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The Herald has received many congratulations on the stand it took on the question of granting the Smith-Powers railroad franchise. This is very gratifying for two reasons: First, because it is pleasing to find that we have won the approval of our readers; Second, because it is pleasant to find that our confidence in the good judgment of our readers was well founded. When we learned that the Smith-Powers people had applied for the franchise we looked into the matter enough to satisfy ourselves that the proposition was all on the square, as have been all the dealings of the C. A. Smith interests since their advent in Coos county; that there was plenty of room on the right of way for wagon road and railroad; that the railroad would be a common carrier, and not simply a logging road, thus giving this valley two competing roads to the big shipping center which will be established at Coos Bay, and also furnishing a route to a possible transcontinental road that might wish to obtain entrance to that sea port by way of the Grants Pass section toward which the Smith-Powers road is being extended; that there was enough brains and integrity in the County Court to take care of the wagon road and safeguard the interests of the public in any franchise granted; and that the manifest advantages to be gained would far more than offset the disfigurement of the transcendent scenic beauties of the Isthmus siough route, through having two railroads between road and slough instead of only one. Then we skinned our linen and jumped in. We do not claim credit for the passage of the franchise, although the Herald is the only paper in the county that supported it affirmatively; that is to be given to the good sense of the gentlemen forming the County Court. Nor do we claim any credit for the fact that the interests of the people are safeguarded; that is also due to the County Court and the district attorney, who drew up the papers without consulting ANY newspaper man in Coquille as to what they should contain. For ANY newspaper, and especially one who condemned the franchise in unmeasured terms and with all the force of which it was capable, to claim now that its blindly and madly unreasoning fight against the granting of a franchise, on any terms and under any circumstances, had the effect of securing better terms from the railroad people is too utterly—amusing. There was no quibbling over terms in any form. Mr. Liljeqvist drew up the franchise to embody the granting of all the privileges asked for by the railroad people, together with necessary provisions for the protection of the county's interests, and this draft was approved by Mr. Powers and his attorney without a single criticism or objection. After Mr. Powers' departure one blank was filled with a minor change in the price of certain gravel, from the original proposition. This change will probably be approved by the Smith-Powers people, and it seems the only chance for a disagreement left. Therefore the Herald opines that the only credit to be claimed by any newspaper is that of having been on the right side of the question. The Herald will make bold to claim that credit.

The news of the leasing of the Coquille Lumber Co. mill by E. E. Johnson is the best tidings for Coquille that have come down the pike for several moons. The opening of this mill has been looked forward to very anxiously by the people of this city ever since its closing down some three years ago. It has been hoped that the Dollar interests would resume operations as soon as the litigation in which the mill was involved was sufficiently cleared up, and rumors, born of this hope, have been rife at frequent intervals ever since lumber began to rise in price. The Herald has investigated several of these reports enough to see that there was nothing in them, and has therefore refrained from boring its readers with them. Until E. E. Johnson recently secured his large contract for spruce there was not the slightest prospect that the mill would start. The taking of this contract, however, made it necessary for Mr. Johnson to secure larger milling facilities, and this gave an opportunity for a deal that would be profitable for both him and the Dollar people. That negotiations were under way the Herald was fully informed, and that Mr. Johnson's departure for San Francisco was for the purpose of securing a lease was a piece of information that we would have been very glad to give out at the time had we been free to do so. The operation of the mill means doubling the number of men employed in the lumber business in and tributary to this city. It means additional employment to our people and the addition of many families to our population; more business for our merchants; more deposits in our banks. It means the transformation of an eyecore in the shape of an idle sawmill which obtruded itself on the view of every traveler by river or rail, into a busy "hive of industry." Incidentally, it probably means profit to one of our citizens whom we have been glad to honor with the office of mayor, and that is no matter for regret. To the bright prospects for the year which were already in sight, this comes as an added certainty which is the most important of all.

SPRAY FROM THE SURF

By
Rory O'Moore

"Yesterday"

Today is dead! and yesterday, the corpse,
Affords us naught, and asks naught but the grave;
I pause, and with bared head and heavy heart,
Pay solemn tribute to the joy she gave.
And in the likeness of her form will come
Yet other days, with other joys to give;
But stirs in me no thrill of quick response—
O, Day of Love, I would that you might live.
But beauty such as yours could not but die;
Far too divine, too precious and sublime,
Your charms were measured by the throb of hearts
That live for one another; not for time.
All tenderly, as twilight shrouds your form,
In Memory's vault in quietude to lie,
I leave you; but to come again at dusk;
And for the love you brought me give a sigh.

That Reminds Us

An English guide was showing an American through the British Museum. "This," he said with obvious pride, as he lovingly patted the muzzle of a piece of antiquated field artillery, "is a gun we took from the Americans at Bunker Hill."
"I believe I remember about that," assented the American. "You have the cannon and we have the hill."
That guide reminds us of the editor of the Sentinel and the battle of "Franchise Hill."

Lowest Levy

Coquille has the lowest levy and the most poorly equipped schools of any of the city districts in the county, according to County School Superintendent Raymond E. Baker. Mr. Baker does not think that this is due to the lack of progressive spirit among the people, but to an unfortunate series of happenings that have made their efforts toward better equipped schools futile. Three years ago this district felt the need of larger and better school buildings and started a movement for a new building. The trouble that arose over the selection of a site has held the matter up ever since.

