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SYNOPSIS OF MANY EVENTS

News of County, State and National Interest Told in Brief, Concise Form

RAILROAD STRIKE NOT CALLED

Steamer Bandon is Wrecked at Port Orford

President Wilson formally accepted his renomination at Long Branch, New Jersey, Saturday.

Two hundred feet of the channel of the Panama canal are again blocked by a slide south of Gold Hill.

The Multnomah Hotel, of Portland, which was closed last January by financial difficulties, has been purchased by a group of eastern capitalists.

M. Jacobson Saturday at Gold Beach pleaded guilty of failing to file affidavit of the receipt of liquor through his common carrier line and was fined \$50.

Hugh Coke, brother of Judge John S. Coke, was instantly killed while hunting in Mendocino county, Calif., August 27, by being struck by lightning.

Orders for the return to their state mobilization camps of 15,000 national guardsmen now on the Mexican border were issued by the war department Wednesday.

Retaliatory legislation in the support of diplomatic protests against the allies' interference with American trade has been decided upon as the general policy of the government.

The Acme left Coos Bay last night to go to Port Orford where she will attempt to save the Bandon, of the Fyfe-Estabrook company which went aground there Friday night.

Eighteen counties, four more than last year, will be represented by agricultural exhibits at the state fair this year, according to an announcement made by Secretary Lea.

The State Board of Prison Control Thursday adopted Governor Withcombe's resolution providing for a probe and a comprehensive survey of the state penitentiary.

The steamer Hardy, Captain Bendergard, plying between Coos Bay and San Francisco is laid up in the latter city for repairs made necessary by the collision with an unknown lumber schooner.

With the departure from San Francisco of the steamer Yellowstone on September 10, the Arrow Line S. S. Company will inaugurate a five-day service between the Californian port and Coos Bay.

The interstate commerce commission have postponed until November 1, the effective date of its order for a readjustment of rates on lumber from Oregon and Washington to points in Southern California, New Mexico and Arizona.

Active work on the powerful Englewood wireless station at Marshfield will be started at once. Inspector Harris arrived there Thursday and the con-

tractors are ready to go ahead when he says the word.

Freight traffic on all railroads throughout the country, interfered with by embargoes due to the fear of a strike, started moving normally again yesterday. The revocation of the strike, came late Saturday night after the eight-hour law had been signed by President Wilson.

During the last two weeks of August Coos Bay shipped more than twice as much lumber as any other Pacific coast port, the figures being 11,523,000 feet. Bandon shipped 2,636,000 feet. The great majority of the logs used by the Bay mills is furnished by the Coquille valley.

Word was received at Sutherlin, Or., Thursday from W. L. Roach, of Muscatine, Iowa, President of the Roach Timber Company, to resume work at once on the grading of the Coos Bay-Eastern Railroad. The railroad survey extends at the present time east from this city to 55,000 acres of timber belonging to the Roach company which it is proposed to tap.

Circus day was the order at the Ad club luncheon yesterday, says the Oregonian, and the regular circus feature was preceded by an old-fashioned geography quiz, in which Rex Lampman was the school master and all the Admen who had participated in the excursion to Coos Bay were obliged to stand and tell what they had learned about the attractions and resources of that section.

Fined \$40 and Costs

"He says he killed it," said Fred Bravine's brother, after consulting with him for a minute or two in the justice court Thursday, where Fred was being tried for killing grouse out of season. Wednesday, when Bravine was brought before Justice Stanley for the preliminary hearing he declined to plead guilty, making it plain that his only object in standing trial was to learn the name of the one who had given information against him, and it was not until all the witnesses for the state had testified that he admitted his guilt. But his curiosity was not satisfied as the name of the party making the complaint was not mentioned.

Bravine was arrested Wednesday and brought to Coquille from Beaver Hill by Game Warden Thomas. His brother who accompanied him, said that if he would plead guilty he would pay the fine; but the young man chose to spend the night in the county jail. Thursday three witnesses were called by the state: Walter Harrison, Fred Traverso and Ed Anderson, all of Beaver Hill, and, as was brought out in the testimony, all were members of the party that was hunting on the South Slough burn at the time the defendant shot the birds. They all told practically the same story and while all seemed satisfied in their own minds that the birds shot were grouse, none would say positively.

After Bravine admitted his guilt he was fined \$40 and costs which amounted to \$20.20; half of the fine, however, was remitted and upon furnishing all but \$12 of it the prisoner was given his freedom to secure the remainder.

County Commissioners and Agriculturists Making Good

(By O. M. Plummer, in The Portland Livestock Reporter.)

