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CREAMERY SOLD

Dairymen's League Pays McCloskey \$15,000 for the Property.

The Coquille Valley Creamery here changed hands yesterday, having been purchased by the Oregon Dairymen By-products Corporation, which is the holding company for the Oregon Dairymen's League. The price paid Mr. McCloskey for the property was \$15,000. Of this amount \$5,000 was paid in cash, the mortgage was assumed, and Mr. McCloskey takes some preferred stock. The company retains his services as manager of the plant—and they would certainly have to go a long way to find a better one.

The creamery here has had a varied history, having been built by the dairymen and business men of this section as a co-operative institution, subsequently destroyed by fire and rebuilt. Three or four years ago it was purchased by F. E. Conway, with the intention of converting it into a condenser; but after running it for a year as a cheese and butter factory he sold it to J. H. McCloskey who has since managed it. The creamery has always heretofore been owned by Coos county people, and the change today is the first in which a change has been made in that respect. Of course, every dairymen who signs up with the League becomes a shareholder to the extent of the milk that he produces and turns over to it, but the League factories and creameries are now owned by the dairymen of the entire state as a body.

New County Health Nurse

Miss Cecil C. Schreyer, our county health nurse, came over here Tuesday accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Campbell who will succeed her, temporarily at least, while she takes a vacation and while she is filling Miss Jane Allen's place as head of the county health organization of the state. Miss Schreyer has already turned her work here over to Miss Campbell, but expects to take her vacation during the next thirty days in Coos county. She has had a pretty strenuous life during the past year, and will take a complete rest by repairing to a one-room house near North Bend on a hill overlooking Coos Bay, and do all the reading she feels inclined to. About August 15 she will go to Portland to take charge of the state work.

Miss Campbell is from Nova Scotia but has had a good deal of experience in welfare work in the east side slums in New York city, and is well qualified for the position she comes here to take.

Roofing High School

Work is progressing on the roof of the new high school building and the structure is already looming up so that it is visible from this part of town.

It has been decided to defer the opening of school this fall if necessary until the pupils who have been attending the Academy can be housed in the new building. Indeed the Academy has been definitely given up and the desks and seats there have been taken out and stored in the old school building in the east part of town.

To Begin on North Bank Road

Wednesday the county court again took up the matter of the North Bank road from Greenpoint for ten miles down the river and adopted the report of the viewers allowing only \$1.00 as damages to each of the landholders through whose ranches the road is located.

It was also ordered that a county road running through those properties be located in districts 19 and 23, and that the County Surveyor proceed forthwith to survey and lay out said road.

County Has Good Crops

The crops of Coos county are shown to be in good condition in the bulletin issued July 10, by the bureau of crop estimates of the Department of Agriculture. The condition of the various crops expressed in percentage of normal for this time of the year is given as follows:

Oats 100, barley 98, pasture 98, potatoes 100, apples 75.

See "Checkers," the most famous of melodramas, at the Liberty Theater, Monday and Tuesday, July 19 and 20. Prices 15c and 35c.

I. O. O. F. Installation

Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F., held their semi-annual installation of officers last Friday night, the following being the list of those installed:

N. G.—Geo. E. Oerding.
V. G.—H. A. Young.
Warden—W. W. Elliott.
Conductor—W. W. Rhule.
I. G.—Marc Shelley.
O. T.—E. W. Gregg.
R. S. N. G.—C. A. Boyrie.
L. S. N. G.—Arthur Hufford.
R. S. V. G.—J. P. Beyers.
L. S. V. G.—Walter F. Oerding.
R. S. S.—Frank Harnish.
L. S. S.—John A. Martin.
Chaplin—R. A. Jeub.

Red Cross Election

The Coquille branch of the Red Cross met at the city hall last Monday evening and elected the following officials:

President—Mrs. E. O. Faustman.
Vice President—Mrs. Susie Fosom.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. B. Rogers.
Secretary—Mrs. Bertha J. Smith.
Financial Secretary—O. C. Sanford.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ida K. Owen.

Potatoes Too High

J. B. Cochran, of Parkersburg, was a Coquille visitor yesterday. He is growing an acre of potatoes, but thinks the 9 cents a pound he is now getting for them an absurdly high price.

CITY'S FOUR GREAT NEEDS

Shall Coquille be put on the map and take the place rightly hers as a live, wide awake town. That the answer to that question shall be decidedly positive was the sentiment expressed at the meeting of boosters called last Wednesday evening at the court house to consider the possibility of securing an aviation field, a camping ground for tourists, a race track, a corn show pavilion and a suitable place for holding an annual stock show.

