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COOS COUNTY STATISTICS

BIRTHS AND DEATHS, AUGUST

Reported to Dr. Walter Culin, County Health Officer—Twenty-seven Births and Six Deaths in Month

The following are the births and deaths occurring in Coos county during the month of August as appears on the records of Dr. Walter Culin, county health officer.

- BIRTHS**
- Aug. 2, to the wife of Marion L. Clinton, Fishtrap, a son.
 - 2, to the wife of Percy Peate, Eastside, a daughter.
 - 4, to the wife of Carl J. West, Eastside, a daughter.
 - 4, to the wife of Ben Austlund, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 4, to the wife of Lee J. Stone, Catching Inlet, a son.
 - 5, to the wife of Amity Biglow, Eckley, a son.
 - 5, to the wife of James Durrand, Wellington, a daughter.
 - 5, to the wife of Roy Lewis, Myrtle Point, a daughter.
 - 5, to the wife of E. G. Robbins, Myrtle Point, a son.
 - 6, to the wife of P. E. Larson, Allegany, a daughter.
 - 6, to the wife of R. B. Mason, Garvel Ford, a son.
 - 6, to the wife of Chas. L. Smith, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 7, to the wife of Thos. H. Grindrod, Marshfield, a son.
 - 12, to the wife of A. H. Olsen, North Inlet, a daughter.
 - 12, to the wife of Edward Ellingsen, Coquille, a daughter.
 - 13, to the wife of John N. Carlson, Eastside, a son.
 - 14, to the wife of Chas. Thomas, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 16, to the wife of Thos. J. McAdams, Coquille, a daughter.
 - 17, to the wife of Luther P. Judy, Coos River, a son.
 - 18, to the wife of Robt. G. DeMerritt, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 19, to the wife of Jas. W. Scott, Marshfield, a son.
 - 20, to the wife of Geo. Snyder, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 21, to the wife of Chas. S. Hoffman, Marshfield, a daughter.
 - 23, to the wife of F. Zehe, Norway, a daughter.
 - 28, to the wife John F. Kriech, Empire, a son.
 - 28, to the wife of Victor Yakkala, Eastside, a son.
 - 30, to the wife of John C. Gesche, Marshfield, a son.
- DEATHS**
- Aug. 1—E. Hamble, Coquille, aged 35 years.
 - Aug. 4—Mary Gregory, Coquille, aged 72 years.
 - Aug. 4—Frank L. Morse, Coquille, aged 6 months and 8 days.
 - Aug. 20—E. G. Holden, Coquille, aged 78 years, 6 months and 1 day.
 - Aug. 25—Sarah Leonard, Coquille, aged 79 years, 6 months and 29 days.
 - Aug. 29—Lewis Hunsucker, Coquille, aged 6 years and 23 days.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who were so kind to us in our bereavement.

Mrs. J. S. MICHAEL
MAY MICHAEL
C. E. MICHAEL
GOLDIE MICHAEL

The Creswell exhibit for Lane county at the state fair has been awarded a \$100 prize. This was their first attempt at an exhibit at the state fair.

He is a successful farmer who is able to raise a mortgage.

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS

Mrs. S. S. Endicott is reported quite ill.

Mr. Lew Brown and family go down today (Thursday) to Bandon to live.

Mrs. S. C. Endicott and children are visiting in Myrtle Point this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Masson left Wednesday to spend the winter in California, he in San Francisco and she in Fortuna with her parents.

Mr. Thomas Guerin, wife and daughter and Mr. Ira Howe left on the last steamer for Oakland, Cal., where they may locate permanently.

Rev. Schofield bought their home and will reside here in future. He preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening as he goes to conference this week.

Mrs. R. C. Dement visited Marshfield last week going down to see her daughter, Mrs. Chas. White who is in the hospital there under treatment, and who is progressing very slowly toward recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges passed through town on their way home from Bandon where they have been visiting for sometime. They had to camp all night in their auto Friday night being unable to get through the mud in Camas valley. They were twelve miles from a house.

CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

Several school districts in and near Gold Beach will join for the purpose of establishing a much needed high school.

C. D. Cunningham of Cherry Flat has raised as nice peaches as ever grown on Oregon soil. They are prize winners both as regards size and flavor.

Bob Wagner, the Bandon butcher, has been buying cattle in the neighborhood of Gold Beach. He pays 4½ cents per pound for cows and 5½ cents for steers, live weight.

County officers are now occupying the new court house at Gold Beach. Judge Bailey has made an order directing the sheriff to sell the old court house to the highest bidder.

The Butler mine on the Sixes river, owned by C. W. Zumwalt, has been leased to mining parties in California. A bright future in the mining industry of Curry county is predicted.

The Wedderburn Trading company are now threshing grain on the place formerly owned by Steve Gardner. The field covers a large area and the yield is the greatest ever known in that section.

Mutton sheep to the number of three thousand head are being gathered up in the vicinity of Gold Beach. They will be driven to Oakland, Oregon. Geo. S. Harris and J. Yessley of Chetco are furnishing a goodly number of sheep from their ranches.

Curry county has had a slower growth, as regards population than any other section of the state. In 1860 the population was 393; in 1870, 504; in 1880, 1,208; 1890, 1,709; 1900, 1,868; 1910, 2,044. Coos county in 1860 had a population of 445; in 1870, 1,644; 1880, 4,834; 1890, 8,874; 1890, 10,324; 1910, 17,959.

Fair Treatment of Officers

AS THE DAY is not far distant when every legal voter of Coos county will be given the chance to express, by ballot, his choice of the persons worthy of filling the different official positions of trust in this county, and in expressing that choice, it should be done in a manly, patriotic manner with an eye single to the best good of the most people of the county. No personal grudge or animosity should permit one to use his right of suffrage against certain candidates, who would be better prepared and qualified to fill positions of trust, for the greater majority of the citizens of the county, than his opponent, no matter how good and loyal that opponent might be as a private citizen.

Today on every hand is heard the cry, "let's clean out the 'Court House Ring' at the election this fall," and it is not simply a low murmur of thinking, taxpaying citizens, but is an almost roar of a great many persons, thoughtful and unwise in their criticisms, because they give vent to their so called opinions, without having studied into the merits of the cause of their dissatisfaction.

Take for instance the sheriff's office, a great "bugaboo" is being passed from mouth to mouth about the number of people the present sheriff has at work in his office during taxpaying time. Now I will venture the thought that not one of these loud mouthed talkers of—too many people—too much hired help—too many deputies, ever took into consideration the fact that in that one little room, hardly large enough for a good sized family dining table to be set, are the workers for two distinct offices, viz., sheriff and tax collector. The amount of civil litigation in this county, together with the criminal business, will take and consume the time of at least three good men, if they do their duty well. Now during the year that work is covered and accomplished by the sheriff and two deputies, save during the sitting of the circuit court, when special deputies are appointed as the court proceedings demand.

Now the collecting of the taxes for the county is an entirely separate work from the other duties devolving upon the sheriff and his deputies, and from the fact that the taxpaying time does not commence till the first of March, for the preceding year, and but fifteen days are given from the time the books are opened for the payment of taxes and so as to receive the rebate of three per cent, a great rush is made by all parties who can raise the necessary cash. To the sheriff's office to pay their taxes, and to meet this rush it takes a number of expert accountants to do the work and, as the room is small and the books large, being about six feet long when open, and there are some fourteen of them, needing about eighty-four feet in length of table room to accommodate all the books for one year's assessment, as they are all used every day during the rush season; these books are piled one upon another, and to the outsider who does not understand these

