button hole on that day and go to church in memory of the mother whose good advice you have not always heeded. It will do you good. Every man ought to be glad to do something in tender memory and in honor of the mother who bore him. We sometimes think that motherhood is the greatest thing in the world. There is nothing more unselfish; nothing more forgiving than a mother's love. Do something Sunday to testify your appreciation of it.

ARE \$10,000 OVER QUOTA

The following names bring the list of subscribers for the Victory Liberty Loan in the Coquille district down to 9:30 this morning. It will be seen that our quota is already oversubscribed to the amount of \$10,050:

Total subscriptions reported in the Coquille Valley Sentinel up to Friday, May 2, 1919, \$57,750.

At First National Bank
Ray Dean, \$50
Mrs. Vida Madison, \$700
C. R. Bloyd, \$500
Wallace Henninger, \$50
Arthur Hooton, \$50
Geo. T. Moulton, \$200
Edna Harlocker, \$50
Rosine Kaldor, \$50
Theo. Nelson, \$200
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bellis, \$100
Lanson W. Leneve, \$50
Theo. S. Easton, \$50
J. L. Hensley, \$100
Sarah L. DeLong, \$1,000
Mary O'Farrel, \$100
Nellie Nelson, \$100
L. A. Whereat, \$100
John Messer Hawkins, \$250
Nettie V. Selander, \$100
Marian D. Young, \$100
Vesta Boyrie, \$50
J. W. Leneve, \$100
Gus Battista, \$100
Mrs. Cora Richardson, \$1,000
At Farmers and Merchants Bank
Mountain States Power Co. \$800
Keith Leslie, \$100
Mrs. H. W. Young, \$50
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Martin, \$100
Lycurgus Lodge No. 72, K. of P. \$100
Total \$64,050.

Accident at Johnson's Mill

Wednesday morning the gear on the log lift broke at the Johnson mill here, necessitating a shut down for the rest of the week. A heavy log was being pulled up and it got away faster than it was expected to, causing a jerk that broke one section out of the 6-foot gear wheel. So it was necessary to get another one cast before operations could be resumed. The accident entails an expense of about \$200. There was nothing to the widely circulated story that this accident was due to an explosion. Mr. Johnson says that the shut down gives them a chance to get to work with the resaw as they have been wishing to for some time, and that they are running it night and day while the rest of the mill is not operating. It will also give an opportunity to clean up the yard which was getting considerably over-crowded. When running at capacity this mill employs about 50 men and now has logs in the boom and contracts ahead to keep it running all summer.

Conflict in Dates

There is conflict in dates between the Radcliffe Chautauqua and the High School commencement here both being scheduled for Friday, May 30. Mr. Baker says the invitations for the school commencement were sent out some time since and the date cannot be changed, but it is thought possible that the Chautauqua dates may be switched, some other place in this section taking our date and giving us theirs. Nothing has been heard as yet in relation to the matter, though.

Oregon Life Helps Out Here

The Victory Loan committee here desires through the Sentinel to express their appreciation of the \$1,000 subscription for bonds of this issue made here by the Oregon Life, through its county agent, J. T. Sullivan. This is one of the corporations that makes its subscriptions in the localities from which it secures its income—a practice which is very commendable.

OUR LOAN RECORD

Amounts Subscribed in This District in Each of the Drives

The following statement showing the amount subscribed in the Coquille district for each of the five Liberty Loan bond issues, our quota each time, the number of subscribers for each issue and the amount of over-subscriptions, is furnished us by Leo J. Cary, the local chairman of the district:

Our quota for the First Liberty Loan was \$5,000, the amount subscribed was \$7,350, being a \$2,350 over-subscription. The number of subscribers was only 19 and it is certainly a matter to be proud of, for every one who was on that honor roll.

For the Second Liberty Loan our quota was raised to \$25,000, and \$38,100 was subscribed, being an over-subscription of \$13,100. The number of subscribers for this loan was 269, which was nineteen times as many as for the first loan, or an increase of over 1300 per cent.

