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NOTICE
All Coos County warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to January 1st, 1908 will be paid on presentation at my office in Coquille City. No interest will be allowed on any of these warrants after August 21st, 1909.
Dated this 11th day of Aug. 1909.
T. M. Dimmick
County Treasurer.

Coos County Infirmary

It is safe to assert that ninety per cent of the citizens of this great country are unfamiliar with the workings of the municipal, county and state institutions. The personnel of the officers are unknown, and reports from any and all of them are seldom read, with the result that voters become indifferent and in actions, (if not in words) say to the official, "I voted for you, hope you make good. Well, good bye! See you next election."

There is a sameness about state institutions which bespeaks system well and carefully studied.

The layman seldom learns the workings and takes it for granted that everything is sailing along serenely.

Counties vie with each other in their efforts to make a good healthy showing. A county seat takes on metropolitan airs and always leaves the impression that they are a superior quality. This feeling always brings about good results.

The most commendable work done by any and all of them is that of charity such as is being practiced at the Coos County Infirmary every day. Coos county is not wealthy only in resources, but for the past twenty-five years has maintained a home for the unfortunate within its borders.

The home (for such it is) is located four miles north-east of Coquille on the old Cunningham road and consists of 160 acres of tillable and grazing land with a large modern living house as well as thorough housing for fowl and cattle.

The maimed and decrepit—as well as Judges and Superintendents have come and gone since the installation of the first officer. Reverses, such as a complete loss by fire has been encountered and overcome, and today the place is all that it was intended to be.

Allen McLeod is the present superintendent, a position he has filled for the past eighteen months. Mr. McLeod has been an officer in Coos county and rendered good service. He is acquiring himself ably in his present position. Mr. McLeod is professionally assisted by Mrs. McLeod, a lady of culture who holds a diploma from Boston as a trained nurse.

Mr. McLeod states that the dairy business pays. They are at present milking eleven cows and the result is very satisfactory. Chickens and hogs are raised and go a long way toward meeting expenses.

At present thirteen people are being cared for; the youngest is an infant and the oldest eighty-four years of age. They have a good home. True, it is nothing luxurious, but good food and plenty of it, with a good warm bed, and warm clothing, with nothing to do but stay around is a God send to those who are in need.

The McLeods are as a parent to those dependent people, and none are disquieted or in a mood to complain. They are as one family and you will see one old man assisting another who is less able to move about.

The place called "the world" has become a misty memory to some of them. They and the world no longer have anything in common. Political strife, wars, assassination, changes in fashion leave them unruffled. They are patiently awaiting the rayless decent of death. It is commendable indeed, and a "Nazerene" trait to smooth the way for them as they journey down the river of time.

Among the many good things considered by the District Board Convention held in Coquille Aug. 19, the following resolution passed by unanimous vote is doubtless the beginning of great things for the educational interests of this country.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that a committee of five be appointed by the County Superintendent of which he shall be chairman, to devise means for the holding of a summer school annually in the county for the special training of teachers in methods of teaching.

This committee as selected consists of Supt. Bunch, Judge Schibredre, F. Golden, A. G. Raab, W. D. Reedy.

Eden Valley Coal Claims.

EDITOR HERALD:—In regard to the Eden Ridge coal claims of Samuel D. Pulford, James H. Flanagan, Cecil C. Carter, Herbert Lockhart, Louise C. Lockhart, Alta E. Carter, and others, more or less misleading statements have been published in regard to the Land Department decisions thereon.

On November 9, 1908, the Register & Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office decided that the land was not workable coal land, but found that the claimants took the land in good faith for the coal, as the appearance of the coal was such as to justify the belief that the coal beds were of a workable character. On August 2, 1909, the Commissioner of the General Land Office rendered as decision as follows, after an eight page review of the evidence:—

"As the record stands, the evidence preponderates in favor of the government's contention that the beds are non-workable for their coal and that the coal is not coal land, thus establishing the first charge.

