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LUMBER MILL FOR COQUILLE

REYNOLDS MILL DEAL CONSUMMATED AND THE COMPANY ORGANIZED.

COLLIER ELECTED PRESIDENT
Work of Moving the Plant to Begin at Once and Calculations Made to Be Running in From 60 to 90 Days.

The Coquille Lumber company, the new company formed to take over the plant of the Reynolds mill on the bay, expects to have the machinery moved to Coquille and in operation within the next 60 to 90 days. This is the enterprise for which the Herald announced subscriptions were being taken last week.

Monday morning the stockholders, numbering about 40 of the business men of the city and a few outsiders, met at the court house and proceeded to organize. The subscription books of the company were opened and signed, by-laws governing the corporation adopted and articles of incorporation drawn up. The capital stock was placed at \$50,000. The articles of incorporation state that the company proposes to do a general lumbering, logging and manufacturing business.

A board of five directors was elected by the stockholders as follows:

J. A. Collier, Coquille.
C. A. Gage, Coquille.
Geo. W. Beale, Marshfield.
L. J. Simpson, Marshfield.
L. J. Seeley, Coquille.

A directors meeting was held Monday afternoon at which the following men were elected officers of the company:

J. A. Collier, president.
C. A. Gage, vice president.
R. H. Mast, treasurer.
M. O. Hawkins, secretary.

J. A. Collier and C. A. Gage left for the bay Tuesday morning to take an inventory of the plant and it is intended to begin moving the mill at once. A force of men will be put to work at either end, the one here putting in the pilings and flooring and the one on the bay taking down the machinery and buildings.

The site secured for the mill is considered a very good one, being close to town and having the river on one side and the railroad on the other. The railroad company will put in a side track to the mill large enough to accommodate 30 cars or more.

Coquille people are jubilant over the certainty of again having two mills running in the near future. The two will employ in the neighborhood of 60 to 75 men.

Child Badly Burned.

Mertle Mast, the five-year-old daughter of Hardy Mast, of Leo, was badly burned by spilling the contents of a boiling coffee pot over her, self last Saturday evening. A number of people of that locality were spending the evening at the skating rink there, and while they were preparing a luncheon the little girl met with the accident. One limb was quite badly burned, but at last reports she was getting along as well as could be expected.

WINTER SPORTS.

The following paper was written by a sixth-grade pupil of the Coquille schools:

There are many places in the world where you can have lots of winter sports, but back in Wisconsin you can have all kinds of them.

The snow lies on the ground for three months at a time and sometimes longer.

The river also freezes over and the ice is sometimes a foot and a half thick.

When it snows the boys and girls go sleigh riding. They can hire a team for three and it only costs them two dollars. They get just a nice sleigh full and start out in the moonlight and the snow certainly looks beautiful with the moon shining on it, which makes it so light that you could read a newspaper. But they never find time for that. They often turn over but they don't mind that, and up they get and start out again. They sing and laugh and tell stories and never think of getting tired until their three hours are more than up.

Then, after their sleigh ride is over they go over to the river where every one that is not sleighriding is skating and having a good time, while others who do not care to skate are hovering over a big fire on the banks. They skate for many hours and then when they go home it ends the fun until the next day.

PORTLAND BOOSTERS TO VISIT COQUILLE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

The following letter from C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is largely self-explanatory. According to present plans a large delegation of business men of Portland, who are interested in securing more of the business of this section that has been going to San Francisco will leave Portland the last of this week on a visit to Coos county towns.

Following is the letter.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14, 1911.

Editor Herald, Coquille, Ore.—Dear Sir: I expect to pay a visit to Coos bay about next Monday, January 23, coming via the first trip of the steamer Anvii, but cannot advise you definitely just when I will reach there as it will depend entirely upon weather and other conditions.

I hope to bring with me a delegation of Portland business men, under the auspices of the transportation committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The establishment of this line of boats while emanating from suggestions originally made by the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial club, has been undertaken by the transportation committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which organization deserves all the credit.