conditions, it looks as though there was some lack of proper management in said office and that seemingly the deputies were in each others way, and besides during these taxpaying times there are many persons who seldom, if ever, go to the court house at any other time, and many of them want the titles to their land looked up and abstracts made, and as the public have a right to search the records at any time during public office hours, there will often be behind the counter, mixed with the sheriff's deputies, four or five abstractors and to many of the taxpayers, who do not understand this fact, they go away with the idea that there are twelve or fifteen deputies in the tax collector's office, when, as a matter of fact, there are not more than half that number. Go through the counties of Oregon and you will find no sheriff's and tax collector's office more ably conducted, nor more economically handled, with the limited room space, than the one presided over by our efficient and honored W. W. Gage, a man whom the people have tried many times in the official balance and have never once found him "wanting."

Again, take the office of county clerk and county recorder, the same people, with the same criticism, would like to "oust" the present incumbent at the coming election. As a matter of fact the office of county clerk covers the work of three distinct county offices, viz.: Clerk of the circuit court, clerk of the county and probate courts, and ex-officio county recorder, and all done in one little room not near large enough for the business of county recorder alone. Every conceivable thing that our able (?) legislators could make up and place upon the clerk of the county has been done, without making a law to force the county court to give him adequate room in which to carry on his duties efficiently.

The writer of this article has been a resident of Coos county for the eight years last past, and being a searcher of records and abstractor of titles knows whereof he speaks.

Go look in that little room called the clerk's office and see the Hon. James Watson delving in legal papers up to his shoulders and a half dozen typewriters, with bells ringing, clicking all around, above and below him—then note half dozen or more searchers of record running in and out of the little vault, wanting this book and that paper—and probably eight or ten lawyers (?) all inside the counter seeking information and counsel all at the same time, then you will say is it any wonder that the casual visitor to this office goes away with the idea that he has too many clerks, not realizing that more than two-thirds of those he saw inside the counter were in no way connected with the duties of said office but were there in the interest of their own private affairs.

Now, having been in and around court houses most of my life, and having had long experience in searching the records in many, many counties for titles, I can say without

the fear of successful contradiction, that with the surrounding conditions I do not think it possible to find a more systematically conducted and practically arranged office than the one superintended by our worthy county clerk, Jas. Watson. Then, when these are the facts, why want a change? Let good enough alone, and keep Mr. Watson in the position he now so ably fills.

Third and last call, but not least by any means—the assessor's office. Why this seeming unrest and desire on the part of a few who seem disgruntled over imaginary wrongs done them by our worthy assessor. I say "imaginary wrongs" for the simple reason that, by a careful investigation of the matter, where some one is supposed to have been wrongfully assessed, it will be found that no injustice was done either intentionally or otherwise, but that the assessment rolls of today show a vast improvement over the work done by Mr. T. J. Thrift's predecessors in years gone by.

Go in the assessor's little tucked up office, look over the numberless documents he and his deputies have to handle, then turn to the large roll books wherein every item of property, both real and personal, has to be copied, note the crowded and congested condition of this little room and say of a truth, if you think you could do it better or more economically.

The ability to assess the property of Coos county legally and equitably is not so easy to take up and perform as one would think, at first glance—but it takes careful study of the laws governing the duties of the assessor, with an adaptability and applicableness that few men have nor can many attain to proficiency in it, even by hard study. But the taxpayers of Coos county are, in a majority, witnesses to the fact that under the able guidance of Assessor T. J. Thrift our tax rolls have—in the last eight years—been brought out of the seemingly chaotic state and placed in a clear, concise, practical form, and by this later method the county has, largely, been the gainer by it in the amount of taxes gathered that would not have been, had the assessor continued in the old way.

In my opinion the office of assessor, as well as that of county clerk and sheriff should never be thought of as a political position, but each should be filled by able, conscientious officers such as we now have in Coos county, and not be changed during good behavior and efficient management.

Let common sense, sound judgment and the desire to do the most good for the most people be our guide at the coming election and let us by our right of suffrage cast our ballots for the present incumbents of the county clerk's assessor's and sheriff's office and by so doing show that we desire our records clear, our assessments just and our laws legally enforced.