Chas. Evland was selected as chairman of the meeting and started the discussion by saying that he had thought for years of Coquille's need of a race track and fair grounds and that in a very short time an aviation field would also be needed. That the two propositions could be combined, thus economizing in the purchase of land, was very probable. He suggested two possible sites—the J. C. Watson field in the Cunningham valley and the old Minton place on the Marshfield road.

That aeroplanes usually light within the confines of a half mile race track in small towns was another statement that made the possibility of uniting the two propositions look most feasible.

Another tract suggested was a part of the Russ tract across and down the river.

J. A. Lamb hit the nail squarely on the head when he said that there were four things vitally necessary to Coquille's welfare. One was an aviation field, another a race track and outdoor sports field, the third a place to continue the annual Corn Show and the fourth a camping ground for tourists. That a location could be found for all four of these requirements and that close to town was his next assertion; and while he was not looking at it from a personal standpoint, he thought the Lamb grove was the ideal location for camp grounds and pavilion, and the hillside directly west of it to be used for a grand stand and the low ground to the north as a race track and aviation field could not be improved on—if there was room in the bottom for a half mile track.

The hillside slopes gently and by trimming the trees a well shaded grand stand could be easily built which would need no protecting roof.

That his suggestion was in no wise a selfish one is evident from the fact that he had that day received an offer which would bring much larger returns than would the sale of the grove to the city at the price formerly agreed upon. And if the city does not care to preserve those magnificent myrtle trees he intends to make a deal which will insure the destruction of the grove and its manufacture into myrtlewood novelties.

Those present were unanimous that such a consolidation of attractions near the business district was the logical thing for Coquille if all the necessary land could be secured—and at a reasonable price.

A committee consisting of J. E. Norton, L. J. Cary, Walter F. Oerding,

DAIRY WAR IS ON LEAVE GAP HERE

Condensary Won't Do Business With League and is Short of Milk.

The dairymen in the Coquille valley and the Nestle's condensary at Bandon reached the parting of the ways this morning and the condensary's milk supply today is a long way short of what it was yesterday.

The trouble has been brewing for some time, the dairymen feeling that they ought to have some check on the condensary's figures. July first the Dairymen's League requested to be allowed to have a check weigher and a check tester at the condensary. July 7 the condensary answered, declining to deal with the league or any organization, but expressing an entire willingness to deal with the dairymen as individuals. With the principle of collective bargaining so well established as it is in this country this seemed like a "hark from the tombs a doleful sound."

This morning the league members ceased to ship to the condensary and the creamery at this city is flooded with milk and is running three cheese vats; while the league's factory at Denmark and the one at Langlois are each in receipt of about 15,000 pounds of milk.

The only milk the Bandon condensary is receiving this morning is what is supplied by a small percentage of dairymen who have not yet joined the League.

To take care of the milk on the lower river the League proposes to put the old Parkersburg creamery in commission and equip it in first class shape.

The result of this outbreak of hostilities between the Nestle's Food Co. and the embattled dairymen of Oregon will be awaited with a good deal of interest. The Nestle's people are of course on record as declaring that they would close the Bandon plant, rather than deal with any organization of dairymen. It looks as if they might have to unless they come down off their high horse.

Marriage Licenses

July 12—F. G. Edwards and Mrs. Sylvia Conklin, both of Marshfield.

July 13—Leon L. Murphy and Nettie Smith, both of Powers. They were married the same day by Justice Stanley at his office here.

July 13—John Robert Marsh, of Port Orford, and Dorothy Blusson, of Bandon. They were married here the same day by Justice Stanley.

July 13—Ronald Stalig and Mildred Stewart, both of Marshfield.

July 14—Geo. F. Parke and Luella Ketcham, both of Coquille.

July 14—James R. Barton, of Reedsport, and Grace Nellie Walker, of Marshfield.

July 15—George E. Schrader and Leah Mack, both of Bandon.

July 15—David T. Crockett and Lena Briner, both of North Bend.

The Executive Committee

The members of the Oregon Dairymen's League in the Coos-Curry county have elected the following executive committee to manage their affairs in southwestern Oregon:

Ivy Condon, Coos River.
Walter Christiansen, Catching Inlet.
A. W. Cope, Langlois.
James Jenkins, Parkersburg.
J. D. Carl, Arago.
W. C. Cutler, Myrtle Point.

Want That \$50,000 Spent

The county court has adopted a resolution favoring the expenditure on the road between Hauser and Lakeside of the \$50,000 now in the hands of the Federal government and available for that purpose, and urging the Forest Service to begin the work on that road forthwith.

Committee Reports Wednesday

Remember the meeting at the city hall next Wednesday evening to hear the report of the committee appointed to secure prices on tracts suitable for race track, aviation field, and camping ground and to make a start toward securing these much needed attractions.

Chas. Harlocker and L. L. Turner was appointed to consider all available tracts and to report the result of their investigations at a meeting to be held at the city hall next Wednesday evening.

