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SYNOPSIS OF MANY EVENTS

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

BROCCOLI'S IMPORTANT CROP

Portland Consumers Boycott Excessive Prices

James L. Coke of Hawaii was appointed third judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of Hawaii by President Wilson.

Football claimed fifteen lives this year, according to figures compiled by the Associated Press. Last year sixteen were killed. In 1915, only one college player was killed.

The funeral of William Kinnicutt who was injured in a runaway at Medford Nov. 22 and who died last Monday at his home in that city, was held at 2:30 Thursday at Myrtle Point.

Shortly after three o'clock Friday afternoon a sneak thief entered the Southern Pacific freight depot in North Bend and tapped the till for its entire contents, about \$15. No clue to the identity of the thief has been found.

The State Industrial Accident Commission have awarded compensation to dependents of two miners who were victims of the recent explosion at Beaver Hill. These were the families of Martin L. Bomar and Cyrus Ferreri.

Exclusive of the valuations of the public service corporations the total valuation of the taxable property in the state this year is \$761,035,127, according to reports received by the state tax commission. This is \$51,481,512 less than last year.

Secretary Daniels has awarded contracts for more than \$65,000,000 worth of new fighting ships for the navy, including four battleships at \$11,000,000 each, two fleet submarines at about \$1,190,000 each, and twenty-seven coast submarines at from \$694,000 to \$988,000 each.

An echo of the holocaust at Bunker Hill a year ago last February, was found last week in a \$10,000 damage case filed by Geo. W. Craig against the C. A. Smith Co. Craig is suing for the loss of his son who was one of the seven victims of the boarding house fire.

Enough steel to lay 10,000 feet of tracks has arrived in the yards of the Southern Pacific company at Eugene, and the work of laying the freight sidings on either side of the main line of the Coos Bay branch is well under way, says the Register. The work of erecting the roundhouse is expected to start soon. Work is progressing on the foundation of the new water tank.

Five hundred Portland men and women in a mass meeting Saturday night voted a two weeks' boycott on eggs. They are asking all housewives to join them. They also authorized the appointment of a committee to investigate the public market with the idea of ascertaining why the farmers boost the prices of their products every time the grocer boosts his.

Following is a classification of the liquor affidavits signed in Coos during the month of October:

Kind	No. Permits	Quarts
Whiskey	769	1538
Beer	139	3321
Alcohol	33	65
Wine	13	21
Gin, etc.	7	14
Total	961	4959

The force of men employed on the jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua began driving piling for the receiving dock. Fred Earl, who was employed by the railroad company for over two years as engineer on their pile-driver in building bridges across the Umpqua River and Coos Bay, has the position of engineer on the jetty driver. The work is beginning to take shape, the past days of fine weather helping considerably, enabling the contractors to get the living houses and accommodations for the men who are to work on the jetty in good condition.—Gardiner Courier.

Two carloads of crate materials for shipping broccoli were ordered at the meeting of the South Umpqua Association at Riddle last week, and in addition enough more have been ordered to make a total of more than 15,000 crates, which will hold not less than 30 carloads of crated product. The broccoli in this part of the country on the whole is making a very satisfactory showing at this time. The season for this crop has not been so propitious as last year on account of the long drought during the early fall, and the exceptionally cold weather that has been experienced at this season, but present conditions are very good for the successful growth of broccoli. The shipments from Riddle this winter will bring in the neighborhood of \$18,000 to \$20,000 into this section.

Estimate Too High

Touching the probable cost of the proposed bridge at this place, considerable estimating of a very liberal character seems to have been done at some time, and the people here have an impression that the expense would be considerable in excess of \$20,000. Our esteemed contemporary states that the cost of a bridge here over one at Cedar Point "might mean the expenditure of as much as \$15,000." In this connection considerable interest attaches to a newspaper clipping which W. L. Kistner has preserved and which was shown the Herald man by A. J. Sherwood. It gives a view of the bridge recently completed, across the Cowlitz river at Kelso, Wash. By the figures given the bridge is 900 feet long; towers 90 feet in height; draw 100 feet; suspension span 300 feet—and cost \$17,000. The half tone view of the bridge indicates that the situation is very much like that of the proposed bridge at this place, and there seems no good reason why the one here should cost any more. With the effort of the Sentinel to induce our people to take active steps to insure that the bridge will be built at Coquille, however, the Herald is heartily in sympathy.