I am looking forward to an opportunity to outline to your business men the work of the Oregon Development League, how you can co-operate with us and we with you in bringing more people and more activities to your locality.

Looking forward to the pleasure of a visit with you, I am,

Yours cordially,
PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB,
C. C. Chapman, Manager.

JOINT INSTALLATION BY ROYAL NEIGHBORS AND MODERN WOODMEN

A joint installation was held Saturday evening by the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors, Rev. W. T. Goulder acting as installing officer of the Woodman and Past Oracle Inez Jenkins, of Bandon, for the Royal Neighbors.

Following were the officers installed by the Woodmen:

Venerable Consul, C. E. Van Marter, Esteemed past consul, E. H. Kern, Worthy adviser, R. B. Rogers, Clerk, Ned C. Kelley, Escort, M. C. Tozier, Watchman, Jas. McGuffin, Sentry, Robt. Maddox.

The Royal Neighbors installed the following officers:

Oracle, Eva Howe, Vice Oracle, Eunice Dobson, Recorder, Esta Lane, Receiver, Clothilde Van Marter, Marshal, Amy Kelley, Chancellor, Mary Kern, O. Sentinel, Nina Kelley, O. Sentinel, Vena Frye, Managers, Ethel Taylor and Edna Kelley.

The decorating committee and the refreshment committee are both deserving of special mention.

The hall was beautifully decorated with the emblematic colors of the two orders, Oregon grape and ferns being interwoven with the colors.

Three young men belonging to both orders comprised the refreshment committee and performed that part of the program in a very creditable manner.

Now Is the Time

To secure another year's subscription to the HERALD at a one-third reduction. We are not giving away a piano or automobile; we do not believe in giving one or two persons a prize worth several hundred dollars and having the balance of the subscribers pay for it. We are giving a premium—a 50-CENT PIECE—to each and every one on each year's subscription paid. Every subscriber shares in the transaction instead of a few.

All subscriptions must be paid up—an up-to-date paper cannot be run without money. One or two dollars is a small sum to each individual reader but multiply it by 1200 and it amounts to considerable. It means the difference between a poor paper and a good paper.

If you cannot call at the office send a check or money order and a receipt will be mailed to you. DO IT NOW WHILE YOU CAN SECURE TWO YEARS' SUBSCRIPTION FOR LESS THAN THE PRICE OF ONE.

BELIEVED HILL AND HARRIMAN MAY UNITE

Probably Will Combine Forces in Construction of Railroad but Operate as Entirely Separate Systems.

An article which appeared in the Oregonian this week concerning the renewed activity of the Lane County Asset company, announcement of which appeared in the Herald last week, professes to see immediate prospects of a railroad for this country. It is to be hoped that such is the case—that an outlet will soon be secured to the markets of the world for our vast resources and to assist in developing one of the most fertile and productive agricultural sections of the United States.

Following is the article:
Entrance of the Hill lines into the Coos Bay district over a new road to be built from Eugene to Florence, thence southward along the coast, is considered a probability as a result of recent activities of officials of the Lane County Asset company. Known locally as a Hill corporation.

It is understood that arrangements have been made to prepare an estimate of the cost of the road from Eugene to Florence and that some of the surveys already have been completed. Authorization of the construction work has not yet been considered by the board of directors of the Hill system, but that the appropriation will be forthcoming, if the plans meet with the approval of the engineers and local Hill officials, is not doubted.

The construction of this piece of road, of course, would leave the Hill system without an outlet to its main line, but this could easily be provided by the extension of the Oregon Electric from Salem to Eugene, surveys and rights of way for which already have been completed.

It is understood that work on the Oregon Electric extension may be started within the next few months, and that the intentions of the heads of the enterprise are to rush it to completion within the present year.

Many of these plans have developed so far as to need only the final order of the proper executive. Much depends upon the announcements to be made by John F. Stevens, following his return from Chicago next week. Stevens, in a telegram to his

office here advised that he will be in Portland Monday. He believed that he will be in a position to take up all of the Hill projects that demand immediate attention, principal among which is the Oregon Electric extension. The Coos Bay enterprise may not receive immediate consideration but that it will be kept in mind for future activity is not doubted.