That is What is Proposed in Paving State Road—Poor Reason is Given.

The people of Coquille have been expecting that when the State Highway Commission let the contract for paving the Marshfield road from Cedar Point to Coquille it would mean that the paving to be laid under that contract would run from the point near Cedar Point to which last year's contract for paving was let, to the Sentinel corner where it would connect with the paving on Second street in this city.

But we understand the commission is now advised by the attorney general's office that it cannot pave this highway for the three blocks between the Burkholder residence and the Sentinel corner because it is within the limits of an incorporated city.

Of course there is an old statute to that effect, which was certainly superceded by the bonding act of 1916, providing for the pavement of this road by the state for "twenty miles or more" from Marshfield toward Roseburg. This statute is of later date and supercedes any former statute so far as the road from Marshfield to Coquille and beyond is concerned, because even the 20 miles will carry the paving through and considerably beyond Coquille.

If this matter were properly presented to the Highway Commission and the attorney general's office, as L. A. Liljeqvist for instance, could present it, there is no doubt in our mind what the result would be.

We don't know what are the facts as to the way the old law about the state spending no money for paving in incorporated cities is now being construed; but we hear it stated that this law is "more honored in the breach than in the observance" in the cities along the line of the Pacific Highway in the Willamette valley.

But when the road from Marshfield is paved to this city, as we have no question it will be some time in 1921, we are going to be up against a tough proposition here in this city.

So far as the three blocks on Taylor street immediately north from the Sentinel office are concerned, the city has spent over \$6,000 in grading them, on the implied pledge in the bonding law of 1917 that the State Highway Commission would hard surface them. The grading that has been done was not all assessed to the abutting property, but two-thirds of it was, and that was enough to confiscate some of the lots. There is no possible way in which more can be got out of those lots than they will sell for. And after the entire property of the city of Coquille has been tayed to pay about \$2,600 for this grading, the injustice of charging this city as a whole with the expense of paving is manifest. Neither ought the county to be expected to do this work. It is for a through coast highway over which in a few years will roll a vast volume of tourist travel between the Pacific Northwest and California, and the state should pay for the unpaved portion in the city of Coquille, under the law, just the same as for the paving between this city and Marshfield, and if the people and officials of this city and county will see that this matter is presented to the State Highway Commission and the attorney general's office in its true light we have no doubt the state will do its duty in providing the pavement required on the coast highway in this city.

Here is the letter written July 9—last Friday—by Assistant Attorney General J. M. Devers to County Clerk Oddy telling why the necessary paving in Coquille was not provided for at this month's meeting of the State Highway Commission:

The Highway Commission at its recent meeting considered the question of paving within the corporate limits of the city of Coquille, and upon being advised that they are without statutory authority to pave within the corporate limits of any city or town, I was instructed by the Commission to report to you that nothing by way of highway improvement can be done by the State within the corporate limits of Coquille.

The County has the authority to cooperate with the town authorities in the improvement of city streets connecting with county roads, and the cities have the right to co-operate with counties in the improvement of county roads leading into the city, but the

Read Easton's Story

While the story our East Fork correspondent, Mr. R. A. Easton, writes about the first lap of his journey from blue water on the Pacific to blue water on the Atlantic, may look like a long one, we are sure every reader of the Sentinel will be glad to see it. Mr. Easton never fails to put a good deal of human interest into everything he writes and we have never seen a travel story that gave a better general idea of the country traversed by the Canadian Pacific between Vancouver, B. C. and Lake Superior than Mr. Easton's letter does. And the stories of the way Canada helped pay the price of world freedom certainly have a heart stirring appeal. By all means read what Mr. Easton says.

Camping Ground Needed

N. N. Neiman stated Wednesday evening that 41 cars had stopped at his place the first three days this week which had come in from Roseburg and that 29 of the drivers had wanted to stop over here all night, and asked where Coquille's camping ground was. The banks of the Cunningham, a mile out of town, is a mighty poor place to tell such people about when we have an ideal spot within a block of the business district, which the expenditure of a little money would secure for just such tourists. And the number of cars coming in here now is only a fraction of what will come in when the roads are improved.

MORE ABOUT TRAGEDY

Coroner Wilson was a caller last Saturday on his way back from the Coroner's inquest at Arago, and told of the whole hearted way in which the jury in the Lillie case had exonerated Albert of any slightest suspicion in the sad case of the shooting his brother. The jury was composed of E. E. Hampton, John Hickam, W. F. Miller, R. M. Bunn, F. M. Hoffard and M. T. Clinton.

The distance from which Albert had shot was 26 paces, or 78 feet from where his brother stood when the shot was fired. Before the coroner arrived the mistake had been made of cutting away some of the underbrush along the line the bullet sped; but even so, when he stood where Clyde fell only the side of his face showed white to those standing where the shot was fired and not even the hat on his head could be distinguished.