County Roads Remade and Scenery Changed

For Historical Raid of Ku Klux Klan in "The Birth of a Nation"

When David W. Griffith started the outdoor staging of the Civil War and Reconstruction scenes in "The Birth of a Nation," which will be shown at the Scenic Friday afternoon and evening, he was confronted with seemingly insuperable difficulties. An area of private war was required about as large as the corner of Belgium occupied by the Anglo-French forces. Thousands of cavalrymen had to be shown, in an historic raid of the North Carolina clans. Their run was to be many, many miles of typical Southern sandy roads. Through an acknowledged wizard of the films, Mr. Griffith is not a "war lord" with power to commandeer. In this emergency, the county authorities of "The Birth of a Nation" producing local were applied to. They finally consented to mark off an area of ten square miles for the use of the horsemen. Along all the roads within this area, the county commissioners pasted notices forbidding all traffic on "the day of days." Pedestrians were also warned off. But the roads themselves did not look southern. David Griffith handled this difficulty—with the authorities' permission—by remaking such of the highways as would come within the camera's eye. Many tons of sand and gravel were spread by gangs of his workmen. Landscape engineering changed the look of the landscape to the rounded hills, piny woods and deep gullies of old North State. The race of the northern clansmen to rescue their South Carolina brethren took place on the appointed day, without an accident or a flaw. After it was over, Mr. Griffith's men scraped the sand off the macadam roads, took down the signs, and life in the sleepy countryside resumed its normal course. It cost about \$25,000 to do the trick—the producer thinks it was worth all it cost, particularly after hearing the enthusiastic comments of "The Birth of a Nation" patrons on his work.

Big Timber Deal

One of the biggest timber deals in Coos county in years, and one which may prove of far-reaching significance, is now being completed, says the Coos Bay Times.

The C. A. Smith Company is exchanging its timber holdings in the upper Coos River section and east of there to the Pillsbury and allied timber interests for their holdings in the vicinity of Powers. Considerably over a billion feet of timber is involved in each tract. The deal is said to be practically completed, but none of the officials of the companies involved are now on the Bay, so no information could be obtained about it.

The exchange of the timber itself is part of the plan that was announced by Mr. Chaney in The Times a few months ago when he gave out the details of segregating the Smith holdings and selling off timber and lands not essential to the Coos Bay mills and industries of the company.

He said then that an effort would be made to concentrate the logging operations in the vicinity of Powers and it is understood that the deal gives the Smith Company practically solid holdings in that district, thereby facilitating and reducing the expense of logging operations.

Remember the Matinee

All who wish to see "The Birth of a Nation" at the Scenic Friday, who can attend in the afternoon, should do so. Not only will they save half of their money, but they will leave more room for those who come in the evening. The performance will be exactly the same.

STORM FATAL TO SAILOR

Oscar Johnson, Sailor on S.S. Newberg, Washed Overboard in Blow

MANY TELEPHONE LINES DOWN

Plate Glass Windows Broken in Bandon

The storm that visited this part of the country Saturday night is said to be one of the hardest ever experienced here. From the various reports that have come in the blow seems to have been general on the Washington and Oregon coast and is said to have shifted south on Sunday.

One death, that of Oscar Johnson, a sailor on the steam schooner Newberg, which put into Coos Bay Sunday, is reported as a result of the storm.

The Newberg was from San Francisco and coming north in ballast. The storm sprung up about 11:30 Saturday night, while the vessel was off Coos Bay, and it was in trying to save the lifeboats from the storm that Johnson was lost. No one saw the accident. Considerable damage was done to the boat and she came into the bay for repairs.

The Coos and Curry Telephone company were the heaviest sufferers as far as the destruction of property was concerned. Every line connecting Coquille with other towns went down during Saturday night and until nearly noon Sunday Coquille was isolated, and had no communication with county or outside towns. Reports from the Bay indicate that the damage to the telephone lines there was as bad or worse than here.