Within the last few months the Lane County Asset company has figured the cost and practicability of building the road from Eugene toward Elmira. Arrangements have been made to build and operate the first 20 miles, after which the road will be pushed to the mouth of the Siuslaw and thence to the Coos Bay district.

While the Lane County Asset company was organized by Eugene residents for the ostensible purpose of building an electric road, financial aid has been secured in the east and in this movement is seen the master hand of James J. Hill, who, it is known, desires to be the first to tap the rich and latent resources of the fertile Coos Bay district. The timber alone will provide activity for any railroad for almost a century, it is estimated.

Following close upon the heels of the announcement by the Lane County Asset company of its plans comes the organization of the Pacific Great Western Railway company, which financial articles of incorporation at Eugene. The capital stock is \$50,000 and R. B. Hunt and Jesse C. Auer, of Eugene, and Frederick M. DeNeff, of Portland, are named as the directors.

This concern proposes to construct a steam railway from Eugene westward to the Siuslaw river, thence to Florence by way of Mapleton, sixty miles from Eugene. To avoid expense cuts the road will cross the Siuslaw river three times on the way to Mapleton and at the summit of the mountains there will be a tunnel 1,100 feet long. Portland capital is said to be behind the movement, but in this well-informed railroad men

sent a further move on the part of the great railroad enterprise of the Northwest to share in the trade that will follow the entrance of a line into the Coos Bay section.

That this new company is a part of the Harriman system and built for the purpose of combating the latest Hill progress is believed highly probable. The construction of the road from Drain to Coos Bay as originally planned is no longer included in the calculations for the work of the immediate future.

With so much activity on the part of railroad officials having Coos Bay as their objective point the construction of a road into that territory is no longer a remote idea. The theory, so often advanced in the past, that as soon as one of the two rival concerns obtains an entrance the other, too, will be found on the ground, seems likely to be vindicated.

But two separate lines will not be built into Coos Bay at the outset. One set of rails will suffice for the two roads. In recent years the competing railroad interests have adopted the plan of combining their strength in construction and opposing each other in service and accommodations after the roads are completed.

Coos Bay, therefore, will find itself possessed of all the advantages of two railroads with none of the inconveniences of two separate systems of tracks if the developments of the last few days are any criterion of what may be expected in the progress of the future.

With \$200,000,000 of new foreign capital at his command, James J. Hill will be in a position financially to carry on a railroad development which it is believed will include plans more far-reaching in character than heretofore undertaken by the builder of empires.

Although local representatives of the Hill lines profess ignorance of the railroad's plans on the Pacific coast, advices received in Portland from apparently reliable sources indicate that the next territory to be exploited is southern Oregon and the entire state of California.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' OPEN BASKET BALL SEASON ON THE BAY

The high school boys' basket ball team will play their first game of the season at Marshfield Thursday night and at North Bend Friday night. Prof. Hockett will accompany the team.

The boys are said to be in fine shape and no doubt will put up a stiff game in each place.

The line-up of the team will be as follows:

Matt Kerrigan, captain; guard.
Tom Belloni, guard.
Irvin Custer, center.
George Oerding, forward.
Clay Knowlton, forward.
Ray Miller, substitute.
Owen Knowlton, referee.

Concerning the Friday night game the Coos Bay Harbor, of North Bend, says:

"The first game of basket ball of the Coos county high school series to be played in North Bend occurs on Friday evening, January 20, in the Park Pavilion. The Coquille boys' high school team will attempt to defeat the North Bend boys' high school team. A great deal of interest centers on this game and our boys say they will win the first if there is a possible chance. They are practicing regularly and make a fine showing. The people of North Bend should turn out and encourage them."

The next game of the series will be played here next Thursday, Jan. 26, when Marshfield plays the local team.

