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A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting of A. F. & A. M., meets every Saturday night in each month or before the full moon. C. W. ENDICOTT, W. M. R. H. MART, Secretary.

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R. B. ROGERS, V. C. NED C. KELLEY, Clerk.

R. N. A.—Regular meeting of Laurel Camp No. 2972 at M. W. A. Hall, Front street, second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month.

AMY AASEN, Oracle. EDNA KELLEY, Sec.

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FARMERS UNION—Regular meetings second and fourth Saturdays in each month in W. O. W. Hall.

FRANK BURKHOLDER, Pres. O. A. MINTON, Sec.

FRATERNAL AID No. 308, meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month at W. O. W. Hall.

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Educational Organizations and Clubs

COQUILLE EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE—Meets monthly at the High School Building during the school year for the purpose of discussing educational topics.

RENA ANDERSON, Pres. EDNA MINARD, Sec.

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A. J. SHERWOOD, Pres. FRED SLAGLE, Sec.

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Transportation Facilities

TRAINS—Leave, south bound 9:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. North bound 10:40 a. m. and 4:40 p. m.

BOATS—Six boats plying on the Coquille river afford an accommodation for carrying freight and passengers to Bandon and way points. Boats leave at 7:30, 8:30, 9:20 and 9:30 a. m. and at 1:00, 3:30 and 4:45 p. m.

STAGE—J. L. Laird, proprietor. Departs 5:30 p. m. for Roseburg via Myrtle Point, carrying the United States mail and passengers.

POSTOFFICE—A. F. Linegar, postmaster. The mails close as follows: Myrtle Point 8:40 a. m. and 2:55 p. m.; Marshfield 10:15 a. m. and 4:15 p. m.; Bandon and way points, Norway and Arago 12:45 p. m. Eastern mail 5:15 p. m. Eastern mail arrives 7:45 a. m.

City and County Officers

Mayor—A. T. Morrison
Recorder—J. S. Lawrence
Treasurer—R. H. Mast
City Attorney—L. A. Liljequist
Engineer—P. M. Hall-Lewis
Marshal—C. A. Evenden
Night Marshal—John Hurley
Water Superintendent—S. V. Epperson
Fire Chief—Walter Oerding
Comptroller—D. D. Pierce, C. T. Skeels
W. C. Laird, G. O. Leach, W. H. Lyons, Leo J. Curry. Regular meetings first and third Mondays each month.

Justice of the Peace—J. J. Stanley
Constable—Ned C. Kelley

County Judge—John T. Hall
Commissioners—W. T. Dement, Geo. J. Armstrong

Clerk—James Watson
Sheriff—W. W. Gage
Treasurer—T. M. Dimmick
Assessor—T. J. Thrift
School Supt.—Raymond E. Baker
Survivor—A. N. Gould
Coroner—F. E. Wilson
Health Officer—Dr. Walter Colin

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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.

H. M. Davenport, formerly of Coos county, has located a homestead on the headwaters of Elk river.

Brookings, Curry county, is soon to have a new bank which will be known as Brookings State Bank, and will have a capital stock of \$30,000.

The Sterling mine, probably the most famous placer mine in southern Oregon, will be in operation by March 1. This calls for an outlay of \$200,000.

A bill to amend the present law regarding the giving of ages when voting is to be introduced, allowing the women to state simply that they are over twenty-one.

A timber deal involving several thousand acres was closed recently at Paisley. A mill of 30,000 capacity will be in operation as soon as machinery can be installed.

Electrification of the first section of the Mount Hood line, from Montavilla to Gresham, will be connected at once, giving more frequent and rapid service than the steam cars now in operation.

The number of predatory animals slain in Malheur county during 1913 amounted to 683, being 593 coyotes and 90 wildcats. The bounties paid totaled \$1100.50, one-half being paid by the county and one-half by the state.

The Creamery Cooperative association of Prairie City will be in operation by early spring. It is the first butter factory to be established in the John Day valley and its nearest competitor is about one hundred and fifty miles distant.

An orchard four miles east of Albany near Knox Butte, which was planted in 1857, and which has had no special attention, is reported to be in a thriving condition, the apples, particularly the Baldwins being perfect both in color and flavor.

The prospective sale of 500,000,000 feet of saw timber in the Cascade forest reserve on the upper Willamette river by the government to private operators promises to make Lane county the recipient of from thirty to forty thousand dollars as its share of the sale.