For the Third Loan our quota was \$40,000 and \$68,900 was subscribed, the over-subscription being \$28,900, or 72 per cent, which is a record of which we have a right to be very proud. The number of subscribers this time was 613, considerably more than doubling the number for the second loan, the increase being 128 per cent.

In the Fourth Loan our quota of \$80,500 was oversubscribed \$12,150, the total subscription being \$92,650. This was our high water mark both in the amount of subscriptions and the number of subscribers, which was 898, an increase of over 46 per cent. By this time we had all got our fighting blood up and were determined to bring the war to as speedy an end as possible.

For the Victory Loan drive, which closes tomorrow, our quota was \$54,000 and on Wednesday, three days before the close of the drive we had subscribed \$62,000, an over-subscription of \$8,000. The total number of subscribers, however, was only 260, which was less than a third of the number in the Fourth Loan.

Recapitulating now, we find that the Coquille district's quota for the five loans was \$204,500 and that our over-subscription was \$64,500, making a total of over a quarter of a million, \$269,000 in fact, taken by our people. If any banker in the county had been asked at the beginning of the war whether the Coquille district could or would subscribe this amount for war loans, the answer would have been an emphatic negative. Let us hope that in the future the people of this district may be found working together as heartily for other things worth while as they have in the Liberty Loan drives.

New Time Table on Sunday

In another column of this issue the Southern Pacific railway gives the new time table which goes into effect next Sunday on the Coos Bay line in full. The changes here are slight. The mail train from the east comes in at 2:10 p. m., an hour and ten minutes earlier. In the morning the mail train will go out at 8:10, which is 22 minutes earlier than now.

The local train between Marshfield and Powers runs through in about half an hour less time, but there is little difference in the time of its arrival at Coquille in either direction. It goes up to Powers at 9:05 in the morning and gets back at 4:15 in the afternoon, arriving at Marshfield at 5:30. This schedule will be in our opinion the most satisfactory the Coquille Valley has ever enjoyed.

Farm Workers Come First

Farmers and farm workers will be given preference in obtaining discharges from the army, war department officials announce. The department does not consider there will be a general shortage of labor in the farming communities but to prevent any chance of it happening have decided to see farmers or farm laborers in the army are given first chance to leave the service.

No Council Meeting Yet

The City Council missed its regular meeting Monday night, on account of the Lyceum entertainment. It is not known now that there will be a meeting before the regular one on the third Monday of the month, May 19.

OUR CREDIT GOOD

State Loans Coos County \$20,000 for Road Work Here at Coquille

At the meeting of the State Highway commission held at Portland Wednesday it was decided to loan Coos county \$20,000 for one year to be used on the Coquille-Marshfield road. This loan was applied for by the county court and they offered to pay interest upon it. This money is to be used, \$10,000 to complete the work of putting the road on line and grade from the city limits to Cedar Point, and \$10,000 to grade the road within the city limits, from Cunningham creek to the Burkholder corner on Taylor street.

It is certainly a good stroke of business for the county to get the money as soon as possible to finish this grading out to connect with the highway which the state will pave this year. This will probably result in another appropriation by the State Highway Commission next year to pave from Cedar Point, where this year's work will end, on through Coquille to Myrtle Point.

We note that the commission let road contracts to the amount of \$1,187,000 on Wednesday. It also agreed to build ten miles of road in Curry county south of Port Orford, in return for the U. S. Forest Department building ten miles of road in Coos county south of Reedsport. Both these roads are sections of the Pacific Highway and may in time become portions of the Roosevelt Highway.

Nine Million Dollar Program

Construction highway projects totaling \$9,076,200, has been authorized by the state highway commission for the year, according to estimates made public yesterday by its engineering department.

Besides post, roads projects estimated at \$2,279,694 and forest road projects estimated at \$2,086,168, are embraced in the year's program. In the construction of these the state and counties will co-operate with the government.