"Nothing is found on record to induce this office to disturb your findings and conclusions as to the good faith of these claimants in asserting their coal claims. They were not coal experts and, as the evidence shows, undoubtedly believed that the outcropping beds were practically coal throughout. The second charge is not sustained by the evidence adduced.

"The third and last charge, in so far as it is different from or additional to the first, is material only as touching the motives or intentions of the parties in asserting their claims to the land, and that issue is fully covered by the second charge and the finding thereon. The last charge, then, may be dismissed from further consideration.

"The third and last charge referred to was 'that the land is chiefly valuable for its timber.' The decision concludes as follows: 'The decision reached by you is accordingly affirmed. Should this decision become final, the several coal land applications will be rejected.'

"Give due notice hereof and at the proper time report.

"Very respectfully,
Acting Commissioner.
You will note that the decision as to claimant's good faith was made about nine months ago, and this point very clearly appears in this recent decision. Justice would have dictated that it should appear in the newspaper reports, which it has never done heretofore to my knowledge. At the time of the hearings, claimants were freely charged with "land fraud." Until a decision had been rendered, I did not feel at liberty as an attorney to publicly discuss the evidence, which incidentally covers about 1800 pages. As these cases are still pending, for they are subject to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior, I cannot yet discuss the evidence, but I will say that it goes to show possibilities of other things connected with the matters involved in this case, on the part of persons other than the claimants, fully as serious as the lack of good faith with which they were charged and of which they were cleared. While these things were not mentioned in the newspapers, I do not believe these papers intended any unfairness to the claimants, but that some other parties have been unfair. Most of our opponents in these cases are of the highest honor and integrity.

In justice, this communication should receive as great publicity as was given to the charges against claimants of bad faith a year ago, and before any decision had been reached on them.

Respectfully,
S. D. Pulford,
Attorney for said six claimants.

The House of Representatives voted down a scheme to furnish a \$6,000 automobile at the government's expense for "Uncle Joe." The action of the House indicates that Uncle Joe could not really have wanted the machine.

Sam Clark is Dead.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—After a lingering illness lasting over several weeks, S. A. Clark, historian, poet and pioneer editor, died at the Salem hospital last night, aged 82 years. He was born in Cuba in 1827, received his education in New York and came around the Horn to California, thence to Oregon in 1850. He resided in the then village of Portland for a short time and came to Salem, where he took up a donation land claim south of the city and later established his residence in Salem, where he has maintained his home ever since. He was married to Miss Harriet Buckingham, in Portland, in 1852. Four children were born, three of whom, Mrs. N. H. Looney, matron of the Stath Reform School, William J. Clarke, editor of the Gervais Star, of Gervais, and Mrs. Sarah Dyer, of this city, survive. At various periods of his life he was editorial writer of several newspapers, among them being the Oregonian, the Record, and Statesman. He was an active worker in state politics, but never held any office of prominence. For several years he was Librarian to Congress in Washington, D. C., and was forced to resign on account of his advanced age and enfeebled condition. No pioneer of Oregon was better known than "Sam" Clark.

Myrtle Point Enterprise.

A daughter was born on August 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Way of this place.

Fred Spires has returned to Corvallis to pursue his studies in connection with the course in electrical engineering which he is taking at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Mrs. Cecil Arneson, who has been very sick for some time, has shown no improvement in her condition recently, and it is feared by her friends that she cannot long withstand the siege of sickness unless there is an early change for the better.

The team driven by Rev. C. D. Price of Bancroft became frightened at an automobile on Spruce street last Friday and ran away, smashing the rig into kindling wood. Mr. Price was compelled to secure another rig to take him home after the accident.

Rev. H. M. Branham writes from Shasta Retreat, Calif., stating that they arrived there on the 19th and like it very much. The night air, he says, is delightful. Fishing and hunting is good and they are enjoying a share of both. They have rented a furnished cottage comfortably situated and expect to remain there three or four weeks.

As We Are.

"Man's life is full of troubles and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out of it against his will. His journey through life is rocky and beset with strange and contradictory experiences. When he is little the big girls kiss him, and when he is big, the little girls kiss him.