At Bandon the show windows of the business houses seemed to get the worst of it, three large ones being broken by the terrific wind. At Myrtle Point it is reported that some houses that were in the course of construction were blown down.

Coquille suffered no damage as far as is known although the wind here Sunday morning was blowing a gale.

The story of the storm at sea as related by Captain Masten of the Newberg, is given by the Coos Bay Times as follows:

A stiff breeze had prevailed throughout Saturday afternoon and evening, but nothing worse than is to be expected off the coast at this time of the year. However, a rapidly falling glass caused some anxiety and after dark, set in, the breeze freshened considerably, until by 9 p. m. it had reached the proportions of a gale. But the worst was yet to come, and at 10 o'clock Captain Masten realized he was in for a storm which would tax his skill as a navigator to the utmost. The gale was from the southeast, and he estimates that its speed was nearly 90 miles an hour between 10 p. m. and midnight. All hands were ordered on deck and each was allotted his task in an effort to make everything fast before the course of the Newberg was changed when the big seas would be abeam.

Among several seamen ordered to secure the boats and other gear was Oscar Johnson, aged thirty, a Finn, who was shipped on the Newberg at San Francisco for this trip to Coos Bay, where the vessel was to load lumber at the Smith mill. Owing to the heavy wind and the great volume of spray which continually swept the vessel, every man had to look out for himself, and consequently had very little opportunity to ascertain how it went with his neighbor. Several big green seas struck the vessel and one of the boats was badly damaged, while another was stove in.

As the Newberg was practically in ballast she made heavier going of the storm than might have been the case if she had carried cargo, and when a big sea struck her amidships, one of her guards was badly sprung, while the deck was continually awash as one wave followed another the entire length of the vessel.

Modern War Cost Great

The war's cost to the belligerents confounds human capacities for comprehension. The imagination reaches out in efforts to apprehend the statisticians' figures of \$62,000,000,000, but the understanding has no terms of comparison in which to state and realize these stupendous and almost unthinkable figures. To say that 28 months of this war have cost nearly ten times as much as 22 years of Napoleon's wars helps but little. The sums and computations mean about as much—and little—as the light years used by the astronomers to express the distance of the uttermost stars and the time their light takes to reach us.

The Wall Street Journal reports that national loans directly owing to the

war approximate \$50,000,000,000. The difference of \$12,000,000,000 between these borrowings and the war's cost consists partly in additional taxes, but chiefly in inflation of currency and in temporary advances. England, as banker for the entente, has borrowed more than the war has cost it, but a goodly share of its borrowing has financed Russia and several of the small nations. It defrays a larger part of its expense for war from taxes than any other country does.

Germany appears to have a deficit of more than \$2,000,000,000, but the loans and circulation of its national bank have increased nearly twice that amount, suggesting one source from which the deficit may be retrieved. Austria-Hungary apparently is \$2,400,000,000 in debt permanently for the war, but very little is known about its provisional system of finance. Russia lags farthest behind in permanent provision for its costs of war, the reported loans and the estimated expenditures for war diverging by \$3,000,000,000.

The war's daily cost reached a maximum months ago and has since remained stationary, except that Italy requires a considerable decrease. It approximates \$104,500,000 daily and costs the entente about twice as much as its allies. The national debts of the belligerents have grown from \$27,000,000,000 to \$77,500,000,000. Can they ever be paid?—Spokesman-Review.

Limited Derailed

The Coos Bay Limited, south bound, was derailed between here and Myrtle Point Wednesday night when it ran onto a cow sleeping on the track. The accident occurred near the rock quarry. The engine and the baggage car were derailed and the engine turned nearly crosswise on the track.

The accident did not cause any injury to the passengers who for an instant were somewhat frightened at the terrific squeaking of the brakes and the sudden jerky stop that was made. W. Taylor Jones, the superintendent at Marshfield immediately dispatched a work train with a number of men to clear the track. He also ordered automobiles from Myrtle Point to take the passengers on to that city, which was done with very little delay or discomfort.