Midnight of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, saw some exciting times in the East Agness mining district. Like the ten foolish virgins some looters failed to see that their lamps were in order and as before recorded in the Good Book were too late. The wise ones staked the claims.—Gold Beach Globe

Mrs. Frances Ellen Hare of Astoria was 102 years old on Feb. 5. She still possesses all her mental faculties, a keen mind and an exceedingly retentive memory being able to relate events which occurred before the greater majority of the older generation of Americans now living were born.

All persons who have contracted the habit of profanity at public watering places or resorts outside of incorporated cities, or on public highways, have only ninety days in which to reform or pay a fine as the governor has signed a bill covering this point which calls for conviction or a fine of not less than \$50.

Plans are under way for a state basketball tournament between the more successful Oregon high schools of the several districts in Eugene early in March to decide the 1913 interstate championship. The games which will probably occur March 7 and 8, will be played in the university gymnasium under the auspices of the university.

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT NOW IN CONSTITUTION

An income tax is now one of the provisions of the constitution of the United States. Wyoming's ratification today of the income tax amendment—the 16th change in the Constitution and the first since the reconstruction, completed a list of 36 states—three-fourths of the Union, which have approved the provision.

Congress now will enact a law to levy the tax and it probably will become effective during the extraordinary session to be called by President-elect Wilson in March. The tax itself, its provisions and its limitations are all left to Congress.

A Handsome Gift

A beautiful calendar is being given by R. S. Knowlton, the druggist, to each county school in this section of the country, together with the offer of prizes for the three best essays on the subject portrayed thereon.

The calendar is extremely large and handsome, bearing a reproduction in colors, 13 by 21 inches in size, of Thomas Moran's painting of "The Canyon of the Yellowstone." Moran is one of the foremost American landscape artists and the original painting here reproduced brought a price of \$20,000. The calendar will be an ornament to any school room, and Mr. Knowlton's generous offer, which he makes in the general interest of education, should stimulate the minds of all the pupils to whom it is presented.

Another move is being made to create the Port of Umpqua. An attempt was made about a year ago but was defeated by the people in the eastern part of the proposed district. The present petition does not include Drain and the country south of it, but includes Gardiner, Seottsburg, Elkton and Kellogg.

Gentlemen from Bandon in attendance at court sound a note of warning regarding a shrub which they call Irish hedge. It seems that many years ago Lord Bennett who formerly lived at the mouth of the river and who named the town of Bandon after the old city in Ireland, imported from the little isle so green some of the hedge shrub under discussion. It thrived mightily in its new home. It grew and spread, taking complete possession as it went along, until now it is regarded as something considerably worse than a nuisance. It is said that one area of at least 160 acres is completely covered with the imported pest.

Lord Bennett's Hedge May Be Bad Medicine

At least one hedge of the shrub has attained a rugged growth in this city, and the Bandon visitors say it will get us if we don't watch out.

James Brock and A. S. Riggs were bound over to the grand jury by Justice Dodge at Myrtle Point last Thursday. The men were employed by Willett & Burr, contractors on the Smith road, and acting under orders of Mr. Barr they removed a tent and some goods belonging to one John Hall (or Walls) who had been employed on the work. He entered a charge of grand larceny against the three men, but Mr. Barr being absent has not been brought into court.

Brock and Riggs Held

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For the Ladies

McCall's Magazine, the leading fashion journal in America, is 50c a year, the Coquille Herald \$1.50 a year. For those paying in advance we will give the magazine and a 15 cent pattern of your own choice from your first copy of McCall's together with the Herald for one year for \$1.75. This offer is good only for a limited time. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Earth Education Day Named—Supervisor Problem Discussed—Improvement of Country Schools

By County Superintendent Raymond E. Baker

February 12th is the day that has been selected by the State Superintendent Alderman as Earth Education Day, this being also Lincoln's birthday. It is suggested that teachers arrange their programs on this day so as to give emphasis to the dignity of hard, manly labor, such as Lincoln and many of our other presidents did in early life. If the weather is favorable this would be a good time to begin work on school gardens in those districts where the work is to be done this year. A large majority of all the children in the public schools today will be obliged to earn their living by manual labor, and it is wrong to let them gain the idea that there is any kind of labor that is more noble and more worthy of true gentlemen and ladies than work with the hands when it is intelligently done. Every conscientious teacher should try to give each individual pupil just the kind of training that will be of most benefit to them in after life, and this means that especial effort must be made to dignify those vocations which a majority and not a minority will follow.