During the past year the writer has had an opportunity of investigating the work of County Agriculturists or County Agents, in this western country particularly. He has talked with the national leaders along this line, as well as with many of the state and county men. That the County Agent is making good in all parts of the country goes without saying. No county, once having made an appropriation for an agent and having given it a fair trial, would think of doing away with the office. The newspapers of different states are very glad to give good space to the weekly reports of the County Agents and much valuable information is being distributed all the time. It is only a question of time, and a very short time at that, until every county in the United States will have, not only an agent but assistant agents as well. At the present time the demand for these men far exceeds the supply—the people having in charge their selection being very careful that those whom they appoint are capable of making good. In the budget which will be passed by the County Commissioners shortly will be found no item which will be a better investment than that set aside for the purpose of cooperating with the federal government in the furtherance of this work. The time will come, and very soon, when prospective settlers will inquire first of all things, whether or not the county in which they desire to make their home has a County Agent.

If they find it has not, surely they will look elsewhere. The taxpayers of no county are going to sit idly by for any length of time and watch their adjoining counties forge ahead because of these self-same agents, while their county stands still, therefore, every taxpayer should take occasion at once to write to his county commissioners complimenting them for their support of the County Agents plan, or in case they have no County Agent, requesting that they give good consideration to the proposition at the time the budget is made up. No Board of County Commissioners can do a greater service for their county during their term of office than establish a precedent along this line, for every dollar invested by the taxpayers will be returned to them manifold. Let County Commissioners, where there are no Agents, get in touch with their colleagues in other counties, while those County Commissioners who thoroughly endorse the plan do no greater service to the state than to write to other County Commissioners telling them of their success. Let's make this a coast-wide issue to the end that our Pacific Slope may be recognized as being way in the lead in all constructive work which has to do with the upbuilding of rural communities. The bankers and business men of the larger centers of population have been quick to realize the importance of this County Agent movement and have in every case heartily endorsed the work and have been more than glad to carry their share of the taxation.

WILL NOT TAX O. & C. GRANTS

Representatives of Various Counties Meet at Eugene and Decide Question

JUDGE WATSON IS CHAIRMAN

To Form Permanent Organization to Safeguard Rights

After a meeting in which the matter was argued from all standpoints, it was decided that the O & C grant lands would be omitted from the assessment rolls this year. The meeting was held at Eugene last week and was attended by representatives from Linn, Coos, Lane, Josephine and Douglas counties. In addition to the delegates from the various counties, Attorney General George M. Brown, Charles Galloway, chairman of the tax commission, and Attorney L. E. Bean, of Eugene, representing the port districts, were present. The meeting was presided over by Judge Watson, of Coos county, who was appointed temporary chairman.

The representatives were chiefly county officials and attorneys who are familiar with the act as passed by congress. Douglas county, which has over one-third of the land in question within its boundaries, was represented by District Attorney Neuner, Hon. B. L. Eddy and Attorney O. H. Porter.

Attorney General Brown opened the meeting with an excellent address on the validity of the act vesting the title of the grant lands in the government and also the reasons for not putting the lands on the tax rolls. In case the lands were assessed the counties would be forced to pay state tax on them, and if the title of the government is valid the county would then be unable to receive a return of the money paid out in state tax. This was one of the main reasons given why no assessment should be made. Also that as long as congress had revested the title in the government the counties had no right to tax government land.

Charles Galloway followed the attorney general and concurred with Mr. Brown in his opinions.

Following the address the discussion became general and many points were brought out and considered. According to a statute of the Oregon law, by sheriff's assessment land may be taxed for five years back if it can be shown conclusively that it has been omitted from the assessment rolls. It was considered by nearly all that this would be the best policy to pursue although a few maintained that this provision of the law would not stand the test of court and would be proved unconstitutional if an effort were made to enforce it.

After an hour or more of discussion it was brought to a vote and the decision made to omit it this year, only a few voting against the proposition.

It was then decided to effect a permanent organization to take steps to protect the interests of the eighteen land grant counties in the administration and disposition of the lands by the government. It was decided to make this organization in the form of a committee and Judge Watson was authorized to appoint one member from each county on the committee which shall determine the legal questions by proper court procedure and test the validity of the act of congress, if this is deemed necessary.