The crew worked all night getting the train back on the track, and repairing the small amount of damage done to the equipment.

This delayed the train about three hours on its north bound trip. This is the first accident that has happened, even during the operation when the road was under construction, traffic was kept going without accident.

Here, Too

S. Taylor Jones, superintendent of the local Southern Pacific line, was at the local station a few minutes Monday, says the Myrtle Point Enterprise. In response to the statement from the editor that the people of Myrtle Point and the Myrtle Point Section would like very much to see the company arrange their schedule so that No. 502 would arrive at this place at 5:30 instead of 7:40 as is the case at present, Mr. Jones stated that there is now a move on looking toward having the train leave Portland earlier in the morning, as well as to extend the run to Powers, but how soon the change will be effected he was not in a position to say at this time. Mr. Jones states that he will be pleased when a new depot is constructed at this station. Here, too, Pete.

Reserved Seat Sale

In compliance with the demand which seems to exist, reserved seats for the evening performance of "The Birth of a Nation" have been placed on sale. There will be no reserved seats for the matinee in the afternoon, but seats for the evening performance may be secured at the Herald office until 6 p. m. Friday without extra charge. The four front rows of seats down stairs have been placed at 75 cents for adults. All others will be \$1.00. Children under 13 occupying seats will pay full price for the \$1.00 seats, and 25 cents for the front rows. Matinee prices will be 25c for children, 50c for adults.

Collier—Manwaring

James Collier, formerly of Coquille, and who now lives at Marshfield, and Miss Hazel Manwaring, of Langlois, were married during the M. E. Church South parsonage Thursday by Rev. H. M. Law. Mr. and Mrs. Collier left Saturday for Marshfield where they expect to reside in the future.

Mr. Collier, who lived in Coquille for many years, is at present employed by the Southern Pacific on construction work.

Miss Manwaring has frequently visited Coquille and is well known here. She came here Wednesday from San Francisco where she had been visiting.

Two cases of infantile paralysis have been discovered near Roseburg by Health Officer A. N. Roberg.

RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRESSIVE

Provide Funds More Generously than Ever Before for School Purposes

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

County Superintendent Tells of School Activities

The reports of special tax levies by the different school districts of the county which have just been received by County Superintendent Raymond E. Baker show, according to him, that the districts are providing more liberally than ever before for their schools. School districts that have heretofore been backward to a marked degree are now going forward with special levies and those that have been voting them before are increasing them.

Mr. Baker states that about two-thirds of the census reports of the county have been received by him and that the indications are that there will be a slight increase in the number of children of school age over last year. Coquille was the first city in the county to get its report in. The superintendent has thirty days in which to check over the reports and as yet no definite figures on the county as a whole are available.

The Coos River consolidated district will hold the dedication exercises for their new building, December 16. State Superintendent Churchill has been asked to give an address at that time. The district asked Mr. Baker to act in this capacity, but the latter recommended Mr. Churchill. Boats will run from Marshfield for the convenience of any visitors who may wish to attend the exercises.

Two more schools—East Side and Roland Prairie have inaugurated the hot lunch system. The Norway school had this system last year and were so well pleased with the results that they are continuing it again this year. Miss May Lund, teacher at the Norway school, was in town Saturday purchasing supplies to be used by the students in the preparation of the mid-day meal. The work of preparing the food is all done by the teacher and the older pupils. However, it is not allowed to interfere with their school work.

E. L. Strader, chairman, and J. L. Stitt, clerk of district No. 36 located on upper Two Mile, were in town Saturday signing the bonds and coupons of the \$1800 bond issue voted by the people of that district last fall. It is expected that work will start at once on the one room building for which the bonds were voted.

Last year 116 country boys and girls of Coos county attended standard high schools in the various towns, according to Mr. Baker. The indications are that there will be about 160 pupils this year who will go out of their own district to have the advantage of the standard schools. There were also seven pupils from Curry and Douglas counties who attended school in Coos last year, while none from here attended school in these counties.

Teachers' examinations will be held at the W. O. W. hall December 20 to 23 and eighth grade examinations will be held throughout the county January 18 and 19.