The following notes are furnished by our Arago correspondent, Mrs. M. L. Todd:

Both boys were raised here on their ranch and were quite well known throughout the county.

The funeral was held Saturday at one o'clock at the church of the Brethren at Myrtle Point, and the interment was at Norway under a bank of the most beautiful flowers. A very large congregation of relatives and friends were present.

Clyde, as he was usually called, was of a very happy disposition and will be greatly missed. He leaves his young wife, nee Miss Bernice Robison, and aged mother, beside his sister, Rose Lillie, and brothers, Albert Lillie, Bert Doyle, Elmer Doyle, Cash Doyle and William Doyle and sisters, Mrs. Bessie Martindale and Mrs. Melissa Hough. Drew Doyle was killed several years ago by a tree falling upon him.

Today it is midsummer, though we should never realize it if it wasn't for the almanac.

Highway Commission is without any authority to spend state funds on the streets of incorporated towns or cities. They are not only without the authority to make such improvement, but are, by statute, forbidden to do so. I regret very much that any misunderstanding has arisen over this matter, and I feel sure that the Commission would gladly assist if permitted to do so legally.

Scandia's Contract

The Scandia company which got the contract for paving the Marshfield road from Cedar Point to Coquille on its own bid of \$82,000 and odd, is getting work under way at once and will begin construction at the Cedar Point end. It promises to have the work done this fall, but the state force now encamped near the Yoakam ranch and working this way from Coaledo, is making slow progress and is not expected to get the paving laid to Cedar Point until late in the fall of 1921. However it will be much gained to have the road finished as far as Cedar Point this year.

BETTER PHONES

That is What the Coos & Curry Co. Proposes to Give Us at a Little Higher Rate.

E. W. Gates, of the Coos and Curry Telephone Co., was present at the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening for the purpose of discussing the company's proposition to install a modern common battery system in place of the old magnet system now in service. Getting down to brass tacks, this will mean a great improvement in local telephone service. For one thing the central energy system that is proposed will do away with the ringing to call central. Taking the receiver off the hook will cause a light to appear on the switchboard to attract the operator's attention. And Mr. Gates stated that a good operator could handle 300 calls an hour then where 100 is pretty near the limit of the present system.

But the greatest relief from the inauguration of the new system would be the doing away of so much ringing of the bell on party lines. On a two party line the subscriber's own bell would be the only one he would ever hear, while on a four party line, there would be but one other subscriber's bell to cause annoyance.

Mr. Gates' letter to the Club stated that the cost of installing the new system would be from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and would require a complete change of the office equipment as well as a new instrument for every patron in town, these later now costing \$14 each.

Of course the company is asking an increase in rates if they install the new system with its attendant large expenditure of money. The proposed rates are the same as those contemplated five years ago when the central energy system was considered and a majority of the local patrons petitioned for the change, and are the same as those now in vogue in Bandon. The following are the scheduled rates which the company proposes:

| | Present | Proposed |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| 1—Party, Business | \$2.50 | \$3.00 |
| 2—Party, Business | \$2.00 | \$2.50 |
| 4—Party, Business | \$1.50 | \$2.25 |
| 1—Party, Residence | \$2.00 | \$2.50 |
| 2—Party, Residence | \$1.75 | \$2.00 |
| 4—Party, Residence | \$1.50 | \$1.75 |

The Farmer line rates would remain unchanged.

In conversation with Mr. Gates yesterday he informed us that it was only the increase in toll business which had enabled the company to continue the present rates for the past few years and had prevented their asking the Public Service Commission for an increase in rates before this.

In bringing the matter before the Commercial Club, Mr. Gates said that after securing the indorsement of the plan by the club, their next step would be to present it to the city council and then to the patrons of the company for approval, after which application would be made to the Service Commission for authority to increase the rates.

Mr. Gates did not anticipate that the new system could be installed before late in the fall, owing to the difficulty in securing material and supplies.

On motion the club voted to endorse the plan, and pledged itself to do all possible to popularize the idea with the public and the telephone patrons. One gentleman said it would be well worth the 25 cents a month additional charge to stop the continually ringing of the bell on party lines.

The only other business considered at the meeting of the club was the endorsement of the Farm Bureau publicity committee's plan for issuing a Coos county pamphlet and pledging co-operation in its publication.

Must Have New Map

Roadmaster McCulloch says that the reason the approval of the Coquille river bridge by the War Department has not yet been received is because the department has made another change in the size and details of the maps to be submitted. He has been at work on this new map which will soon be ready to send, after which he anticipates there will be no further delay at Washington.

We have received no explanation as to why the Eugene Aeroplane Co. failed to have a flying machine here last Saturday as advertised.