With a hope that justice may be done the county of Coos at the coming election the above is respectfully submitted.

R. H. SMITH

JOURNALISM TAUGHT IN UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Journalism, which is the catalogue word for what the newspaper men usually prefer to call "newspaper work," will appear among the subjects taught when the University of Oregon opens its doors in Eugene September 17.

The newspaper is the last of the great public institutions and professions to gain official recognition from the Universities of the country, but faculties all over the United States have awakened to its surpassing importance in a democratic society, and the training of newspapermen has become an important duty in many of the best colleges. The universities were conservative about entering a new field, but the two great middle western state institutions of Wisconsin and Missouri went ahead and established schools of journalism. It was not until practical editors, skeptical at first, began to admit that the training brought excellent results, that the movement spread rapidly.

The work at Oregon has been placed in charge of Eric W. Allen recently northwest editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He was selected because he combined experience of both the metropolitan and country press with adequate university training and a successful record as a teacher. He has never been far from the smell of printers' ink since his boyhood.

Mr. Allen's idea is to keep the work in close touch with the practical newspaper men of the state, and he has already arranged with many of them to address his classes later in the year. Journalism is a subject on which there are as yet virtually no textbooks. The best newspapers of the country will be studied in the class room, and all the newspapers of Oregon will be in daily use. The students will get practical training on the many publications issued at the University, and will be encouraged to offer their work to the outside press.

Worms That Eat Iron

A feasible explanation of the disease which attacks old metal is suggested by the recent discovery of some Italian engineers of a microbe which feeds on iron. The discovery was made through the frequency with which railway accidents occurred in one particular portion of the railroad in a certain district.

An examination of the rails was made and the presence of severe corrosion was revealed. A rail was taken up and broken. It was then found to be hollow, and further examination showed the presence of a thin, gray, threadlike worm about a third of an inch in length. A careful examination was made of the habits and appearance of this worm. Upon its head is carried two little glands filled with a corrosive secretion which is ejected every few minutes on to the iron. The ejection had the property of rendering the iron soft and spongy, when the worm at once proceeds to devour it.—Chicago Tribune.

Infant Narrowly Escapes Death

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bishop of Salem narrowly escaped death one day when the races were in progress at the fair grounds.

Between heats of the third race the boy was given to Chas. Yanke, one of the mounted marshals, to take for a ride. Yanke's horse began to pitch, and to save the lad Yanke dropped him on the track. Yanke was then thrown and the horse stamped on the boy's legs, just missing his head. The horse seemed maddened, but before he could further injure the boy the father pulled him out of the animal's reach.

A small boy from Chicago, who was sent to the country by the United Charities and who had never seen a windmill before, exclaimed: "Gee, mister! That's some electric fan you've got out there cooling the hogs."

Airships and tramps have no visible means of support.

OREGON NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Transpiring in Oregon Boiled Down to Least Number of Lines and Yet Make the Subject Understood

Grants Pass will vote on local option at the general election.

Lane county this year is putting \$30,000 into permanent roads.

Astoria dairymen have let a contract for the building of a big creamery.

Dallas has decreed that all plank crosswalks must go, and cement walks put in their places.

Medford's high school enrollment has doubled in three years—a sure indication of healthy growth.

During August 2494 visitors registered at the superintendent's office at the Crater Lake National Park.

R. W. Hogg of Salem exhibited Poland China porkers at the state fair. Mr. Hogg won a prize on his hogs.

Glenada voters decided to incorporate that place as a town by a vote of twenty-nine for to three against.

Evan Evans of Polk county has exhibited at Dallas a prune tree branch that shows growth of six feet for the season.

A radish 23½ inches long by 13 inches in circumference was exhibited at Baker by Henry Steven, who owns a ranch on Sutton creek.

Secretary Conrad of the Coos county fire patrol has dismissed the rangers for this season. There were no fires. Twenty miles of new trail were built which will facilitate future work.

