

MAIL CARRIER SERVICE URGED

The following circular received by one of our prominent citizens is issued by eastern business men and will be read with interest by all and particularly those within the corporate limits of Coquille:

"The business men and their organizations in every town which does not have mail carrier service are being urged to bring immediate and energetic influence to bear upon their United States Senators and Representatives in Congress to persuade them to work and vote for legislation extending the mail delivery carrier service to all towns having 1,000 or more inhabitants.

No letter carrier is employed in your town and the postoffice profits are spent elsewhere, while the business men suffer inconvenience and financial loss by being compelled to collect and deliver their own mail. The postmasters at all presidential postoffices should have competent carrier assistance. In the large cities free delivery is established, and the rural delivery has been given the country residents, but town people suffer unjust discrimination. Every progressive town should at once petition congress for mail carrier service.

Last year there was a surplus in the postal funds and the government is now ready to create a new and economical mail delivery system as soon as the people in the towns will evidence their demand for modern facilities such as are enjoyed by the city and rural residents.

The report just issued by the postoffice department says:

"The City Delivery Service is now in operation in 1,541 cities, serving more than 46,000,000 people. On the 42,000 rural routes 20,000,000 people receive their mail from rural carriers. This leaves a considerable percentage of our people, the majority of whom reside in towns and villages, without any form of free delivery service, and under the present laws there is no way by which the department can relieve this inequality. * * It is believed, therefore, that an experimental service should be authorized."

To provide for the experimental inauguration of a town mail delivery service in communities having 1,000 to 10,000 inhabitants, a bill known as the Grist bill is now pending before the committee on Post Office and Post Roads of the House of Representatives.

Prompt action commencing the establishment of a town mail delivery system must be taken to secure the enactment of such legislation

REPRIMAND A PENALTY FOR CRIME OF BOYS

Two boys of our city were arraigned in the juvenile court last Monday accused of breaking into the Alpine saloon and taking therefrom a quantity of bottled whiskey. It is said they pleaded guilty to the charge and when asked why they did it, said: "We just wanted it." Judge Hall administered a severe reprimand, pointing out the results a continuance of such conduct would entail, and it is hoped a salutary effect will accrue. Boys, heed the warning.

during the present session of congress.

Adopt resolutions in your local organizations.

Present petitions of citizens to your congressmen.

Write letters to congressmen urging action.

Requests for information may be addressed to Dr. John F. Mentzer, Secretary, Ephrata, Pa., who will welcome inquiries and suggestions."

A BILL

For experimental establishment of a town mail delivery system.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of establishing a town mail delivery service for the free delivery of mail matter at every incorporated city, town, village, or borough containing a population of not less than one thousand within its corporate limits, according to the last general census taken by authority of State or United States law, and having a postoffice of the second or third class, the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to conduct an experiment of establishing such service according to rules to be prescribed by the Postmaster General, who may adopt suitable regulations as to sidewalks, gates, numbering of houses, naming of streets, and the placing of approved mail receptacles at the door or entrance of residences or offices: Provided, That letter carriers of the town delivery service shall upon appointment receive a salary not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum, and after one year's service may be promoted to seven hundred and twenty dollars; and no carrier shall receive a compensation in excess of nine hundred dollars per annum, at a postoffice which produced a gross postal revenue, for the preceding fiscal year, of less than six thousand dollars: Provided further, That such statutes as have heretofore been enacted with reference to the City Delivery and Rural Delivery Services are hereby extended to the town delivery service, as far as applicable, and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or as much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Postmaster General to establish a system of mail delivery in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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PRIZES AWARDED SCHOOL PUPILS

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes totaling \$100 to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our War for Independence.

One prize of \$25, one of \$15 and one of \$10 will be awarded for the first, second and third best essays, respectively, written by pupils of the High Schools of the state on one of the following subjects:

1. Treaty of Alliance with France.
2. The Injuries of the Colonies Under Great Britain.
3. Relation of the New England States to the Revolution.

One prize of \$25, one of \$15 and one of \$10 will be awarded for the first, second and third best essays, respectively, written by grade pupils on any one of the following subjects:

1. Alexander Hamilton.
2. Capture of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.
3. George Rogers Clark and the Conquest of the Western Frontier.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side of the paper and accompanied by a certificate from the teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work.

The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her post-office address (including county). They should be forwarded to John K. Kollock, chairman of committee, 313 Corbett building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than March 15, 1912. Essays not complying with these conditions will be rejected.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.
5. Neatness and legibility.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of country and the study of its history.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to the chairman of the committee.

