

## NEED MORE ROOM

### Our City Schools More Crowded Than Ever in New Term Begins

The report elsewhere published in regard to the attendance at the city schools during the opening week certainly emphasizes the necessity for additional school accommodations. A new building should be provided, not too quickly when every room is crowded, and many of the teachers have to care for more pupils than it is possible for one to do justice to. One school at least is needed in the assembly room now because there is no other room large enough, and at the same time a class in bookkeeping has to go on with its studies in the same room. These are conditions under which it is impossible for either teachers or pupils to do their best work.

With twenty more pupils in the high school spread over three weeks in that department last year, every seat is occupied, and it will be a problem what to do if there are more entries, as there certainly will be.

Mr. Tuttle informs us that so far as the attendance at the schools yesterday had ever before in any one day.

Mr. Baker has been considering whether it would be desirable to rent an outside building, like the Presbyterian church, for one of the grades, but he is averse to the dissatisfaction that would arise among the parents of those who had to attend, with the thought that their children were discriminated against and were not enjoying equal advantages with the rest of the pupils. Besides, any outside room that could be secured would not be well lighted, and would be a certain detriment to the health of the children. It is the opinion of the superintendent that the best way to solve the problem is to have the city purchase a building large enough to accommodate all the children in the city, and to have the city purchase a building large enough to accommodate all the children in the city.

The increased attendance in the high school is very gratifying as indicating the standing our schools have in the surrounding county.

## Finds No Tuberculosis

Dr. W. V. Chasler, our county health inspector, tells us that he has already tested a good many herds for tuberculosis and has not yet had a single reaction among them all. This will be good news to all our dairymen, who remember well how many cattle it has been necessary to sacrifice in this valley to stamp out that plague. Tuberculosis among human subjects is not, however, to be got rid of by any such short cut. The improvement in the dairy herds have both by grading up and by weeding out diseased and unprofitable stock has been something wonderful.

## Local Earl Willey Returns

Local Earl Willey reached home Tuesday after a long and arduous service with the colors in France. One of our boys are coming back, and it will never cease to be a matter for wonder and earnest congratulation that when the roll is called over here there will not be one missing of all who responded to their country's call.

## Raise Wages on Tug

J. E. Norton attended the meeting of the Port Commission in Bandon Tuesday. The only business transacted, aside from routine work, was the raising of the wages of the men on the tug Kilham, to correspond with those of sea going sailors, and a corresponding raise in towage rates to cover the increase in wages.

## K. P. Barbecue Next Tuesday

W. C. Chase came in Wednesday evening with a backlog of venison sent down from Bridge by J. C. Shields for the K. P. barbecue in Lamb's Grove here next Tuesday evening. It will be a county affair and representatives are to be here from all the lodges in this section.

All advance subscriptions to the Sentinel this month on where the remittance bears a September postmark will be credited at \$1.50 a year. The first day in October and thereafter the rate in all cases will be \$2 a year.

Calling Cards, 10c for \$1.00.

## End of Work in the

Only a few yards of concrete remain to be laid on the First and Hall street contract and that will probably be down by the time these lines fall under the reader's eye. Moon & Co. have certainly done better than could have been expected in having that work so far along at this time, the asphalt covering being all that remains to be laid now. Considering that the old plank had to be removed, a new laid and almost complete trench dug for house connections and water laterals, it required constant vigilance to finish the work this season—and how we will enjoy good streets there when winter comes, instead of the rotten and filthy plank that has been an eyesore and a nuisance for several years past.

The cannery established at Roseburg is now employing 146 people and has a payroll of \$2,000 a week. It has already shipped five carloads of fruit and expects to make it 20 by the time the season is over. The growers there are, of course, all receiving high prices for garden and orchard products.

## BOOTH DENIES THE CHARGE

The members of the state highway commission are still scrapping over the Myrtle Point-Roseburg and the Eugene-Florence roads. This from a Portland paper is the latest we have seen about the matter:

The old controversy over the high pass and the low pass location of the Lane county-Coos Bay highway was given an ending yesterday by the state highway commission. So far as results were concerned the only thing accomplished was that the advocates of both roads "got it out of their systems." In the end the location of Commissioner Booth and Thompson in favor of the low pass still stands. The high pass that the improvement is to be made as a part road through the commission operation of Lane county and the federal government. No state funds are to be used.

E. A. Booth took exception to printed reports that he was withholding support from the Roseburg-Coos Bay road until the road from Eugene to Coos Bay was provided for.

So far as the legal status of the two roads is concerned, Booth continued that he considered them equal, having been put on the map by the legislature, but as to any statement that he was trying to push the construction of the Lane county road ahead of the Roseburg road, it was an "absolute falsehood."

We are glad to record Commissioner Booth's denial that he is knocking on our road.

## The Season's Lyceum Numbers

The following is the list of entertainments selected by our Lyceum committee and the dates upon which they will be given:

Old Fashioned Girls, entertainers, Friday, October 10, 1919.

Senator Harold C. Kessinger, lecturer, Tuesday, November 25, 1919.

