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JUDGE LOWE PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY

David J. Lowe, one of the oldest and most prominent settlers in the Coquille valley, died last Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Wolcott, in Marshfield, aged 87 years. Deceased had been in poor health for some time.

Judge Lowe came to California in 1849, and to Oregon in 1856. In 1858 he moved with his family to the Coquille river, and had since that time made this county his home.

Mr. Lowe was a veteran of the Mexican war, had served four terms as justice of the peace, three times as county commissioner, one as county judge, and twenty-one years as clerk of the Myrtle Grove school district.

Deceased is survived by his wife, and three children, Frank T. Lowe and Mrs. A. D. Wolcott of Marshfield, and David J. Lowe, of this city.

The following interesting biography is published from the Coos Bay Times:

Attracted across the continent during the gold fever of '49, and for of a gold miner in California, Judge several years following the fortunes David John Lowe first penetrated the wilds of Oregon in 1856. For more than half a century, as miner, rancher, hotel keeper and public official, he played a prominent part among the pioneers in the development of Coos county. Children of men and women whom as judge he united in marriage are now gray, cities have grown up about him and a wilderness in the Coquille valley has become inhabited during his career in Oregon.

Judge Lowe was born November 19, 1823, in Baltimore county, Maryland. He was the fifth David John Lowe in direct line in the family. One of his ancestors came to this country with Lord Baltimore and helped to establish Baltimore county, and his grandfather on his mother's side fought under General Washington.

Judge Low lived on a farm until he was 21 years of age. When the war with Mexico broke out he enlisted at Washington, D. C., in the Mounted Rifles, Company C. He landed at Vera Cruz in April, 1847, and marched with General Scott's army as far as Perota Castle, where he was stationed. After being discharged he was at the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington monument, July 4, 1848. Mr. Lowe told with pride how on returning from the war to Washington he was entertained and received by President Polk, for whom he cast his first vote, and by members of congress. He also enjoyed the distinction of having walked over the tracks of the first railroad built in the United States.

But he did not have the use of railroads in 1849, when he made the trip across the continent to the California gold fields. He reached Sacramento in September, after a hard trip. The city was only a village of tents along the river.

For several years Judge Lowe was engaged in mining, store keeping and staging in California, with all the ups and downs of those days of so many successes and of failures. He started north, and in 1856 found himself at the headwaters of the Rogue river. Accompanying him to Oregon were Charles Hilborn, Jas. Oliver and Plumer Emery. After traveling over much of Jackson and Josephine counties, the party arrived at Roseburg and struck out for

the coast by way of Camas valley, and down the middle fork of the Coquille river. On arriving at the Sixes river most of the male population of Port Orford was met on the way to the gold fields along the river.

Port Orford was at first not attractive to the new comers. Most of the people of the locality had gathered in the place for safety from the Indians. It had been planned by the party to take a boat back to California, but a severe gale came up and it was this freak of the elements that caused Judge Lowe to be a citizen of Oregon. On account of the storm the members of the party decided not to go to sea. They stayed at a hotel kept by Billy Crazy and were living on very scant rations. The storm drove the kelp off Cape Blanco reef and this, forming a seine, brought in hundreds of tons of fish, oysters and clams to replenish the depleted hotel table fare.

Many people came to try their fortunes in the mines, and Peter Ruffner, who owned the Hotel Peytonia at Port Orford, was among the arrivals. He took charge of the hotel and opened up a commercial establishment in connection with the mines, and Mr. Lowe was employed by him. Much talk of the Coquille valley had been heard by Mr. Lowe and he concluded to investigate. In company with his three former traveling companions he made a trip in a canoe up the Coquille to Argo and the party returned to Port Orford much elated over the Coquille country. Mr. Lowe sent for his brother, Y. M. Lowe, who came with his wife and then the judge went to California and was married and brought back his bride. They kept the Peytonia hotel and in July, 1858, the two brothers and their wives started for the Coquille. They traveled with the mail carrier on the first trip ever made by a mail carrier in Coos county. It was on this trip that Judge Lowe met Dr. Hermann from Baltimore, who afterward established the famous Hermann colony on the Coquille.

Mr. Lowe said that the first flood on the Coquille came in 1861, and caused water to pour into his house. When the water had subsided a new residence was built on higher land, the lumber being brought from Coos bay by raft and ox team.