JOHN S. DELLINGER,
J. GADDIS NICHOLS,
JOHN K. KOLLOCK,
Committee.

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Flirtation is a sport at which only a "good sport" should play, and in which only "good losers" should take a chance.

ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES

The American people paid \$300,000,000 to see moving picture shows last year.

On February 12, George W. P. Hunt took the oath of office as the first governor of the state of Arizona.

Frank Garrison, the Coos county murderer, has been granted a reprieve by Governor West until December 13.

The First National Bank of Bend, Oregon, will erect a \$20,000 bank and office building which will be the finest in all central Oregon.

A 230-foot flagpole, the largest in the world, will be given to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco by the Astoria Centennial committee.

The Northwest Products Exposition will be held in Minneapolis November 12 to 23, 1912, Oregon being one of the seven states that will participate.

"Jack" Vale, the pioneer traveling salesman, one who will be well remembered by old-timers, died recently at his San Francisco home. He first came to Coos Bay in 1876.

The use of 1,000 acres of land in a body in Lane county near Springfield, has been given the state fish and game commission by different owners as a game preserve.

The Oregon Fish Commission will soon receive 200,000 black-spotted and 50,000 rainbow trout eggs from the Federal Fish Commission to aid in stocking Oregon streams.

The State Game Commission of California is trapping California quail and will send them to Oregon, as it is desired to stock the Willamette valley with these hardy, swift-flying game birds.

Fifty pairs of Hungarian partridges direct from Hungary have just been received at the state game farm at Corvallis. Some will be released and others held for the purpose of propagation.

A permanent exposition building to cover a city block and to cost \$1,000,000 is to be one of the most attractive features of the 1915 Panama-Pacific International fair to be held in San Francisco.

John B. Suedden has the distinction of being the first United States mail carrier in Coos county. He is a native of Coos county and a graduate of the Oregon state normal at Monmouth. Marshfield is the city favored with free city delivery.

A warrant issued in the name of the state to the war department at San Francisco has been returned because banks refused to honor it. Oregon warrants have been sent to Germany, England and other countries, but the warrant sent to the war department is the first that has ever been returned.

Application has been made to the supervisor of the Deschutes national forest for a permit to use part of the government domain for a turkey ranch. Twelve hundred turkeys will be herded, just as sheep are, and allowed to partake freely of the grasshoppers which abound in that vicinity.

PROFITABLE CROP FOR HOG RAISING

Not long since D. M. Ratcliffe and David Clark of Woodburn, Oregon, visited the farm of D. M. Dryden near McKee station, and while there viewed his artichoke crop. The magnitude and possibilities of the crop so impressed them that Mr. Clark wrote of it to a local paper. Part of his article is as follows:

"We measured off one square rod and found that it contained 48 hills. We took the fourth of this, which was 12 hills, dug them and found, on weighing the tubers, that there were 144 pounds, which made an average of 12 pounds to the hill. Forty-eight hills per square rod made 7,680 hills per acre, and twelve times 7,680 gives 92,160 pounds—or a little over 46 tons. That would mean 1,536 bushels. This was selected just from an average of the patch. Now with hogs always commanding a high price, can a farmer afford to be without a good sized piece of land to produce a food that for quantity and quality is unsurpassed in the production of pork at a low cost? Mr. Hog will do the digging himself. This patch of artichokes might have been, in my estimation, planted somewhat thicker, but whether the yield would have been greater is a question."

Mr. Dryden goes more into details and makes the following suggestions:

"A hog would eat twenty pounds a day for 150 days, and on this he would gain one pound a day. At \$6 per hundred, live weight, this would be a gain of \$9. It would take thirty hogs to the acre to eat the 92,000 pounds. In other words, those artichokes could be made to yield \$270 per acre and the hogs do the work. How else can the same amount of profit per acre be realized?"

There can be no doubt of the profit in artichokes as a hog feed wherever they do well. Wherever and whenever they have been tried in the Willamette Valley they have done well. Perhaps the profit would not be as large as Mr. Ratcliffe estimates, but there is no doubt of their giving a very large return per acre, and with less work than almost any other crop.—Rural Spirit.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of unclaimed letters remaining in Coquille P. O. on Feb. 3, 1912:

- Beathel, Mrs.
- Dagle, Mrs. Fred
- Hancock, Miss Edith
- Anderson, Mrs. S. W.
- Becket, Mr. Will
- Coulter, Mr. Frank
- Crunk, Mr. W. L.
- Dunn, Geo. H.
- Gouldner, Mrs. D. L.
- Hone, Mr. Axel
- Ross, Mr. Charles
- Smith, Mr. Wm.
- Shine, W. S.
- U. S. Reclamation Service
- Wallace, B.