School Children Aid

The children of 1400 rural Oregon schools have been using lessons on the fight against tuberculosis as texts in their class work during the past year. The lessons were furnished free by the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis as a part of its work.

Now they are organizing to help the Red Cross Seal sale of the Association so that this method of disseminating information may be continued and the association be strengthened in its campaign to exterminate the dread disease in this state.

Acting under the formal approval and permission of the Board of School Directors, the children of 52 Portland schools will also join in the big movement.

Last year the children secured \$775.74 from the sale of Red Cross Seals. It is expected that more than \$1000 will result from their enthusiastic work this year.

Their effort will be made principally during "Tuberculosis Week." This comes December 3 to 10, reaching a climax with "Tuberculosis Sunday," December 10, when every pulpit in the state is asked to join the campaign by recounting progress and repeating the warnings against the disease.

The Association has sent a letter directed to the children of each school. It tells them how to proceed. It tells them why the work is so much worth while.

Have you paid the Printer?

Coosonian Dance a Success

The second Coosonian dance which was held Thursday evening at the Hazlet hall was a success in every way. About fifty couples were on the floor and a great proportion of them stayed until the dance broke up at one o'clock. Music was furnished by the Gage orchestra. \$40.75 was the total receipts from the dance.

One notable feature of the dance was that while the dance was given by the Coosonians, a very small percentage of the total number of the members of that order were present.

Will Not Sue Coach Estate

"There's absolutely no truth to it," said Atty. Claude H. Giles, when asked concerning the alleged report that Mrs. G. T. Treadgold was contemplating suit against the Coach estate for damages as a result of the death of her husband, the late attorney, at the hands of Joe Coach. "The report is evidently the child of an over-productive imagination," he concluded. Mrs. Treadgold affirmed the statement of her attorney.

Blind Student Invents Psychology "Lab." Device

Blindness is a fearful affliction, but that it need not cut off entirely the usefulness of the victim has been demonstrated by Thomas Cutsforth, of Riddle, Or., who has completed an apparatus for testing the comparative ability of the blind to learn. Mr. Cutsforth is one of two blind students at the State University.

By using Mr. Cutsforth's device, an instructor may determine what method of presenting study material is best suited to the individual blind student. The apparatus is a box four inches wide, eight inches long and four inches deep. Under the movable top, a belt of canvas runs under two rollers, one at each end. By turning a handle on the outside of the box, the canvas can be made to revolve. Around the rollers and on top of the canvas, is fastened a strip of paper on which are words in the dots of the alphabet for the blind. In the top of the box is an opening one by two and one-half inches, with slanting edges. Through this opening a section of the paper is exposed. In feeling the print through the aperture as the handle is turned, the fingers of the student rest on a crosspiece that gives the paper a solid background.

Words can thus be presented at varying speeds. Tests are given to determine how quickly the subject can acquire a lesson from the sense of touch only; then a test to see if the speed is increased when the instructor speaks the words while the student is feeling the impression on the paper; then a combination of paper, instructor's prompting, and repetition by the student after the instructor.

"The box makes possible experiments to show the idiosyncrasies of any blind learner," said Dr. R. H. Wheeler, instructor in psychology. "This is not the only contribution of Mr. Cutsforth. He has discovered illusions of the blind and has done research work in dreams of the blind. His is, indeed, some of the best work that has been done in this phase of psychology."

Leslie Blades, of San Dimas, Cal., the other blind student, has submitted a thesis on the problem of the best ways to present study material to the blind. The work of the two men in this department is ultimately to be published.

Saw the Big Picture

Mrs. H. O. Anderson, while away last summer, saw "The Birth of a Nation" at Medford. She traveled twelve miles to see it, and was amply repaid for the expense and trouble. She says that the audience was completely carried away by the superb drama. At times the people rose to their feet to applaud; they shouted; they laughed and cried; they could find no way of adequately expressing the emotions aroused. Mrs. Anderson paid \$1.00 for a seat (not reserved) at the matinee. Reserved seats in the evening were \$2.50.

