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HUDSON-NORTON

Well-Known Young People Wedded Last Sunday Evening at Bride's Home

A very happy event occurred last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton, on Spurgeon Hill, when their charming and accomplished daughter, Miss Mildred May, was united in marriage with Clifford Dayne Hudson, one of our most popular young men, and a veteran of the world war. The couple were unattended, and the ring ceremony was used by Rev. A. B. Barry, of the Federated church, the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. M. O. Hawkins presided at the piano and rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal couple entered. The decorations were pink asters and roses and the ceremony took place under an arched cedar canopy. The bride was attired in an ivory white crepe de china gown, very simply but handsomely trimmed, and wearing the bridal veil; and the groom wore a suit of navy blue.

The newly wed couple left for Bandon at 7:30 in a private car and enjoyed a two days' visit at the beach, returning Tuesday afternoon to their new home just south of the Christian church where Mr. Hudson has lived for years, and where they will be at home to their many friends.

The Sentinel joins this host of friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life together and abundant sunshine with only such clouds as mortals cannot hope to be exempt from.

Those present were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Leslie, C. T. Skelski, Burton McIlwain, Earl E. Leslie, Ben E. Dallas, H. E. Tuttle, Aaron Wilson, H. E. Nelson, J. E. Norton, Mesdames C. C. Price, W. J. Foster, M. O. Hawkins, W. A. Gray, Frances F. Norton, Harry T. Sharkey, Misses Kate Price, Marian Norton, Maybelle DeLong, Marvin Hawkins, Irma E. and Jennie Price, Ethel Platan, Gladys Nosler, Alice and Leanna Curry, Zelma Strang, Catherine Hersey, Etta McLeod, Elizabeth and Lody Church, Genevieve and Pauline Chase, Messrs. Keith Leslie, Chas. Willey, Harry Tosier and Master Gordon Gray.

Mrs. Baxter Seriously Hurt

Mrs. Linnie Baxter suffered a very painful fall at the Baxter last week when she stepped from the dining room into the kitchen and fell striking her right side. Among the other repairs being made there a new floor was being put in the kitchen and all the old flooring had been torn out. Mrs. Baxter, who is 74 years of age, knew that the work was being done, but evidently she had forgotten and when she stepped out she fell across a joist, fracturing a couple of ribs, bruising her side and limb, and cutting a gash in her head. She is getting along splendidly now, but still suffers from the pain of the bruises and broken ribs.

Mass Meeting Tonight

A big mass meeting will be held on the streets of Coquille tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Coquille Band will furnish music and the High School and grades will pull off some good stunts.

Chas. Hall will be one of the out-of-town speakers.

A general good time is expected. Don't miss it.

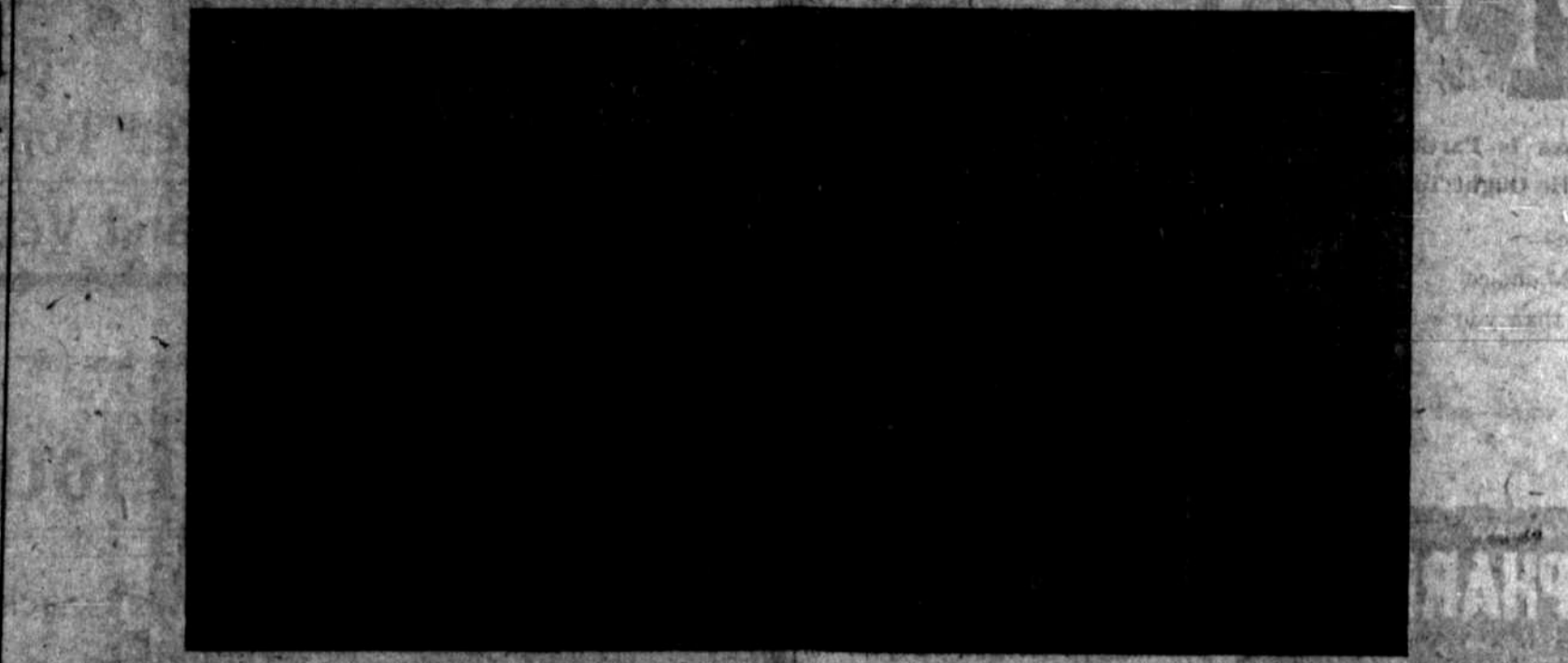
This afternoon at three o'clock there will be a parade of all the pupils in our public schools in the interest of the proposed bond issue.