Tom Shyhill, soldier, speaker, next Wednesday, January 22, 1920.

Serbian Orchestra, Minstrels of the Balkans, Monday, March 1, 1920.

DeMille Quartette, quartets, solo, recitals, Monday, March 8, 1920.

## Less Than Three Weeks Left

Less than three weeks remain in which to secure the centinel for the coming year at the old \$1.50 rate. We stood out as long as possible for the old price but we are unable to make headway any longer against the foe. Nor do we think those who are now receiving double what they did before the war on most of the things they have to sell, and also for wages, will feel like begrudging four bits more a year for their home paper.

## Newspaper Cases in October

L. A. Liljeqvist was over Monday attending to business at the tax collector's office. He says that Judge Stipworth has transferred the case against the Bay dailies and L. A. Cates for \$9,000 excessive charges for printing the 1908 tax summons from the equity to the law side of the district court, so that it will be tried by a jury. He expects the case to be heard here next month.

Ex-President Taft will be unable to make a speech at Marshfield on his tour in behalf of the League of Nations as it had been announced that he would.

## FIND 400 QUARTS MASKED ROBBERS

### Cotton and Goodman Strike Automobile Held Up on the Coquille-Myrtle Point Road Last Week

The following story of a highway robbery in the Coquille Valley last week is founded on fact. We have, however, taken the romancer's privilege of touching up the details, so that it will, no doubt, surprise the victims of the incident if they ever see it in print.

It was one of those hazy afternoons early in September when the sun seemed to be shining through a gold mist here in the Coquille valley that an automobile whose occupants were a young man and a dashing beautiful young woman richly dressed and sparkling with diamonds, might have been seen wending its way around the curves of the road between here and Myrtle Point. These young people were entirely engrossed in each other and it was a case of "Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

The liquor was found buried in the ground and hidden in the cellar. The deceased list is as follows: Eight cases of beer. One large barrel of bottled beer. Two cases of bottled beer. Eight quarts of whiskey. Two quarts of Baker's mash syrup. Sixteen gallons of home made beer. Total over 400 bottles of beer.

## Paying the Piper

At a special council meeting Wednesday evening Charles Taylor had a demand for the repayment of the \$510 he had put up along with his bid on the Taylor street to improve that he would make a contract if the work was awarded to him. He finished and now wants his check back. The matter was referred to City Attorney and he is expected to be decided in the next few days.

A warrant was returned drawn for \$10 for Dr. Richmond as health officer.

City Engineer Gould's report was read showing that \$990.34 worth of work had been done on that Taylor street all prior to the first, and a warrant was ordered drawn on the city treasurer for three-fourths of that amount, \$742.90.

The engineer's report on the Hall and Front street bridge showed the completion of that job by Moon & Co., and a warrant was ordered drawn in their favor for the contract price, \$2190.84.

The completion of \$7,844.65 worth of our work on the First and Hall street improvements was certified to, and a warrant ordered drawn for \$5,763.49 on that account.

## Malicious Mischief

Whether it was a spirit of mischief or malice that led to the act we can't say but when the painters at work on the writer's house went to work Wednesday, after quitting at dark the night before, they found out just in time to avert what might have been a serious accident, that one of the ropes of the tackle on the stage they used had been cut almost through, only a single strand being left. Any one who would be guilty of doing such a thing as a joke ought to be in an asylum for the feeble-minded. If the act was intended to result in the stage falling twenty feet to the ground with a couple of men off it, the penitentiary would be the proper place for the perpetrator.

## School Not So Much Bigger

An enrollment of 555 this week at the North Bend schools against 422 in Coquille does not imply more than a 28 per cent larger school population in that city than here. Of course, with the large number of single men in the shipyards and mills there, North Bend probably has 40 to 50 per cent more people than Coquille, but the latter estimate would fall a long way short of some of the claims as to the population there. The four towns at this end of the county do not fall much short of equalling the combined population of all the Bay towns.

Remember the Optical parlor over the Sentinel office. Work first class. Consultation free. Dr. A. C. Eaton, Optometrist.

## Arrested for a Robbery, Police

Wednesday Earl Spabt, a sixteen year old boy living down the river at Crane's Camp, was by Judge Wade in the Juvenile Court charged with assaulting little Ethel McCus, only eight years old, Judge Hall having charge of the case as district attorney, and J. J. Stanley appearing for the defense.

The warrant for the arrest of young Spabt was sworn to by the girl's mother, Mrs. Edith McCus. Nine witnesses were called for the prosecution including Ethel's three brothers, Lawrence, 12, Henry, 10, and John, 8, and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Carlson.

## 20 MORE IN HIGH SCHOOL

The city schools opened last Monday with a record attendance. Up to Wednesday evening the number enrolled by rooms was as follows:

Mrs. Chaney, 26; Mrs. Dungey, 26; Miss Kennedy, 26; Mrs. McKinley, 26; Miss Fitzgerald, 26; Miss Schneider, 26; Miss Ireland, 26; Miss Hough, 26; Miss Sweet, 22. High School, 26; Freshman class, 45; Sophomore, 15; Junior, 10; Senior, 26.