If not called for by Feb. 17, 1912, same will be sent to dead letter office.

A. F. LINEGAR, P. M.

The ostrich is only secondarily responsible for the big millinery bills. It does not part with its feathers willingly.

The man with his all invested in mining stocks is seldom in a position to rest on his ore.

EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE RENDER GOOD PROGRAM

The Coquille Educational League gave a feast of knowledge to a large gathering of our citizens at the High School on Friday afternoon, February 9.

The meeting was opened with the singing of America. The following program was then given:

- Recitation—Miss Beulah Price.
- Instrumental Solo—Miss Alice Culin.
- Recitation—Miss Hazel Howey.
- Vocal Solo—Mrs. Gertrude Lorenz.

Mrs. M. C. Maloney, of the Progress Club, Marshfield, read a paper entitled "What Women's Clubs and Kindred Organizations can do for the Public Schools," the rhetoric of which was excellent and the rendition faultless.

The business part of the meeting then followed, the rollcall being answered by twenty-seven members. There were also many visitors present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were voted on and accepted as members of the League:

- Hazel Howey, Beulah Price, Alice Stanley, Erna Culin, Laura Watson, Janie Lowe, Alice Culin, Margaret Curry, Naomi Knowlton, Edna Harlocker, Iva Howey, Geneva Robinson, Geneva Bither, Ula Slagle.

The following committee was then appointed to find some way of raising funds: Miss Hopkins, Mrs. Liljeqvist, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Gamble.

The next meeting of the League will take place March 9, at which time Prof. Grubb, principal of the North Bend School, will deliver an address entitled, "Necessity of Occupation for Children."

KO KEEL KLUB HONORS THE BIRTH OF LINCOLN

The Ko Keel Klub celebrated Lincoln's birthday by holding the first ladies' night since its organization. The members of the Klub spared neither time nor expense to make it one of the most pleasant events of the social season. The beautiful reception rooms were aglow with light and color and in the Klub rooms the ladies were entertained with the various games that go to make Klub life so pleasant. The Modern Woodman hall, with its good floor, which is connected to the Klub rooms by folding doors, had been secured for the occasion and Gage's Orchestra furnished the splendid music to which the younger guests tripped away the delightful hours.

About midnight a delicious repast was served, and after all the new and old time songs were sung, the crowd dispersed delighted with the evening's entertainment, and at the thought that this affair was only the first of a series that will make the popular Ko Keel Klub even more popular.

TAXATION STATEMENT

A statement of taxation of unusual interest has just been issued by the state tax commission. The figures cover every phase of the tax problem as related to the various counties and the state. Taking the tax roll of 1911 the commission shows the totals of each class of property for each county as equalized by the county boards and apportioned by the state tax commission.

The tillable land of the state is shown to be 10,720,088 acres, of a value of \$223,475,480. The non-tillable land is given as 14,451,415 acres worth \$114,672,512. Improvements on deeded land are assessed at \$22,385,214, while the improvements on town and city lots are valued at \$85,176,465.

The assessed value of railroad tracks is fixed at \$109,225,989, and of sleeping car companies at \$574,805. Union station and depot companies are assessed at \$6,062,000. Electric railways come in at \$31,479,391. Express companies pay on a valuation of \$1,242,294.

It is interesting to note that steamboats and other transportation equipment are assessed at \$14,450,354 while merchandise and stocks in trade carry a value of \$28,479,684. Farming implements and machinery are equalized at \$6,026,094, while money is given as \$14,072,734. Multnomah county is given credit with the largest sum of money, \$9,420,985, and Tillamook claims the smallest sum, \$6,640. Household furniture is valued at \$13,156,602.

In livestock horses and mules lead, with a value of \$13,282,385; cattle follow with a valuation of \$7,043,414 and sheep and goats are worth \$4,515,058. Hogs are valued at \$454,157 and dogs at \$119,083. The total value of taxable property as returned by the county boards is \$784,118,857. Multnomah county's portion of this sum is \$295,333,620. Of the thirty-four counties in the state Coos county stands tenth with an assessed valuation of \$19,455,615. Wheeler county is lowest with \$3,263,810.

In an effort to improve the standard of intelligence in the public schools of St. Joseph, Missouri, the Board of Education has arranged, for surgical operations at the expense of the school district to remove adenoids from throats of all afflicted pupils. Twelve children have been operated upon.

It is the doing, not the saying, that makes the hero.

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