Most of the post road projects are situated in eastern Oregon. Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties are the only western counties that will have such projects to construct this year. Eight of the forest road projects are situated in eastern Oregon and seven in western Oregon.

Joke Was on the Cops

A couple of young men boarding in an otherwise unoccupied residence down town were for a time under the shadow of much undeserved suspicion the first of the week when the police made a descent on the house in their absence and found what seemed like evidence that they were running an illicit still and making some kind of booze. The stuff smelled sour and its taste wasn't especially pleasant, but it was supposed to be on the way to sour mash whiskey. It was debated whether to make a state or federal case of it when the boys were pulled, and all was going to depend upon the percentage of alcohol disclosed by analysis. If it was sufficient it would certainly be a McNeil's Island case and they would have to appear for trial in Judge Wolverton's court at Portland. But before there had been anything more than talk about it, the officers in some way got onto the fact that the absent landlady had been a manufacturer of vinegar on a small scale, and that it was a jar of her sour fruit juices that had been discovered. Things are not always what they seem, but vigilant officers are what are needed to enforce the prohibition law now, even if they do sometimes make a mistake.

The Hammond-Hollister Feud

The Hammond-Hollister litigation at North Bend has disclosed several new phases lately. The arbitrators in the suit between them decided that Hollister owed Hammond \$2,884.72. The day after the arbitrators' award the First National Bank of North Bend, which is largely a Hollister institution, started suit against Hammond to recover \$1645 from him on three notes, which he claims he is not responsible for, and also attached the \$2,884.72 due by Hollister to Hammond in aid of the suit.

See the Great Nazimova in "Toys of Fate," a story of realized romance, May 15th and 16th at Liberty Theatre.

Why We Waited For the Tide

The employees of the power company, which is operating the big plant over at the Bay while the Smith mill is shut down, are continually learning something new. Last week's trouble when the power was interrupted time after time is an illustration. The vacuum pumps attached to the turbines draw their water from a large pond which rises and falls with the tide. Especially low tides last week drained the pond and they had to wait for the tide to come in to work these pumps. By Saturday, however, they had got the pond dredged out and were not bothered any more by the tide. The gradual filling of the pond with sand and sediment was something they had not figured on, but they won't be caught in that fix again.

LEWTAS' LYCEUM LECTURE

The lecture by John Lewtas at the Liberty Theatre last Monday night was listened to with rapt attention as he depicted scenes of honor or incidents of the great war which came under his observation as a war correspondent. Not even the false alarm of fire which emptied the theatre about nine o'clock could keep the crowd from coming back to hear all Mr. Lewtas had to say, as he told of seeing German bodies piled seven feet high for three quarters of a mile in their first attack on Paris.

He received a hearty cheer when he emphatically denounced the Bolsheviks, saying, "I have no more use for the Bolsheviks than I have for the I. W. W., and I have no more use for the I. W. W. than I have for the devil."

At times it was difficult to follow Mr. Lewtas, so rapidly did he talk, but on the whole it was an intensely interesting story of a small fraction of the war and as the words cascaded from his lips, you were carried across the Atlantic to see the same scenes that he pictured.

The pictures taken by him on his travels were likewise interesting, many of them being of the ruins of French towns.

Obituary of G. W. Norris

George William Norris was born in Oregon City on the 5th of December, 1847, and died at Fairview, Coos county, Oregon, April 25, 1919, being 71 years, four months and 20 days old at the time of his demise. He leaves a wife two sons and three daughters, besides numerous relatives, to mourn his loss. George Norris was a man of exemplary habits, and respected by all who knew him. He had been a resident of Coos county since 1868. He was a typical pioneer like his ancestor and great great grandfather, Daniel Boone, preferring a frontier life. He was a good citizen, upright and honest in all his dealings, courteous to strangers, and hospitable to a fault, a kind husband and father, and he will be sadly missed by those who have been closely associated with him through life.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends for their kind acts and help during the sickness and death of our husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. G. W. Norris and family.