Meeting for Soldiers Tuesday

Every discharged soldier of the American army in this district is invited and requested to attend a meeting at the Ko-Kel Klub rooms next Tuesday evening, Sept. 30. Lieut. Postal will make a report at that time on the Loyal Legion meeting in Portland. The local branch of the Legion now numbers about 70 members.

First Lyceum Number Oct. 10

The first number of our Lyceum course will be given Friday, October 10, two weeks from today. The entertainments are to be given in the Liberty Theatre. Season tickets will be placed on sale at Gould & Gould's next Friday and they will also be sold by high school pupils.



FRONT ELEVATION OF PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

SHALL WE VOTE THE BONDS?

A Father, a Mother and a Business Man of Coquille Give Some of the Reasons For Favoring the \$50,000 Bond Issue—The Issue Vital.

ELECTION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

As a Father Sees It.

Coquille is entering upon a new era of prosperity. In addition to the unrivaled advantages for dairying and the thoroughly established lumber business, comes the announcement of Rupert's decision to establish a loganberry plant here; and with this announcement the promise of an exceedingly profitable industry in berries, small fruits and vegetables.

At the same moment the roads connecting our city with the main highways of the state are being developed. We are finding ourselves suddenly on the map. With a considerable area of dairy land yet to be developed, and an enormous acreage adapted to berry raising, together with the attraction of our unequalled climate, many families will naturally be attracted to make their home among us.

Attracting New Residents

But the first question parents ask about any community to which they contemplate moving is, "What kind of schools are provided?" Apart from the building plans which the board has submitted, the answer can be nothing else than, "Totally inadequate." That fact will do more than any other to keep families away. Suitable buildings and proper equipment for our schools will remove the greatest obstacle to the rapid development of Coquille. The wealth which new residents would add and the taxes which they would pay would more than cover the cost of a new school building.

The Tax Fallacy

Viewed financially there is another aspect that touches the local purse latch very magnetically. An attractive plant which would permit the high school to offer more practical courses, would bring large numbers of boys and girls from outside districts. The full cost per pupil in each case is paid to this district by the county from a tax levied outside districts having standard high schools. And besides this, the announced increase of the per capita school apportionment will greatly diminish the burden of district taxation. So that every inducement to increase the population and school attendance will favor the local taxpayer.

Congestion Serious

But more convincing than the facts which cluster around the dollar sign is the need of our children. The congestion in the grade rooms is utterly pitiable. If we could see the far reaching influences of handicaps in education we should know that the situation is tragic. In the high school the desks have been taken up and crowded together to make room for the increased number of pupils; and still two are assigned to a single seat in one or two instances. A history class of forty, two English classes, (one at least as large), two classes in bookkeeping and one in penmanship, are compelled to preempt part of the

A Business Man's View.

Asked what he thought about the school bonds to be voted on here next week, J. E. Norton, one of our most progressive business men, said:

"By all means, let us vote the bonds; we are too far behind on our school program now. We can't afford to vote down the bonds."