September 16, has been fixed as the time by the board of control for taking evidence relative to conflicting water rights on the Rogue river. There are 145 contests to be adjudicated, and there are about 50 tributaries of the Rogue river involved.

The value of the mine production of gold, silver and copper in Oregon in 1911, according to Charles G. Yale of the United States geological survey, was \$669,016 against \$700,676 in 1910. No output of lead or zinc was reported in either 1910 or 1911.

The proposed factory to make sugar from the whey of the Tillamook cheese factories has not yet been established, a difference having arisen over the price to be paid for the whey. The Rural Spirit advises dairymen to feed whey to pigs rather than accept five cents per hundred.

Calvin S. White, secretary of the Oregon state board of health, has been engaged in taking the views of the state buildings which, together with other views, he will display by means of moving pictures at the convention of the International Hygienic Congress at Washington, D. C. this month.

There were sixty commitments to the Oregon insane asylum during the month of August, according to report of Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the institution. The report further shows that twenty-one died during the month and thirty-seven were discharged. Four eloped, and but one was recaptured.

The dam across the Deschutes river and its irrigation project, known as the north canal, will be completed and ready to turn water on about 70,000 acres of eastern Oregon land in about ninety days. When completed the dam will be 35 feet high and 260 feet long, and is built of solid concrete, reinforced with steel.

C. W. Chatfield of South Bottom presented to the Salem board of trade for exhibition a pumpkin measuring six feet and nine inches in circumference and weighing 115 pounds. Chatfield says this pumpkin was not milk fed, a trick resorted to by some growers of prize pumpkins. It grew in enriched sandy loam, with special cultivation.

VITAGRAPH FEATURE

The Lady of the Lake

In Three Reels—from the pen of Sir Walter Scott

SCENIC THEATER

Wednesday Night, Sept. 25

In connection with the above three other splendid reels will be shown, making in all

6000 Feet Good Motion Pictures

The greatest amount of moving pictures ever shown in Coquille in a single night

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Sept. 26—"THE COMING OF COLUMBUS"

Beaten a Mile.

Venr—The most wonderful organ I ever saw was the property of a private gentleman. It had nearly a hundred stops.

Sexton—Um! The most remarkable organ I ever heard is my old woman's tongue. It ain't got no stops at all—Tatter.

The Mathematician.

"Say, that fellow out there at the high desk has a regular mathematical face. Your head bookkeeper, I guess?"

"Not exactly. Just one of the clerks. I think he's the one that figures out the batting percentages for the rest of the office."—St. Louis Republic.

Not For His.

The Barber—One of our customers had his rheumatism cured by mud baths.

The Customer—No good to me. I've stood as a candidate in two elections, and my rheumatism is as bad as ever!—London Opinion.

AUTO SERVICE

Any time, any place. Both phones. T. A. Walker.

Good Counsel.



"I'm going to bleach my hair."

"Keep it dark!"—Satire.

Deftly Done.

"Have you ever seen yourself a case where the less could contain the greater?"

"Certainly. I've seen my wife, who is a large woman, go with ease through my smallest pocket."—Exchange.

Hard Work.

"Wealth has its penalties," said the ready-made philologist.

"Yes," replied Cumrox. "I'd rather be back at the dear old factory than learning to pronounce the names of the old masters in my picture gallery."—Washington Star.

The Result.

"It is queer how successful Jack Jaggs is in borrowing money. But, then, everybody likes him because he has such a breezy way with him."

"I suppose that is why he is able to raise the wind."—Exchange.

Good Suggestion.

Miss Vocolo—I'm never happy unless I'm breaking into song.

Bright Young Man—Why don't you get the key and you won't have to break in?—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Running up and down stairs, sweeping and bending over making beds will not make a woman healthy or beautiful. She must get out of doors, walk a mile or two every day and take Chamberlain's Tablets to improve her digestion and regulate her bowels. For sale by all druggists.