The total enrollment in the Primary building is 151 and in the High School building 281, making 432 already enrolled. There are 149 pupils on the first floor of the high school building and 131 on the upper floor. The high school enrollment is over 27 per cent larger than at the corresponding time in any previous year, and the enrollment is already larger than at any time in the record of the school.

The total enrollment now is 25 larger than during the last week of school a year ago, when it stood at 267. The high school enrollment of 281 is twenty-one larger than a year ago when it stood at 75. Most of this increase is in pupils coming from the rural districts in this section, of whom there are 28, whose tuition is paid by the districts from which they come.

There is much enthusiasm among the students over the new features in physical training. Thirty-six husky boys lined up at the first roll call by the new physical director, Leslie Sparks. The entire emphasis of physical training now is placed, as it should be, on thorough drill for every student rather than concentrated drill for a few of the best athletes who constitute the team.

## Two Carloads of Gravensteins

It has been busy times up at Claude Nouff's Gravenstein orchard at Bridge during the past two weeks. Sixteen pickers were employed and Mr. and Mrs. Rivers came down from Yakima to superintend the grading and packing. It took ten days to gather the 1200 boxes which were sold to Morris Brothers, of Seattle for \$1.75 a box on the spot. The crop filled two refrigerated cars, which were shipped to Bandon, judging from the sample of the crop Aaron Wilson furnished the orchard they raise some magnificent Gravensteins up there. Four of them weigh two pounds and ten ounces.

## Taxes Must Soon Be Paid

Taxes are still coming slowly at the Sheriff's office here, though they always come with a rush the last few days in this month and until the 5th day of October. On that date a penalty of 5 per cent attaches to all unpaid taxes of 1918 and interest begins to run against them at the rate of one per cent. That is inducement enough to make almost any one who can get the money square himself with the county for the year.

In the Dalleg neighborhood hail is reported to have fallen to a depth of six inches during the recent storm period.

## WORKING TO WIN

### It All Depends on the Exhibits That Can Be Secured for the State Fair

J. L. Smith, our former county agent, who is still looking after the work of that office, is very busy just now securing specimens for the display at the State fair at Salem a couple of weeks hence. The work of putting them in shape has already been in progress for several weeks. Few people, who have not tried it, have any idea how much time it requires to strip the leaves from every plant in a big bunch of grass and put it in attractive shape for an exhibit. The specimens of wheat, barley, rye, oats, vetch, alfalfa, orchard grass, clover, etc., make the bulk most of the county agent's office but a good deal like a horse show.

Besides the home grown fruits and vegetables yet to gather and prepare, as well as the fish, shell fish, coal and other varied products of the county's fields, gardens, forests and streams.

It will be remembered that three years ago Coos won the first prize in the coast district and two years ago the sweepstakes for the state. Coos put on no exhibit last year. Mr. Smith is making a big effort to win the district prize again this year, (there is no sweepstakes), but he is going to have keener competition than ever before. Tillamook county expected to win in this district three years ago and was a good deal disgraced to find herself distanced by such an "upstart" as Coos. This year that county will leave no stone unturned to secure the coveted honors, and Mr. Smith will need all the aid our farmers and gardeners can give him if he is not to be distanced at the start. If you have anything on your place that seems a little better than usual, see that it goes to Salem. The race is certain to be a close one all the way.

## Dayne's Military Return

Darwin Dayne, after an absence of about two years, arrived in Bandon of which city he was born, returned to Coquille, Oregon, and intends to settle down and reap round. For several months, since his return from overseas, he has been at work in the Army's Harbor section. Dayne was an artillery battery in France which never had a chance to show their mettle against the Huns, but they were trained and ready to go up when the armistice was signed.

## The Big Sale Tomorrow

The prospect now is that the pure bred Jersey sale at the Bogers' barn here tomorrow morning, which J. L. Smith has been engineering for the tri-bank combination, will prove a big success. A carload of young cows and heifers came in from Catching Inlet yesterday afternoon and this morning another carload came from Florence, shipped by E. R. McCornack, of that place.

## Grand Jury Meets Oct. 13

The grand jury will convene here October 13, at which time Harold Howell, the Bandon boy accused of the murder of Lillian Ledwith, will have his examination. An adjourned session of the June term of court will be held the same day, and a week later the October term of the Circuit Court will begin.

## Lamb Changes Partners

Last week the firm of Lamb & Von Pegert went out of existence, and Mr. Lamb says he doesn't know what the name of the new firm will be, but more than likely it will be Lamb & Johnson, as Mrs. Johnson purchased Fred Von Pegert's interest in the business. At present Mr. Von Pegert is building a speed boat for A. J. Sherwood and has no plans beyond that just now.

## Sugar Famine in Sight

People on this coast must be prepared to be rationed again on sugar. The supply is short and no more can be bought at present. Over at Marshfield there is almost a sugar famine but the stores here have enough for a short time and are only restricting customers to a dollar's worth as a purchase.

With clearing ship work was resumed Monday on the Hall street paving.