"If the people are posted there can be no question about the result of the election. Every one who knows the critical situation our schools are in will vote for the bonds. Their condition can best be understood, though, by visiting them and if every voter could see conditions with his or her own eyes, the bonds would be voted almost unanimously.

"If we expect Coquille to grow—and who does not—we must not fail to provide better school accommodations. "The idea that we can save anything in taxes by voting down the school bond issue is unfounded. If we do not vote for this building, accommodations will have to be furnished for the schools by direct tax which will for years to come cost as much or more than what we will have to pay for interest on the school bonds.

"As to the site to which so much objection has been made in the past, the opposition to that was almost entirely on account of its price and now that the school board has compromised on the price and completed the purchase, that objection vanishes.

"So far as the objection did apply to the location, it has been obviated to some extent by the building of the state highway along the road on which it now stands. It must be apparent to every one, too, that the growth of the city must necessarily be to the north and west and that the site will become more central with each passing year. We are building for years to come and a site in the direction in which growth must come is the one to be chosen.

"In all Coos county no town has as desirable a site as the one the district now owns, nor one where the grounds are so well adapted for school athletics.

"The one objection to the site, as it appears to me, is that it is not as large as it should be, but there has been only one other suggested site that is not more objectionable on that account, for there is more vacant land reasonably level than can be found in any other location near enough the center of population to be considered by the voters.

"If I were going out to look for a school site I couldn't find any that would suit me better, and this largely because additional room can be secured so easily there. So far as there is any departure from the level in those two blocks, it can easily be remedied in making the necessary excavation for the new building."

A Mother Visits the Schools

To the Fathers and Mothers of Coquille:

To those of you who did not accept the invitation given for visiting the schools this week, this article is addressed. We only wish that every father and mother in the town had been interested enough to have gone on a tour of inspection as a few of us women did.

While we were most pleasantly impressed with the personnel of the teachers, their excellent work with the children, and by the children themselves, yet it was with regret that we viewed the conditions under which the work must be carried on.

Commencing with the Primary grades under Mrs. Chase, we found her with 40 little beginners in charge. Their room is a large, barn-like place where the black-boards are so high that the little tots have to climb up on benches in order to write their lessons. The room is improperly lighted and ventilated and can be only poorly heated by means of an old-fashioned stove such as we used in country schools twenty or more years ago. (Anyone interested in antiques should call at the "Academy.") In Mrs. Dungey's room the same conditions prevail except that in place of the benches, a sort of platform has been built around the walls for the children to stand on when working at the boards.

This by the way is the only thing which the teacher can offer as a set to her visitors.

Upstairs we found Mrs. Mulkey and Mrs. Kennedy also working under trying conditions—the same high black-boards where the children, while using them, are under constant strain. With the head thrown back and the arm stretched at full length in order to reach over the chalk rail, there is really no chance for a child to learn the proper movement in writing.

The teachers have made every effort to make these dingy, bare rooms attractive, but it is quite impossible to make them pleasant, and they do not compare favorably with our most remote rural schools.

The outside of the building and the grounds are ugly and uncared for and are no cause for pride to a town of this size. In fact the play ground is so rough and full of holes and hummocks that it is unfit for most games.

The toilets at the Primary building are almost, if not quite the most offensive that anyone in our party had ever visited. The girls' is somewhat cleaner than the boys', but either set is so repulsive that a decent man or woman would abhor the thought of entering one. Yet our little children must enter these foul, disgusting, nauseating places several times a day.

A patent toilet is provided for the teachers, proving as has been said

Telegram from O. A. Plummer

The following dispatch was received by the Woman's Club from O. M. Plummer, president of the International Livestock association, who had been invited by them to come here and speak when we come to vote on a bond issue:

Portland, Ore., Sept. 24.—I have an appointment at Possil, Oregon, Friday night which it is impossible to cancel. In my opinion money spent for the betterment of schools, either in buildings or salaries, is the best investment that can be made by any community. Many worth while prospective citizens make their determination of a residence predicated entirely upon school affairs. Bringing of such people to a town adds to its assessed valuation and standing. Seattle recently voted four and a half million dollars in bonds for school buildings alone. In Portland a proposed bond issue was defeated on account of lack of interest on the part of our citizens. These citizens are now repenting their lack of foresight. Regardless of religion, political affiliation or sectional feeling in your town I hope every citizen will exercise the privileges of voting and that the bond issue will carry overwhelmingly. I spoke yesterday in the High school at Boise, Idaho, a city that is becoming known far and wide for its splendid school system. After the bonds have carried at Coquille I hope you will invite me to attend your celebration over that event.—O. M. Plummer.

It Will Be a Day of Days.