G. W. Clinton, of Myrtle Point, was a Coquille visitor today.

OFFICERS INSTALLED SATURDAY EVENING BY I. I. O. F. NO. 53

Coquille Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F. installed the following officers on Saturday evening, Jan. 14:

M. H. Hersey, D. D. G. M.
C. W. Upton, N. G.
C. R. Barrow, V. G.
J. S. Lawrence, Sec.
L. H. Hazard, treasurer.
H. C. Davis, warden.
M. H. Hersey, conductor.
Geo. F. Hall, I. S.
T. J. Thrift, R. S. N. G.
E. C. Ostrander, L. S. N. G.
J. S. Barton, R. S. V. G.
M. T. Clinton, L. S. V. G.
Geo. T. Moulton, chaplain.

Notice.
There will be a meeting of men and women property owners living in the Elliott and Notley additions at the city hall, Jan. 23, for the purpose of dividing ways and means for improving the streets of said district.
J. E. QUICK, Mayor.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Randolph Lumber Company Elected Officers.

The yearly business meeting and election of officers of the Randolph Lumber company was held at Randolph Monday and the following officers elected.

Alfred Johnson, president.
S. P. Bartlett, vice president.
Geo. A. Hartley, secretary.
E. E. Johnson, general manager.

LUTHER BURBANK HAS PERFECTED NEW BERRY

First of a New Race Which Has Come to Make Strawberry Growers Rejoice.

One of the notable creations perfected this year by Luther Burbank, announcement of which has just been made public, is a strawberry of a new type, "The Patagonia." Some of the features of the new strawberry are that it commences to ripen first and continues to bear the longest. Then the leaves are large and unusually thick and firm, with a thin, silky down, and "are never injured by sunburn, where other varieties are either seriously browned or wholly destroyed."

The new strawberry is heralded by its creator as "the first of a new race which has come to make strawberry growers rejoice." The berries are uniformly large, single berries, sometimes weighing an ounce; fine scarlet color with handsome pale flesh. The seeds are so small as to be almost imperceptible. The new strawberry melts in the mouth with a sweet pineapple, strawberry and cream-like flavor.

Burbank worked on this strawberry for a number of years until this year he has pronounced it perfect and has so announced it within the past few days.

BOGUS CHECK MEN CAUGHT

ARRESTED IN BANDON ON LAST THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY SHERIFF GAGE.

WERE ON STR. ELIZABETH

Passed Forged Checks on the Hub Clothing Company at Marshfield and Bandon—Admitted Crime.

Sheriff Gage returned Friday evening from Bandon having in custody two men wanted for passing worthless checks at Marshfield and Bandon. A third member of the party, but against whom there was no evidence of complicity in the forgeries, was allowed to go on the Elizabeth to San Francisco.

The two men, giving their names as Ray Brown and Arthur Young, are now lodged in the county jail where they will be held to appear before the grand jury in April.

Ray Brown, or Crawford, as he called himself at Marshfield, acknowledged his guilt to the officers and proposed to pay back the money, with interest, in order to escape punishment.

The first heard of the operations of the trio was in Marshfield, where Brown, or Crawford, passed a check on the Hub Clothing company store for \$25. He also attempted to pass one for \$20 at a saloon but the check was found to be worthless and Brown was forced to return the money.

They came to Coquille by the morning train Wednesday and went on to Bandon on the 9 o'clock boat.

About 6:30 Wednesday evening Brown and Young appeared at the Hub store at Bandon, where Young purchased a pair of shoes. Brown paid for the same, giving a check for \$22.62, made in favor of himself and purporting to have been issued by the Randolph Lumber company. After receiving the change in cash they purchased tickets to San Francisco on the Elizabeth, which was scheduled to leave at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The men evidently expecting to make their get-away before the bank opened.

This is where their calculations miscarried, however, for the Elizabeth was unable to cross out over the bar and they were found on board by Sheriff Gage shortly after noon on Thursday.

A preliminary hearing was given them Friday morning and they were brought here the same day.