"When he is a child he wants candy but can't get it and when he is a man he can get it but don't want it. When he is a boy he wishes he were a man and when he is a man he wishes he were a boy again. If he raises a large family he is a chump; if he raises a check he is a thief; if he is poor he is a bad manager and if he is rich he is dishonest. If he is in politics it is for graft, and if out of politics you can't place him and he is no good to his country, no how.

"If he gives to charity it is for show, and if he does not he is a stingy cuss.

"If he dies young there was a great future for him, and if he lives to an old age, he has missed his calling.

"If he is active in religion he is a hypocrite, but if he takes no interest in religious matters he is a hardened sinner.

"If he shows affection he is a soft specimen, if he has none he is a cold-blooded proposition. In order to be entirely healthy he must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing, and see that the air is properly sterilized before breathing."

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GENERAL NEWS.

New York, Aug. 24.—Since January 1, it is learned that orders have been given by various railroad, express and dispatch companies for from \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000 worth of rolling stock. Many plants that several months ago were running on half time, are today operating to their full capacity, and thousands of men who were out of work six months ago have steady employment.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 24.—The Argentine steamer Colombia, carrying passengers from Buenos Ayres to the festival at Montevideo, and a German steamer also engaged in the local passenger service and whose name has not been learned, collided at the entrance of Montevideo Harbor today. Between 150 and 200 persons were drowned. The German steamer sank almost immediately after the collision and only the captain and a few of the passengers were saved. The captain had to be restrained from committing suicide.

Colfax, Wash., Aug. 24.—The most disastrous grain field fire in the Palouse country this year occurred Saturday morning, three miles north of Diamond, when 3000 bushels of wheat belonging to John Kirkman and 1500 bushels of stacked grain belonging to Jack Stuart was destroyed. The fire originated on the Kirkman place from embers left at the setting by the threshing engine, which left the field nearly 48 hours before, and when discovered had gained such headway that it spread to Stuart's farm adjoining, despite the efforts of over 100 men from nearby heading and threshing crews and it required several hours hard work to get it under control. The grain was insured.

Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 24.—The cornerstone of Roseburg's new Masonic Temple was laid yesterday afternoon, with quiet ceremonies. The grand officers present were Dr. Norris R. Cox, of Portland, grand master; D. G. Tomasini, of Portland, grand tyler, and E. E. Kiddle, of Island City, past grand master and grand high priest of the R. A. M. The formalities opened with a parade of Masons, headed by a band. At the laying of the cornerstone there was the usual ritualistic work, and addresses were made by Dr. Cox, Hon. J. C. Fullerton, Hon. O. P. Coshow and Hon. Dexter Rice. The temple will be Roseburg's first three-story building. When complete and furnished it will cost about \$25,000.

Condon, Or., Aug. 25.—Following the decision by Circuit Judge L. T. Harris, that the Condon charter is not analogous to the Medford charter and therefore cannot regulate the sale of liquor, contrary to the local option law, Sheriff Rogers last night closed all the saloons in the city. Judge Harris based his decision on the grounds that under the charter the council could also regulate the sale of liquor to minors and women, which is contrary to the state law, and that no special clause regulates the sale, contrary to the local option law. The decision was hastened by the recent murder of Bert Wells by B. K. Seary. No trouble is expected from the saloonmen. No appeal to the supreme court will be made on account of the expense. The saloonmen claim had faith on the part of the district attorney, saying they had an agreement that no action would be taken until the decision of the supreme court. A mass meeting is to be held tonight in the interests of better municipal government.

John D. Rockefeller recently transferred \$2,000,000 worth of real estate to his son for \$1. In the words of the prophet, "Them as has gits."

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Schedule of Coquille River Transportation Company.

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" " 7:30 " "	" " 1:30 P. "
" " 1 P. "	" " 7 A. "
Arrive at " 9 A. "	Arrive at " 11:30 A. "
" " 4:30 " "	" " 1:30 A. "
" " 10:30 A. "	" " 4:30 P. "