Next Monday will be an eventful day for Coquille. It is the day on which it will be decided whether we shall take a long step forward, or defer taking it—for you need have no least thought that a defeat now will prevent the erection of a school building here. It will only incite the progressive people of the district to more earnest effort and a more vigorous campaign. If Coquille is to stay on the map we must have a new school building and one or any number of defects cannot prevent it. We have seen such a proposition defeated in a real moshack town in Oregon—and we do not believe Coquille is in that class—but when it was submitted again it was carried. There is absolutely nothing else to do but to build a modern school house, and we can save our credit by taking our medicine at once, even if some of us do it with a wry face. We don't expect to lose this battle of the ballots—but if we do we shall not lose the war. The stars in their courses will fight for us.

James Herman Anderson, of Bandon, died at the Wm. Howell logging camp on Hall's creek near Myrtle Point, September 18th, following the loss of a leg in an accident which occurred a few hours previous.

TO GROW BERRIES

Fifty-Three Men Have Signed Contracts--26 More Have Agreed to Plant

W. C. Bradley furnishes us the following list of 53 farmers and ranchers in Coquille and the tributary territory who have signed contracts to plant loganberries and other berries:

E. E. Nosler, S. L. Lafferty, C. T. Skelski, Peter Johnson, J. N. Jacobson, Julia Nichols, C. N. Garden, J. H. Bogert, E. H. Harnden, John Kerrigan, P. F. Gehlke, C. Martini, E. B. Finley, E. C. Finley, Chas. A. Holverstott, J. D. Dyer, John A. Martin, F. Von Peger, D. F. Flynn and Herbert Johnson, Coquille; G. R. Norris, Walter Norris, E. S. Filtcroft, M. O. Filtcroft, Fairview; Schroeder Bros., Geo. Hampton, Arago; Peter Rollo, H. J. Peterson, J. H. Miller, G. A. Steward, Wm. Rohm, Riverton; Ole Dalsen, A. D. Randleman, Leneve; J. E. Ross, Lloyd A. Scott, Bandon; A. H. Powers, Marshfield; S. T. Carter, A. W. Bigelow, Myrtle Point; I. M. Weekly, Walter V. Schroeder, Gravel Ford; O. C. Harry, W. M. Laird, Fred Weaves, Sitkum; Oscar Bunch, Ezra Watson, K. E. Marcy, J. N. Gearhart, Doris; L. A. Lawhorn, W. Lee Mast, H. L. Hansen, W. H. Bunch, C. M. Holmstrom, Arthur Brown, McKinley.

In addition to this fifty-three, who have actually signed contracts to grow berries here, Mr. Bradley states that twenty-five others have "agreed" to plant from one to five acres each, and will undoubtedly do so. Besides these 25 there are good prospects for 100 acres more.

Compared with this the Cops Bay Times publishes a list of 27 ranchers over there who have "agreed" to plant berries. Coos Bay will find "it's a long way to Tipperary," if she tries to catch up with Coquille's stride in the berry business. Coquille isn't going to rest on her laurels either, nor will Mr. Bradley relax his efforts to secure more acreage for the Rupert company. He is aiming high and will be satisfied with nothing less than the biggest cannery on the Pacific coast here in Coquille. Here's hoping he goes over the top. He thinks he will.

Change in Building Plans

The Board of Education has decided to make some changes in the plans of the proposed high school building. The basement will be excavated under the entire building. This will make an additional playroom which will be the same size as the auditorium which is to occupy the two stories above it.

Then the northeast corner north of this will also be excavated for a manual training department. At the same time the plans will be modified to provide a classroom for an agricultural department. The board deems it so certain that the district will desire to add these departments in the near future, that the plans are to be altered to provide for them as soon as they are demanded. All the new rooms are sure to be needed and to put them into the plans now is wise forethought.

Prizes for Loganberries.

W. C. Bradley informs us that to encourage the planting of loganberries by children, he had decided to offer two prizes for the best showing of berries for both 1920 and 1921, which will include a summer course at O. A. C. and a trip to Salem. He took the matter up with the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and they decided to offer prizes to the value of \$100 for both 1920 and 1921, open to any school child in the county. We will explain the proposition more fully next week.

Death of Mrs. W. H. Nosler

Mrs. W. H. Nosler died at 9 o'clock last night, at the age of 60 years. She suffered a stroke of paralysis last winter and has since been helpless. The funeral services will be held at the Undertaking Parlors at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the interment will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. All friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

Annual Election of Red Cross

All members of the Coquille Branch of the Red Cross are requested and urged to be present at the meeting for the annual election of officers at the City Hall next Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p. m.

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Calling Cards, 10¢ for \$1.00.

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