Brown and Young claim to have been employed at the Gardner mill until recently, and to have walked down the beach to Marshfield.

The story that the third man made his escape, Sheriff Gage states, is not true as he saw and talked with him on the Elizabeth, both when he arrested Brown and later when he arrested Young. There was no evidence to show that he had been a party to any of the crimes committed by the other two and he was allowed to go for that reason. Neither is the statement that he carried off most of the money borne out by the facts, as the night watch at Bandon found him on the streets without money and paid for his bed.

Brown had \$25.00 when arrested and Young 25 cents. The steamship company refunded the \$15 for their fares.

Million Dollars for Road Building.
Hood River, Oregon, Jan. 14.—The largest road meeting that has ever been held in Hood River convened at the commercial club yesterday, when the grangers of the valley and the commercial club members held a joint meeting. It was ordered on motion of A. I. Mason that our representative in the lower house be instructed to vote and work for the passage of the five good roads bills with the modification that the power be taken from the county courts in the distribution of the money for roads and that the roads in the counties be constructed by petition, where the abutting property would be made to share a proportion of the expense. Mr. Mason suggested that the property abutting be asked to pay one-fourth of the cost of the road leading past his property. The meeting placed itself on record as favoring the bonding act and the Hood River enthusiasts are desiring to bond the county in the sum of \$1,000,000 so that the entire stretch of roads in the county may be macadamized. Delegates will go to Salem to assist in the passage of such a bill.

\$30,000 FIRE AT GARDINER

CAUSED BY OVERTURNED GASOLINE LAMP IN ROOM OF HOTEL.

Buildings are dynamited.

Heroic Work Required to Save Entire Town From Being Destroyed—Five Business Houses and Four Dwellings Go.

Gardiner had a \$30,000 fire Monday evening, caused by the overturning of a gasoline lamp in the Gardiner hotel. The fire started about 8 o'clock, and burned until 11:30 before the firefighters succeeded in getting it under control.

A total of five business blocks and four residences were completely destroyed, some of them being dynamited in order to check the spread of the flames.

Dr. A. L. Houseworth, of Marshfield, who was in Gardiner at the time, gave the following details of the fire in an interview in the Times:

"I never saw a fire gain headway so rapidly or burn with such fury in all my life. It seemed only an instant after the gasoline lamp was overturned that the entire downstairs room in which it occurred was filled with flames and in but a few minutes flames were shooting out through the roof and from all sides.

"Everybody turned out promptly and soon all the hose in the town was plying on it. It jumped from one building to another and finally across the street. Then it was seen that the attempt to extinguish it with water would be futile and that probably Reed's store and the rest of the town in that section would be swept.

"After a short consultation, it was decided that the only means of staying the buildings in the path of the flames. This was done and all went to work tearing out the shattered buildings and a bucket brigade was formed and after an hour or so it was under control.

"There was some wind blowing but it was to the advantage of the major portion of the town.

"I never saw men work so hard in my life. The way that the citizens of Gardiner endured that terrible heat and exerted themselves trying to save furniture and goods from the buildings was something that deserves the highest commendation. Only the excitement could have kept some of them up."

Burkholder Ill.
Frank Burkholder has been confined to his home the past week with a severe attack of appendicitis. He is now much improved and a speedy recovery is hoped for.

COOS COUNTY NEEDS CANNERY

THREE TOWNS ALREADY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR CHANCE TO SECURE ONE.

COQUILLE IS LOGICAL SITE

Centrally Located, Easily Reached by Railroad or River and in the Heart of Rich Farming Section.

This county is waking up to the fact that it needs a cannery to take care of the thousands of dollars worth of fruit for which there is no convenient market and for the immense quantities of vegetables which the fertile valleys are capable of raising. While there has been talk of such an enterprise in this city and some correspondence with interested parties, nothing definite has yet been done in that direction.

Coquille has the best location in the county for such an enterprise. We not only have a large farming and fruit raising section in the immediate vicinity, but being centrally lo-

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