About 1860 Judge Lowe granted to Pohl, Grub & Rink a mill right on his place and the firm built a sawmill which was about the first of the Coquille river lumber business, now so extensive. The mill was operated by waterpower and would cut 1200 feet a day in the winter when there was plenty of water. This enterprise brought vessels directly up the river. Such a fine quality of cedar was shipped to San Francisco that others investigated the locality. Captain Parker and Mr. Cook built the Parkersburg mill on the Coquille and constructed the tug Katie Cook, and from then on the Coquille river people were independent and self-supporting. The lumber business, which was started from the little water mill has grown wonderfully.

Judge Lowe was one of the first to attempt farming along the Coquille river, and lived to see the Coquille valley become one of the richest ranching districts in the state.

When children in the Lowe family reached school age the nearest school house was at Empire, thirty miles from the ranch, so Mr. Lowe organized school district No. 11 and a school house was built at Myrtle Grove, near his home. He was chosen clerk of the school board, and served as such for 21 years. He was also justice of the peace for four terms, county commissioner for three terms, and county judge of Coos county for one

A FEW CASES SET FOR TRIAL NEXT WEEK

There are 171 cases on the docket for the April term of the circuit court up to date, and with the true bills brought in by the grand jury the number will probably be increased to in the neighborhood of 180 cases. About 50 cases have been disposed of by Judge Coke, however, or settled out of court.

There are only two criminal cases on the docket at present, that of State vs. John Herron and State vs. George Crowley. The former was tried at the December term and Herron was convicted. He is now seeking a new trial. In State vs. Crowley defendant is charged with wanton cruelty to a horse.

There are 17 divorce cases on the docket.

Following are the cases already set for trial:

Ward Logging Co. vs. Simpson Lumber Co.

The Press Publishing Co. vs. A. J. Mendel et al.

Gustaf Svenson vs. Moore Lumber Co.

Bandon Creamery Co. vs. Coquille Valley Bottling Works.

Perdue vs. Butler.

Geo. E. Peoples, as guardian of Allen D. Randleman, vs. J. L. Bean.

Susan O. Ensign vs. Coos county.

Heese vs. Bruner.

Milton vs. Koontz.

ROSES PLANTED.

Members of the M. E. Church, South, at Fishtrap, spent two days last week improving and beautifying the church grounds. A wire fence was built around the yard and about 50 rose bushes were planted. The members are also planning an entertainment and box supper for the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase a bell and paint the church.

PAINFULLY INJURED.

Rev. William Lyons, of Myrtle Point, had the misfortune to fall and tear the ligaments of his ankle while at Fishtrap last week. The injury is very painful and will make it impossible for him to attend to his duties for the next month or six weeks.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Come to the Christian Endeavor at the Christian church Sunday evening, April 23, at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Sabbath Benefits."

APPOINTED INTERNE.

R. V. Leep, son of Dr. K. A. Leep, of this city, has the honor of leading his class in scholarship in the medical college of the University of Oregon, at Portland, from which institution he graduates this spring. Mr. Leep won, by competitive examination, an appointment as interne in St. Vincent's hospital at Portland, and will assume his duties immediately after graduating.

term. During his official capacity he married over 20 couples.

Judge Lowe and Eurille A. Slayback were married September 13, 1857. The bride came from Montgomery county, Ill., and was one of a well known Ohio family. For over 40 years the couple lived on the same place and took part in the development of the Coquille valley. Three years ago the couple moved from Bandon to Marshfield to live with their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Wolcott, who is the oldest white child born on the Coquille river.

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GRAND JURY RETURNED 6 TRUE BILLS TO DATE

The grand jury, which has been in session all week, returned six true bills and one not true bill this afternoon. They expect to finish up their work by Saturday noon.

True bills were returned against the following:

Walter Clapper, charged with obtaining money and property under false pretense.

A second true bill was returned against Clapper on the charge of forgery.

Ray Brown, charged with obtaining money and property under false pretense, and a second on a charge of forgery.

Joseph Kelly, charged with receiving stolen property.

A not true bill was returned in the case of Arthur Young, charged with obtaining money under false pretense.

SAMUEL SHUCK.

The following letter was received this week relative to the death of Samuel Shuck, reported in the Herald last week:

Pomona, Cal., April 15.—Editor the Herald: I wish to inform our friends through the columns of your paper of the death of my dear father, Samuel Shuck, on April 4, 1911, at Los Angeles. He and mother moved from your town last November and came to Pomona, since which time they have resided with us. His health, since coming to California, was better than it had been for several years, until about the last of February he had two nervous chills. After that he did not regain his usual health. He and mother went to Los Angeles to doctor. The third morning after take treatments of a chiropractic going he took a chill at 4 a. m. and soon became unconscious, and passed away in that state at 11:30 a. m. the same morning. We brought his body back here and interment was made in Pomona cemetery.