Opinion Rendered

The following is an extract from an opinion rendered by County Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist as to the actual status of the Eastside school case which has been holding the interest of the people of the Bay section for some time past: M. A. McLaggan served as a director of School District No. 49 prior to his present term, that is he was a director of this district for the three years prior to June 1914, and until the annual meeting in that year. In June 1914 he was re-elected a director to succeed himself. W. F. Beyerle's term of office as director of this district expired June 1916, and Mrs. Hadlock was elected in June 1915. In the early part of 1916 a recall was held in this district, and the legal voters of the district attempted to recall W. F. Beyerle and Mrs. Hadlock, and elected in their place W. Steckel and Nels Nelson. In my opinion the recall is not operative in a school district. It has been so held by the circuit court of this county, and the Attorney General has ruled likewise. However, W. Steckel and Nels Nelson were sworn in and assumed the duties of the office of directors of this district. Beyerle and Mrs. Hadlock also claimed to be directors, and that matter is in issue before the court.

Prior to his attempted recall, and subsequently, I understand that W. F. Beyerle acted as, and claimed to be the chairman of the Board of School Dis-

trict No. 49. In my judgment he was not chairman, and not entitled to act as chairman, but M. A. McLaggan was the true chairman.

Hauling Brick for Creamery

B. L. Tracy, the brick and tile magnate of Arago, was in town for a few hours on business Thursday. Mr. Tracy has the only brick and tile plant in the Coquille valley which uses native clay and the production of his plant is about 16,000 feet of tile a month and from 150,000 to 200,000 brick a year. He employs from three to eight men. At present Mr. Tracy is hauling brick to be used in the construction of the new creamery of the Coquille Valley Creamery company. As a progressive citizen and a booster for better agricultural methods for this county, Mr. Tracy has donated 1000 feet of drain tile to be used as one of the prizes in the corn show this fall. This makes a very attractive award and will doubtless call forth some strong competition. Mr. Tracy also has an exhibit prepared for the Myrtle Point and State fairs.

How Unbiased Observer Sees Railroad Jubilee

The following extract is from a letter received by Chas. Walker from Chas. Hook, of San Francisco. Mr. Hook is one of the main stockholders of the Coquille Land company, his investment having been made on Mr. Walker's advice. His comments are given as showing the larger view of a shrewd man of affairs, who sees that the progress of the town where his money is invested is bound up with that of the whole county, and that "anything that helps the county will help us." His letter is, in part, as follows:

I have received the birds-eye view of Coquille, also all the papers, and have read them till I am black in the face. And I must say that the Coquille Herald deserves a lot of credit for the extra it got out and the birds-eye view, I think it is a fine ad for the town and for us, too. It is too bad that you couldn't have got more visitors to your town at this time; but that is all right, if you can get them to the county it will only be a matter of time when you will get them there. Anything that helps the county will help us. I can't help but think that the celebration has given the county a great boost, and the advertisement it has given it ought to count for a good deal.

Bond Deal Closed; Money Paid Over

On Thursday last, Clarke, Kendall & Co., the Portland buyers of Coos county's road bonds, paid over to the county officials \$374,432.26, and took the bonds.

That is the news item and all of it. By way of trimmings, it may be added that the money was paid at Marshfield, after a meeting here on Wednesday between the county court and Messrs. Kendall and Johnson, of Portland, representing the firm and its attorney. At this meeting, after considerable dickering, an agreement was reached by which the firm was allowed a reduction of the premium of their bid on the bonds. That is, they had bid a reduced amount on account of the Bingham law which limits the tax levying power of the county court to a levy in any one year of an increase of 6 per cent over that of the larger of the two preceding years.

The money was placed in the First National Bank of Coos Bay and is now at the disposal of the county court.

Normal School Endorsed

Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 3.—Women's clubs over the state are joining the ranks of the supporters of the initiative measure providing for the establishment of a normal school at Pendleton. Parent-Teacher organizations are also endorsing for the campaign.

One of the first public endorsements received for the measure was from Mrs. Chas. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. "Believing that the time has arrived when it is necessary to make additional provision for the normal training of our public school teachers," she states, "and that the great distances in our state make it advisable that a school be located in the Eastern section, I therefore most heartily endorse the location of said normal school at Pendleton."

There are 1000 vacancies in Oregon schools each year, according to the state superintendent, and the normal school at Monmouth turns out only about 150, leaving school authorities to select the balance as best they can. The rural schools are shown to be the chief sufferers because in such schools the percentage of normal trained teachers is the lowest. At the same time the need for highly trained teachers is greatest in rural districts because of the absence of supervision.

The Fairview school opened on Monday with Miss Elma M. Roberts as teacher.