Restaurant Changes Hands

The Skineer Restaurant, on Front Street, has been sold by Mr. Skinner to Mrs. C. Hunt, the deal being completed last Tuesday and the change being made at once. Mrs. Hunt, whose husband is employed at Cedar Point, has been waiting table at the restaurant for some time past. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt came here from Bandon some months ago.

Mr. Skinner left the last of the week for Coburg, near Eugene, where he expects to go to work in the mill.

The steam shovel crew of the Southern Pacific Company at Natron, where it has been at work for the past several months getting out gravel for ballast on the Coos Bay branch, will be moved at once to Wendson, between Mapleton and Cushman, where a large quantity of rock will be taken out of the quarries for the purpose of rip-rapping the track extending along the lakes between the Siuslaw and Coos Bay. Within a few weeks, most of the Southern Pacific construction officials will leave the work, their job being done.

CITY ENGINEER TO GO EAST

S. E. Henderson Resigns Position to Take up Mining in Joplin, Missouri

CITY BUYS 500 FEET OF HOSE

Routine Work Disposed of Last Night

S. E. Henderson, city engineer, tendered his resignation to the city council at its regular meeting last night. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson intend to leave tomorrow or next day for Joplin, Missouri, where he is interested in zinc mining. It is understood that the people he is associated with there have extensive holdings in zinc properties.

A great deal of street improvement has been done under the supervision of Mr. Henderson here during the last year and without exception the work has been performed in a satisfactory manner as was shown by the action of the council last night. Councilman M. O. Hawkins was appointed a committee of one to draft a resolution, in behalf of the council, expressing their regret at the departure of Mr. Henderson and setting forth the satisfactory manner in which he has always performed his duties as city engineer, and the confidence and trust which the council reposed in him.

The council authorized the Fire Committee to order 500 feet of three-inch fire hose from the American Rubber Manufacturing company, of California, at a contract price of one dollar per foot. The fire department at present has on hand 900 feet of hose that is suitable for use in case of fire and this was deemed insufficient. The new hose will increase the total to 1400 feet. A motion to pay Moon & Gidley interest money on a warrant held by them but which had not been presented to the recorder for his signature of "Not paid for lack of funds," failed to carry.

The recorder was instructed to proceed with the collection of delinquent assessments due for the improvement of Third and Henry streets upon the property assessed to Rosa Ashton. The Finance committee reported the finding of the monthly reports of the recorder and treasurer correct. The regular monthly bills were ordered paid. The entire council was present at last night's meeting, as well as the recorder, city engineer, city attorney and marshal.

Price Remarkably Low

If any one in Coquille is under the impression that the prices for "The Birth of a Nation" are high, he is earnestly exhorted to "come out of it." The fact is that prices asked on this tour of Coos county are really surprisingly low, considering the small field and the expense of bringing the attraction here. Some of our people have seen the picture elsewhere and we have heard of no one who has seen it for less than 75 cents, at a matinee. One person mentions paying \$1.00 for a seat in the fifth gallery of a Los Angeles theater. The scenic manager gets so small a percentage of the receipts that it is no object for him to deceive his patrons. But he is presenting absolutely the greatest production ever attempted in the line of dramatic, spectacular, historical and educational entertainment; he wants every person to understand what an opportunity is presented, that no one may fail to grasp it and then to feel regret when it is too late.

Port Commissioner Resigns

At the regular monthly meeting of the commission of the Port of Bandon, here Saturday, Archie McNair tendered his resignation. While no definite action was taken in the matter it is understood that the position will be offered to O. A. Troubridge, of Bandon.

This was the last meeting of the old commission and next month when they meet in Bandon the newly elected commissioners will take their office. The only change that will be made in the personnel, however, will be that Wm. Lyons, of this place, will succeed E. E. Johnson, whose term expires. The other members of the commission whose time was up were reelected.

The other members are: T. P. Hanley, A. H. Rosa, and J. E. Norton.

A NATION'S HISTORY.

There is nothing that solidifies and strengthens a nation like reading the nation's own history, whether that history is recorded in books or embodied in customs, institutions and monuments.—Joseph Anderson.