The County Superintendent has been criticised for leaving the office of county Supervisor vacant so long. It has not been his intention to set aside the law at any time, as he believes in enforcing the law according to his oath of office. But the law does not require that the county supervisor hold office more than ten months in the year, so the office has been left vacant while awaiting the action of the legislature, and also while taking time to select a County Board of Education that is familiar with the needs of the country schools. The board as selected consists of Mrs. L. A. Roberts of Myrtle Point, A. McNair of Bandon, J. J. Clinkenbeard of Coos River, and John Yoakam of Coaledo. This board will meet at the office of the County Superintendent on February 11th to select a supervisor and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

If Mr. Eddy had read the Oregon School Law before writing his recent article he would have left out at least one of his suggestions, that a second rate man could be selected as supervisor and left in charge of the office while Mr. Baker put himself into circulation among the schools. Mr. Baker is putting himself into circulation to the extent of three school days out of the week, but the law requires that the supervisor puts in his entire time in his district, while the superintendent must supervise one district, presumably half the county, visit all the schools, and attend to all his office duties besides. Nor are these office duties, as he seems to believe, of minor importance. Every day questions relating to the interpretations of points in school law, boundaries of school districts, selection of teachers, or other matters of equal importance come up and are of just as much importance to the educational interests of the country as the supervision of the schools. I do not care to discuss the merits of the supervisory law since the legislature has voted to retain it, but believe a more suitable division of labor would be of benefit to the schools, especially if both superintendent and supervisor could use the entire county as the common field of their labors.

There is another point upon which I must beg to differ with Mr. Eddy. He seems to think that if we only send the school ma'ams to their duties armed with a hoe and a hand saw all our trouble will end. I believe in industrial education as much as any experienced school man can, but I do not believe we can change our entire system at once by arming a lot of inexperienced teachers with tools they do not know how to handle, and loading them down with new duties before they have learned to discharge those well which our present system imposes upon them. As conditions are at present nearly fifty per cent of our teaching force is new each year. Until we have better school houses and equipment, more public interest, and better salaries, what chance is there that we can get a well-trained corps of teachers who will settle down to their duties in order to make a life work of them in one community as does the farmer, the business man or the lawyer. While I believe supervision will help and help greatly to better the rural schools, yet I believe that no amount of supervision will ever be able to bring our schools to what they should be until we pay salaries that will attract and keep the class of people we want in the profession, and this can only be done by paying more for the education of our country boys and girls. According to the last biennial report of State Superintendent Alderman, but \$13 per annum is expended upon the average country boy and girl, while \$33 per annum is expended upon the average boy and girl in the city schools. No one would believe this to be a fair estimate as to what their value will be in future life, and yet it looks like the relative value which the people put upon their children. Think of the injustice represented by this expenditure for country children, and you will see that this is a matter of right and wrong which no official or set of officials can remedy without the aid of an aroused public opinion. I have already given my opinion that consolidation of rural schools is the best solution wherever practicable, and yet it is one which meets with much resistance on the part of those who would be most benefited.

To revert once more to the question of supervision: Every city superintendent knows that while many teachers respond to suggestions made for the betterment of their work, others do not, and so many must be dismissed or not re-employed at the end of the term until satisfactory teachers are secured. This process of selection goes on every year, and yet in spite of it much poor work is done in city schools everywhere. Probably the fact that teachers can be freely changed when necessary in the city schools has more to do with their superiority than the actual improvement due to supervision, great as this frequently is. In the country schools this process of selection and dismissal is not possible to the same extent under the present system, and incompetent teachers are generally retained throughout the entire term. The personality of the teacher is always the greatest factor for good or evil in every school room.

The little city of Prosper has not only built an excellent three-room school house in the last year, but is now building a boarding house for teachers in one corner of the school grounds. This will be rented for a merely nominal sum with understanding that it must be used as the boarding place for all the teachers.

COAL DEPOSITS ON THE SOUTH FORK COQUILLE

(Marshfield Record)

Valuable coal deposits in the neighborhood of the Eden Ridge country on the south fork of the Coquille river and in the southern part of Coos county are being investigated by investors and some have taken up mineral claims in the locality.

It has always been known that there was coal at Eden Ridge, but it was not given much attention on account of that country being so inaccessible. Eden Ridge is the name of the mountains at the headwaters of south fork of the Coquille and divides the valley of the Coquille from the valley of the Rogue river. It is the place where Grants Pass capitalists consider building a big water plant.

Since the Smith-Powers railroad has been started from Myrtle Point up the south fork, much more attention has been given to the coal lands of Eden Ridge on account of the prospects of transportation and consequent opening of the coal lands for commercial purposes.

Anticipating that this isolated country would sometime be brought closer to a market, a mining expert named Myers went into the country about two years ago and has been prospecting on the government land. He has opened veins and investigated the territory, and has located a number of persons on land which they took up from the government under the mineral act.