SCHOOL STARTS NEXT MONDAY

Superintendent C. A. Howard Issues Instructions to Those Wishing to Enter

MANY COMING FROM OUTSIDE

Expect Last Year's Number to Be Exceeded

The Coquille schools will open on Monday, September 11. Pupils who were in the Coquille schools last year will go to their regular rooms at nine o'clock on the above date to be enrolled and to receive a list of books and supplies needed. Pupils should not secure new books and new supplies until they have enrolled. By waiting until the teachers have given out the lists mistakes can be avoided.

LITTLE BEGINNERS—Parents who expect to start children to school for the first time are requested to bring the children to Mrs. Chase's room in the Academy building at nine o'clock on Thursday morning, Sept. 7. That will be Thursday of the week preceding the opening of school. If the little folks are enrolled then, it will be possible to make every arrangement to have them begin their school work on Monday morning without confusion or delay. It is quite important that one or the other of the parents accompany the child to school when he comes to enroll for the first time. Children under six years of age cannot be enrolled.

NEW PUPILS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS—Pupils above the first grade who were not in the Coquille schools last year, but who expect to attend this year should enroll at the office of the superintendent in the high school building on Thursday or Friday, September 7 and 8. The hours will be from 9 to 12 a. m. The children should bring report cards from the last school attended if possible. Pupils from other schools who do not enroll on the dates above mentioned cannot be enrolled until Tuesday, September 12.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—The high school principal will be in Room 1 to enroll high school students from 9 to 12 a. m. on Sept. 7 and 8. The morning hours have been designated on account of the fact that many students will probably be planning to attend the County Fair in the afternoons.

There were twenty-six students from outside in attendance at the Coquille high school last year. There will probably be more than that number this year. The district receives tuition for educating these outside students and it is greatly to our advantage to have them come here to school. Some of them will be unable to attend unless they can work for all or part of their board. Families that can give a boy or girl an opportunity to work a part of the time while attending high school should notify the superintendent.

(Signed) C. A. HOWARD, Supt.

Given Vote of Thanks

Resolutions extending the thanks of that body to the various ones who aided them in the preparations for the visitors of the Railroad Jubilee who came to Coquille were passed by the Commercial Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday night. The ladies of the J. G. W. Club and all others who gave their assistance in preparing the dinner at Lamb's grove, received the first vote of thanks and others to whom they were given were: S. T. Jones of the Southern Pacific company for the accommodations furnished in the way of special trains, and Editor Edgar B. Piper of the Oregonian and John S. Coke for their interest in the Coquille part of the Coos county day which resulted in the Rosarians coming here from Bandon.

Partial reports of the committees in charge of the affair showed that the total amount raised was \$227.50. The balance thus created will be held by the club to be used to defray the expenses of the Corn Show.

Thirty-Three Years Ago

Coos Bay News, August 29, 1883.

B. Hodson and Miss Kate Perry were married at the residence of Gus Schroeder, on the Coquille, on last Saturday, by Fred Schroeder, J. P.

Last Saturday being Mr. H. Schroeder's 69th birthday, a host of his relatives and friends, accompanied by the Myrtle Point brass band, assembled at his residence near Norway on the Coquille, in honor of the occasion. After the usual congratulations had been extended to the old gentleman, a dance was inaugurated, and our informant says that everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

H. P. Whitney, road supervisor, has

a force of men employed constructing a bridge across Shingle House slough, on the C. B. & C. wagon road. The bridge when completed will be 12 feet wide and 330 feet long. Mr. W. expects to have money enough to finish the road as far as Southport this year.

Farewell Party Given

A farewell bonfire party was given Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Linegar by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Davis on their ranch between here and Norway last Wednesday evening. A large number of friends were present both from town and the country and an enjoyable time was had. In the light of huge log fires and the lamps of automobiles a supper of enormous proportions was spread on the ground, which relieves the writer from the duty of saying that the tables groaned under the load. Mother earth bore the burden uncomplainingly. A feature of the supper was the roasting ears supplied from the fields of surrounding farms. After enjoying the meal and spending several hours in pleasant conversation the party broke up. Several automobiles took the Coquille people to and from the Davis place. Mr. and Mrs. Linegar expect to leave for their new home in Siskiyou county, Calif., the latter part of this week.

Jurymen Draw

The list of petit jurymen for the September term of the circuit court is given as follows:

Marshfield—W. V. Ogren, L. W. Planz, Jay B. Tower, W. H. Smith, D. M. Charleson, R. T. Kaufman, K. Clinkenbeard, F. A. Laise.

Bandon—W. A. Doak; D. P. Plymale, C. C. Foster, C. E. Langlois, E. H. Fish.