He was born September 3, 1830, in Ohio. It is hard to give him up, but we know it is well with him as he has lived the Christian life since 12 years old, and we expect to meet him again on heaven's bright shore. Mrs. L. A. Clinton.

J. B. Steinnon, of Marshfield, was a county seat business visitor Wednesday.

Ray Dean left today for Myrtle Creek for a week's outing.

Geo. H. Sigby, of this city, has bought property in Bandon and moved down with his family Friday.

Dean's studio will be closed till May 1.

Miss Elizabeth Tellefsen, of Marshfield, spent Saturday and Sunday in Coquille.

Mrs. H. S. Hammond was called to Marshfield Wednesday on business, returning Thursday.

Tom Harvey, of Marshfield, was a Coquille business visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Neil Woodruff, who is being nursed through an attack of typhoid fever at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jas. Richmond, is reported to be about the same, and is getting along as well as can be expected. Mrs. Woodruff contracted the fever in Marshfield while attending to her duties as a nurse in the hospital.

A marriage license was granted Timothy Billings and Ida Lewis Friday.

Mayor J. E. Quick will leave on the Alliance tomorrow for Eureka on a business trip, and expects to be gone about 10 days.

Bob Gee announces another social dance at the Hazlet Saturday night.

The Coquille Bakery & Confectionery has just received a nice, fresh line of fruits, candy and nuts. Also all kinds of chewing gum. Give us a call.

FOR SALE.

One of the best improved dairy farms in the valley, at a bargain. H. L. Carl, Myrtle Point, Ore. Telephone Farmers line 191.

CHURCH AND MANSE BURNED AT BANDON

The Presbyterian church and manse were totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning, making a loss of about \$5,000, with probably one-fourth that amount of insurance.

The cause of the fire is unknown but many think it to have been incendiary, while others think it might have been caused by defective wiring for electric lights.

The fire was discovered yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, by Nightwatchman Harry Nelson, as he was going to his home, and the alarm was immediately turned in, and people swarmed from every direction to be of assistance if possible, but so far as extinguishing the fire was concerned there was absolutely nothing to be done as there are no hydrants on the hill, and no water for fire protection, although the manse could easily have been saved and probably the fire could have been extinguished from the church, had there been any water. And this brings us face to face again with the fact that Bandon is in need of fire protection, and something must be done at once or some morning we will all wake up and find that we have been made paupers in a single night. The proposition of fire protection has been discussed pro and con long enough, and it is now time that something was being done, as the dry season is again approaching when there is great danger, so now is the time to get busy and do something.

The Presbyterian society of Bandon was organized in June, 1891, and February 9, 1892 they purchased the lot where the church stood and although we were unable to get the exact date when the erection of the church building was commenced, it was probably the following summer, thus making the building about 19 years old. It was a substantial building and quite commodious, although it was becoming too small for the needs of the congregation, and steps were being taken to raise the building about two feet and build a full basement under the church, with a 10-foot ceiling, when the church was destroyed. The manse was practically a new building, being completed only about three years ago. The furniture was all saved from the manse, and most of the windows and doors were taken off, but there was very little saved from the church.

At a meeting of the church trustees last night it was decided to rebuild the church at once, and immediate steps will be taken toward securing funds and making other arrangements for the building, and there will no doubt be a liberal response from Bandon people whether they are members of the church or not, as all recognize the great importance of an institution of this kind in our city.—Recorder.

HAND MASHED.

Urban Elwood, while helping his uncles, H. L. and A. W. Varney, to move the old Johnson Lumber company office, had his hand badly mashed Tuesday by one of the rollers passing over it. His glove in some manner caught under the roller and made it impossible for him to withdraw it in time. Although his hand was badly mashed and is very painful, no bones were broken and it is not likely that any fingers will be lost.

It will pay you to drop in at Robinson's any day.

RESIGNED COUNCILMEN WILL SERVE TILL JUNE

The city council met in special session Tuesday evening for the purpose of approving the appointment of Councilmen Hazard and Johnson to fill the vacancies caused by their resignations recently.