Now that the railroad has started many more are investigating with a view of being on the lands. It is claimed that the coal is of a fine quality and with rail transportation which will doubtless be developed, an added value will be given to the claims. The first to be located were charged a fee about the same as is usually charged, but since the railroad has started the location fees have been doubled and trebled.

Auction Sale of Farm Stock and Implements

At the Fred Von Pegert Place, West Side, two miles south of Coquille, Wednesday, Feb. 19th. The following livestock and goods will be sold to the highest bidder: 8 cows, coming fresh in the spring, 2 cows fresh, 3 heifers coming fresh in the spring, 6 yearling heifers, 2 yearling bulls, 1 heifer calf 3 months old, all good grade Jerseys; 2 four-year-old mares broke to drive, weight about 1200 pounds, 1 brown mare, weight about 1200 pounds, 10 Berkshire shoats, 1 new Mitchell wagon, 1 new Studebaker back, 1 Columbia milk wagon, 2 sets double harness, 1 set single harness, 1 set single hames and tags, 1 new spring tooth harrow, 1 new cultivator, 1 12 inch Oliver plow, 1 hay rack, 1 new 60-egg Cyphers incubator, 20 chickens 1 new skiff all equipped, 1 Hercules stump puller, used one season, 1 No. 6 Sharpless cream separator, a quantity of Early Sweetland potatoes, 4 5-gallon cans, 1 10-gallon can, used one season, and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale commences at 10 a. m. Free lunch at noon. Free ferry at the house. Terms of sale: Amounts under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, nine months on satisfactory security, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

H. L. JOHNSON, Owner.

NICK JOHNSON, Auctioneer.

Good Citizens Lost

H. R. Kirkendall and family, who have been residents of Coquille for some seven or eight years, left Friday for the Bay and will take the Breakwater for Portland. They are on their way to their old home in Natoma, Kansas, where they intend to reside in future. Mr. Kirkendall is an excellent citizen and those who know him regret his departure. We may hope that history will repeat itself as it does so often in such cases and that a season in the old state will be enough back to "the garden spot of America," Coquille.

SCHOOL HOUSE UP IN SMOKE

COALEDO IS THE SUFFERER

Building and Contents Totally Destroyed by Night Fire of Unknown Origin—Probably Set by Tramps.

The Coaledo school house, in District No. 72, was totally destroyed by fire together with its contents some time between midnight and 3 o'clock last Friday morning. No alarm was sounded and nothing was known of the fire until the blackened ruins were discovered in the morning.

The building was about 24 x 36 feet in size and fairly well equipped and was situated above the railroad about 200 yards east of the Junction. The loss is roughly estimated as at least \$800, with no insurance. A considerable number of books belonging to the children, together with some of their wearing apparel, was destroyed. The enrollment of pupils was 29, and about 25 were in attendance.

The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. The teacher, Mr. W. M. Coleman, from whom the Herald gets its information, says that he and all the children agree that there had been no fire in the stove after 10 a. m. on Thursday, as the day was very warm.

There has been considerable of the bickering and quarreling customary in country school districts over the location of the school house, but it is hardly thought possible that bitterness had reached such a stage as to prompt the destruction of the temple of learning.

It seems more likely that gentlemen of the road, who have been frequent travelers along the railroad were responsible for the fire. The building was not locked, as a large broken window light would have given easy ingress in any case. In fact, Mr. Coleman had found it better to leave the door unlocked to save the destruction caused by the tramps in breaking in. Also, about three weeks ago, tramps were seen to unlock the door with a pass key. At that time the marauders left much writing on the blackboard and seats, the sentiments expressed indicating I. W. W. proclivities.

Fresh tracks were found on the morning after the fire, leading up the hill from the school house, which could not have been made by the pupils, as the shoes were of a different type from any worn by them.

At the time our informant left Coaledo no plan regarding the school had been formulated, as John Yoakam, one of the largest property owners and influential citizens resident in the district, was absent.

A Royal Change

M. P. Long, who has been associated with the Royal theatre, has sold his interest in that concern to Charlie Hart and will now devote his entire attention to the management of the O. K. Creamery. With this object in view Mr. and Mrs. Long will move to the creamery the latter part of the week. Mr. Hart, has become well known to the patrons of the Royal theatre owing to his skillful operation of the pictures, his unique advertising and his pleasing personality. We wish the new management unbounded success.

Paid the printer lately?

Capt. Alex. Hall, of the Marshfield Eastside ferryboat Transit, reports the following traffic for the month of January: Passengers, 5,385; double teams, 121; single teams, 194; stock, 25; autos, 43. The traffic for the year 1912 was as follows: Passengers, 56,321; single teams, 2,269; double teams, 1,329; stock, 392; autos, 519—News.