Myrtle Point—Ben McMullen, H. Hayes, E. E. Weekly, C. E. Huling, M. R. Lee.

North Bend—Geo. Witte, F. E. Glazier, H. G. Kern.

Bunker Hill—E. B. Curtis.

North Fork Coquille—G. Griffin.

Camp One—F. D. Kruse.

Fairview—Walter Norris.

Norway—James D. Clinton.

Empire—David Holden.

Bridge—C. H. Nosler.

Templeton—W. R. Beattie.

McKinley—W. H. Bunch.

Beaver Hill—Ed. D. Yoakam.

Coming

Reese Bros. Africaner Company of fifteen people, with band and orchestra, musical comedy, Minstrel and Jubilee singers, will show at the scenic next Sunday in music, songs, dances, comedy and vaudeville. This is a musical and novelty performance that will delight and instruct you, but if laughing huts you stay away.

The following press notice is from the Belleville, Ont., News of January 4, 1916:

The Reese Bros. Africaner Minstrels opened their engagement at Griffins last night. A good crowd was present and all were pleased with the brand of dancing and singing put on by the members of the company. The hit of the evening was the old darkey song, "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" which was sung by one of the ladies of the company, and was generously applauded by the audience.

Have you paid the Printer?

Lewis Discusses Federal Aid In Building Permanent Roads

"During the next five years Oregon will be entitled to approximately \$1,820,000 from the federal government under the provisions of the federal road act for road building," said State Engineer Lewis upon his return from Washington, D. C., where he conferred with federal highway officials relative to the rules and regulations under which the money appropriated by the act will be spent. "If the sum is met by the state and counties, it will mean \$3,640,000 for roads in Oregon."

"As the federal funds will largely be expended by the states under the direction of the United States office of public roads, there will be a strong tendency toward uniformity in state legislation and the building up of businesslike state departments to administer road funds."

"The federal act provides two distinct methods for expending this enormous sum: Under section 6, \$75,000,000 is to be expended in cooperation with the states upon the dollar-for-dollar basis, on rural roads outside national forests during the next five years, both state and federal money to be expended by the state highway departments under federal supervision, and \$78,687 is now available to Oregon under this section. On July 1, 1917, \$157,375, or double the amount will be available. The following year three times this year's allotment will be available, and so on until the fifth year, when the amount will be \$393,487. Allotments will revert, if not expended within two years. Funds contributed by counties for state work can be used to offset federal funds."

EXHIBITS BEING MADE READY

Coos County Will Enter Contest at State Fair—Expects to Take First Place

COUNTY FAIR STARTS WED.

Best Exhibits Made Here to Be Used at Salem

Whether Coos county is to lead her districts in the displays to be made at the State Fair, September 25-30, or whether she is going to allow some other county to do this depends, in the opinion of County Agriculturist J. L. Smith, mainly upon the ranchers, dairymen and others to whom it is necessary to look for the material which will go to make up the exhibits.

The district to which Coos belongs includes Clatsop, Lincoln, Tillamook, Curry and Coos; but as Curry will not enter it leaves only four counties in the contest. Mr. Smith believes that, with the proper cooperation of the people of the county, he will have little trouble in taking first place. The exhibit from here will be comprised of butter and cheese, vegetables, grains and grasses, besides exhibits of myrtle wood and coal, together with numerous pictures and charts to give a concrete idea of the method and quantity of production.

This is the first time, for a number of years, that Coos has attempted to have an exhibit at the state fair and every effort is being put forth to make it a creditable one. The county fair which will be held at Myrtle Point the latter part of this week, will aid in the collection of exhibits for the one at Salem later in the month, as the best that is shown at Myrtle Point this week will be kept and used in the other. Farmers and others are being urged by Mr. Smith to give every possible aid in making the Myrtle Point fair and the exhibit at the Salem fair a great success. The produce to be used in the State fair will be shipped on the 22nd or 23rd of this month and contributions to it should reach Mr. Smith several days in advance, in order to give him an opportunity to give it the proper care.

Arrangements have been completed whereby next Thursday has been set aside as Dairymen's day at the county fair and several prominent dairymen will speak on subjects appropriate to the occasion. There will also be a butter and cheese show and a butter and cheese scoring contest. Stock judging will also have a place in the program and there will be a contest of this nature both for boys and men. Any creamery man of Coos or Curry county may enter exhibits in the butter and cheese show and the stock judging contest is open to boys and men from all parts of the two counties.

"Why that hospital is so popular beats me. It hasn't the best system, and it certainly hasn't the most successful doctors."

"But it has the prettiest nurses."—Exchange.