Mr. Hazard and Mr. Johnson resigned at the last meeting in order to have their successors elected at the coming election, but were willing to serve by appointment until their successors are elected and qualified. Mayor Quick therefore appointed them to fill the balance of the term, and the appointment was approved by the council.

Sam Nosler's lease on the waterfront back of his warehouse was also passed upon and the mayor and recorder were authorized to sign the same.

BAXTER RE-OPENED.

J. F. Steinman and wife arrived here on the Fifield last week from San Francisco and re-opened the Baxter hotel this week. Mr. and Mrs. Steinman are experienced hotel people, having been in the business in Sacramento for a number of years. It is planned to open the dining room next Monday. Extensive changes are being made in the way of new furniture and carpets in the hallways and rooms, and Mr. Steinman intends to make a first-class hotel of the Baxter.

MAY BUY RANCH.

R.S. Tyrrell, of Oakland, Cal., and J. A. Davenport, of this city, are negotiating for the purchase of all of the J. C. Watson holdings, north of town, comprising 180 acres of highly improved land. This is one of the finest ranches in the valley and is considered a gilt edge investment.

A REQUEST.

The second Sunday in May is "Mother's Day." The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church would like the readers of this paper to send him within two weeks a definition of a real, true mother, or a word of appreciation for mother. Send communications to E. Sutton Mace, Coquille, Ore.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

Next Sunday morning Rev. L. P. Law, of Sileam Springs, Arkansas, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at the M. E. Church, South. A large choir will be made one of the features of these meetings, and it is planned to secure a chorus of 50 to 100 voices.

Hospital for Measles.

A seven-story hospital exclusively for the treatment of measles is to be built in New York City this summer at a cost of \$275,000. The building will be of reinforced concrete and of the most modern hospital construction. It will accommodate 325 patients.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET.

The Coos County Odd Fellows association, composed of members of all the lodges in the county, will meet at North Bend April 26. A business session will be held in the forenoon and a social time and banquet in the evening.

Eighty dollars per month straight salary and expenses, to men with rig, to introduce our Poultry Remedies. Don't answer unless you mean business. Eureka Poultry Food Mfg. Co. (Incorporated), East St. Louis, Ill.

STATE TAX PAID.

County Treasurer Dimmick remitted the first half of Coos county's portion of the state tax Wednesday, amounting to \$16,303.93. The other half will be due in the fall.

Tents for rent at Anderson's.

BENSON LAID TO REST AT ROSEBURG

Roseburg, Ore., April 18.—With ritualistic services by the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks in their temple, and by the Oddfellows at the grave in their cemetery, the body of the late Secretary of State, Frank W. Benson, was laid to rest this morning. Nearly 1000 people, on foot and in carriages, were in the procession from the Elks' Temple to the grave side. Among those following the body to the grave were Governor Oswald West and the new Governor Oswald West and the new W. Olcott, and a number of state appointed secretaries of state, Ben officials and prominent citizens of beautiful floral offerings were re the state from many points. Many eived from all parts of Oregon and the grave was made a bower of beauty.

The local militia company led the cortege. All business was suspended in this city during the funeral of the late secretary of state, who made this city his home for many years, and was for years an office holder in this city and county. The schools were closed during the funeral, which was one of the largest ever held here.

District Attorney George M. Brown delivered the eulogy on the Elks' funeral service, and Grand Master Thomas F. Ryan, of the grand lodge I. O. O. F., directed the services of that order at the grave.

J. L. Thompson purchased the office building formerly used by the Johnson Lumber company this week, and had it moved from east of the depot to the lot north of the Pharmacy building, where he will use it for a garage.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL.
Services first and third Sundays of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m.
Archdeacon Wm. Horsfall, rector.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Preaching each Sunday, morning and evening, except the third Sunday in each month.
Bible school at 10 a. m.
Christian Endeavor each Sunday evening.
You are heartily welcomed.
T. B. McDonald, Minister

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Services next Sunday as usual.
Bible school at 10 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Frank H. Adams.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Remember Dr. Wilkinson will give the Passion Play this Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.
He will give an address Sunday evening, also.
The other Sunday services will be Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching by Dr. J. T. Abbott at 11 a. m. Platform meeting at 2:30 p. m.

Clark and Calver Mace have rented a dairy ranch near Norway, and moved out the last of the week. Mrs. Mace will divide her time between the ranch and the parsonfield, and David J. Yoye of this age.

Fresh vegetables at our store every week. Lyons & Jones.