While at the meeting of the county superintendents of the state at Salem recently Mr. Baker while in conversation with Justice Bean, endeavored to determine when this matter would be settled, as it is now before the state supreme court for its decision. Justice Bean could give him no satisfaction in the matter, stating that the doc est was made up by the clerk and that the judges had nothing to do with it.

Court Opens

Judge Coke resumed the December session of the Circuit court yesterday and the case of S. B. Cathcart vs. Port of Coos Bay, an action for damages for overflow of property owing to Mill slough fill, was the first to come up. The jury gave a verdict of \$570 for the plaintiff.

The case of Mrs. Flora I. Foreman vs. Mrs. Anderson for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries is being tried this afternoon.

Judge John Hall has assumed his duties as county attorney and will conduct all cases in which the state is a party, with the exception of the Kinney tax cases. L. A. Liljeqvist having been retained for these because of its familiarity with the many phases of the matter.

Money on Spruce

According to a report received here, R. A. Wernich and R. K. Booth and associates have been offered \$50,000 for their spruce contract with E. E. Johnson's mill at Coquille. They closed the contract last month, buying timber from the Boutin tract and arranging for Mr. Johnson to cut it at Coquille.

The mill is just about to start on the contract which will require a year's run.

The clear spruce, it is understood, will go to the allies to manufacture aeroplanes and the rest of it will be used in the manufacture of the cut-to-order houses.—Times.

First Schedule Game

Friday night the basket ball team of the Coquille High school will go to Bandon where they will meet the Fandon team in the first game in the contest for the county championship. The steamer Telegraph has been chartered for the trip and it is expected that a large number of rooters will accompany the team on the trip. The championship race opened last week on the Bay and Marshfield defeated North Bend by a score of 30 to 15. Each team in the county will play two games with each of the other teams; one on their home floor and one on the floor of their opponents. It is expected that the teams of the different schools will be very evenly matched this year.

Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

East Fork Items

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)
Walter Laird and Fred Weaver sold 4 head of fat cattle that go to help make up a carload that Cecil Carter is shipping to Portland.

Geo. Mathison has the donkey in place for work on Sec. 11 T. 28 R. 11, that he moved from Louie Heller's mill.

Fred Baker was in town New Year's day.

Those who heard Miss Lyndon of Washington, Georgia, and Miss Gordon, the little Hoosier girl give their entertainment New Year's night at Coquille know that those two girls can deliver the goods. The little Hoosier girl as a child has never grown up, and the little Georgia girl knows that she knows the songs of the colored folks, and her arm has the natural crook for the resting place of a baby's head. They get their work in on the audience at the start; they do it easy, for they are the kind of girls that make you feel like saying, "Come on, girls, come home to supper with us."—and you will forget all about your liver pills.

New Year's day every once in a while you would hear some one call out, "The same to you", and you knew they had been wished a happy New Year. "The same to you" is a great thing; it gives back the wish that was sent out; if the call has gone out in the cheer of a song it comes back, "The same to you." If it has gone out in the howlings of a growl and a grouch it comes back, "The same to you." It is great medicine, "The same to you."

R. A. EASTON.

Bancroft Briefs

The school in Dist. 42 reopened this week with Miss Mary Price teacher.

Mr. G. W. Crunk has been suffering with an attack of grippe for some time.

T. S. Evernden took a load of fat hogs to market this week.

The families of Albert and F. J. Fish are taking their turn at the grippe this week.

Mrs. Elwood Carey, of Allegany, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Rice, and helping to take care of their father, G. W. Crunk Sr. The old gentleman is nearly 83 years of age but is putting up a good fight for recovery.

Bridge Briefs

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

Mrs. F. C. Rookard has been laid up for about two weeks with a sore foot. She stepped on a rusty nail, and the wound has given her considerable trouble, but is getting better now. Miss Pearl Ford stayed with her a part of the time, to help with the work.

Mobley Welch, who has been at Powers for several months, returned to Bridge before the holidays, and enrolled in the Freshman class of the High School last Tuesday.

Mrs. H. H. Brownson has been sick with a grippe for two weeks.

A. O. Hooton made a trip to Myrtle Point Saturday.

George Ford returned Thursday from Powers, where he spent a few days.

The Parent-Teacher Circle met at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon. Quite a number were present.

Mrs. Peter Axe's mother, Mrs. Miller, is seriously ill. Other members of the Axe family are also suffering from the grippe.

Mrs. J. T. Evernden and Mrs. Geo. Crunk received the sad news Wednesday of the death of their father, John Waggoner. They went to Myrtle Point the same day, where the funeral was held Friday afternoon.

Ray Endicott made a business trip to Coquille Saturday.

Joe Lett and family came to Bridge Saturday for a short visit at the home of his brother, W. A. Lett.

Marriage Licenses

Vadron Garten and Vivian Haynes. Casper Keller and Juanita Barklow. Fred R. Porter and Minnie M. Wood.

Are Your Hens Laying?

Now is the time to select feeds from the list given below

Crystal Grit per 100 lb. Sack	\$1.25
Eastern Oyster Shell per 100 lb. Sack	1.40
Ground Bone, per lb.	.03
Lee's Egg Maker, per Package	.50
Pratt's Poultry Regulator, per Package	.25
Albers Bros. Beef Scraps, per Package	.55
Chicken Red Pepper, pound Can	.20
Wheat, per Sack	2.75
Fisher's Eggrain, per Sack	2.75
Alber's Scratch Food, per Sack	3.00

We have arranged to handle Bread from the Seaside Bakery, Bandon, while our home bakery is closed. Large Loaves 10c or 3 for 25c

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