Empire School Burned

The two-story school building at Empire, one of the oldest structures in the county was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Among the furnishings lost was a piano recently purchased. The origin of the fire is unknown, though it is supposed to have been caused by a stove in the rear of the building. Miss Bess Flanagan, of Marshfield, is principal of the school, the other teacher being Miss Elizabeth Hyfford, of Myrtle Point. The dining rooms of the Arago Hotel have been secured by the school board and school will re-open next Monday.

It is recalled that Mrs. Minnie Miller, wife of Joaquin Miller, the celebrated author, once taught for several months in this school.

The sheriff's office here is now busy checking over the 8,000 receipts issued during the rush at the end of the payment of the first half of the 1918 taxes.

KEEP BABY BONDS

Don't Cash in on Your War Savings Stamps—Learn to Save

In order that the habits of thrift learned during the war may not be lost sight of entirely, County Superintendent C. E. Mulkey is asking the commercial bodies of the county to do something in the way of encouragement to the children to purchase War Savings Stamps. The Bank of Southwestern Oregon at Marshfield has offered \$100 in three prizes to the schools in the county making the best record this year; and to still further stimulate interest in Coquille the Commercial Club has decided to offer three prizes for each grade in the Coquille schools. The prizes are not to be awarded to the pupils selling the most baby bonds and thrift stamps but will go to the three pupils in each grade who have the largest investment in W. S. S. of this year's issue on Sept. 30. The first prize will be a baby bond, the second \$2.00 worth of thrift stamps and the third \$1.00 worth.

Leo J. Cary, chairman of the W. S. S. campaign, says we are to have a thrift stamp drive this year to make our quota as we did last year, which he expects will start some time this summer.

O. C. Sanford said at the club meeting Wednesday evening that at the rate last year's W. S. Stamps are being cashed in at the postoffice it will take a good part of the 1919 issue to make good the government's pledge to redeem last year's issue on 10 days' notice.

The people have not yet learned the lesson of thrift, which the W. S. S. were supposed to teach. It was not expected that Uncle Sam would act as a bank in selling and buying W. S. S.; but a large percentage of those who purchased last year are dumping their baby bonds back on the government now. We are not through financing the war and these baby bonds should be held until maturity except in extreme cases.

Instruct Bridge Committee

At the regular Commercial Club meeting Wednesday evening it was unanimously voted to instruct the club's bridge committee to appear before the county court this week, asking the county to build the bridge at the earliest possible moment, this year if possible, and leaving the location, type and cost of the bridge entirely up to the county court. In view of what the members of the court have said publicly, this was equivalent to endorsing the grade crossing on Ferry street, but the temper of the club was for a bridge at once—the best the county court could provide with the funds on hand and to be appropriated.

Shipping Spruce for Pianos

Spruce wood to make backs for 3750 pianos is being shipped from the Johnson mill at Reedsport to a Chicago piano firm. The order is for three carloads of piano backs. Each car holds 5000 pieces. The wood is 33 inches long and 3 by 4 inches in size. It is clear spruce.

This is the first time that a Southwestern Oregon mill has filled an order for spruce piano backs and it opens a new market for this class of timber, which abounds in the lower Umpqua river country.

Sues Boat Line for Coal Bill

The Sentinel has printed this week the abstract prepared by Attorney C. R. Barrow in the case of Enos T. Wolverton against the Myrtle Point Transportation company, which was appealed by the latter from the decision of the Circuit Court here. The respondent in the case is the assignee of J. R. McGee, of the Riverton mines, and is suing the boat line for \$2374.82 alleged to be due for coal McGee had furnished it.

Trouble Again for Sentinel

Troubles don't come singly in the Sentinel office. Last week our mail for points up the Coquille was late because there was a low tide over at the bay, cutting off our supply of juice. This morning our gasoline engine broke down before the Sentinel was half printed and we will be late again—how late remains to be seen.

The Strawberry Carnival at Roseburg will open Friday, May 23.