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ANOTHER PRECINCT HEARD FROM

We give below a communication received from a gentleman who does not agree with our expressed opinion on the foreign situation, nor on the duty of a patriotic American citizen at this time. While he states that the communication is not for publication, we will take the liberty of using it without his signature. As is sometimes stated, "this is a free country," and the Herald is willing to concede the same freedom of opinion to this gentleman as it asks for itself. It is even willing to give the same publicity to a criticism of its utterances. It may even be wrong at this time to express views not handed down from those "higher up;" but the Herald will continue to stagger along in its benighted way, giving its views occasionally on public questions, whether or not they agree with those of Woodrow Wilson, Teddy Roosevelt or the gentlemen who are piling up their millions and billions in the manufacture of munitions. Our friendly critic writes as follows:

Editor Herald: I think you have displayed a great lack of tact and patriotism and even justice by writing in your paper as you did this week.

It is wrong to sow seeds of dissension at this critical time, when all Americans ought to stand together as one man. You seem to regret that Germany can't cork up England so effectively that her children would be crying for bread in a very short time, and then talk about ethics!

Your judgment may be warped from some cause of order; but it is not proper to give vent to those perverted feelings in a time like this.

Yours truly,

This is not for publication.

SHALL COQUILLE CELEBRATE?

Word has come from Myrtle Point to the effect that our sister city will hold no Fourth of July celebration this year, and no horse races will be held on that day. It is not too early for Coquille to decide in what way she wishes to observe the nation's birthday.

In view of the present status of our relations with the entente powers it is impossible to say what conditions will prevail six months hence. Should President Wilson yet win in the diplomatic struggle in which he has been engaged for the past two years and secure protection for the rights of the United States as a neutral, without going into actual war, that victory might well be cause for celebration by itself. And what more fitting time could be chosen for such a demonstration?

Should the international situation become more serious, and it cannot become more serious except in the event of actual war, the opportunity for an expression of patriotic feeling would be more needed than ever. Such a celebration would not be a joyful one. It would be fraught with sorrow and disappointment; but it would be just as sincere; just as whole-hearted; and just as loyal.

Shall Coquille celebrate this year?

R. M. A.

"ON THE OTHER FOOT"

"Trade at Home" is a very popular slogan with the local merchants in all places. They are (presumably) pleased when the local paper publishes a column or two abusing the private citizen who "sends away" for anything he wants, and pointing out how the dollar "sent away" is forever lost to local circulation—though most of them have a queer way of showing their appreciation. The paper is expected to do this from local patriotism and all that, without money and without price. The situation in Coquille is very much like that in other small towns, and the Herald and Sentinel have done their part in the way of boosting the "keep your money at home" propaganda. Here is an illustration of the appreciation shown by some local business men: A solicitor for a printing shop in a Willamette valley town has been here several days soliciting job work. Have the merchants turned him down, as they should, and told him that they have printing offices here in Coquille, and that they propose "to keep their money at home?" Perhaps some of them did, and these are deserving of mention for their good sense; but it was stated last evening that the outside man had picked up \$150 worth of orders for ordinary commercial job work, of the kind done by the Herald and Sentinel offices. The only two specific instances illustrate how it was done. A cut of 75 cents a thousand was made in the price of one article on which a great saving of time is possible by combining orders—and a still greater saving by cutting the quality; and \$1.00 a thousand was added to the local price for an article on which no cut in quality could be made. Much comment may be inadvisable, but we would like to suggest that these merchants who patronize "outside" printers for work that can be done and is done at reasonable prices at the local printing offices are not entitled to any consideration from the buying public on the "trade at home" consideration.

Get the Want Ad Habit

Songs of Silence

By Rory O'Moore

On the hill above the city,
When the dusk begins to fall,
And the night hawk dips and rises
And a hush is over all,

Give me, then, to sit and listen
To the songs by silence sung;
Songs that sound the very sweetest
As the vesper bells are rung;

Songs you cannot set to music;
They've a finer, wilder strain
Than the minds of man can master;
For God limited the brain.

But they hold a charm ethereal;
Nothing tangible or real,
And your senses do not witness;
Rather in your heart you feel

These, the harmonies of nature,
Sweeter far than any note
That from any harp is stricken,
Or that comes from any throat.

Grant me, too, as darkness gathers,
And the sweet notes rise and fall,
Understanding of their message,
Recognition of their call.

Bandon Shipyards to Resume Operations Soon

Geo. Laird, who was one of the members of the Bandon delegation at the train schedule meeting here yesterday, reports that arrangements have been made whereby the Bandon shipyards are to resume operations in the near future. The activities along this line, he said, were made possible by the work of the New Era club, a booster organization of recent origin.

The yards at Bandon are equipped to accommodate two ships at one time and they are already figuring on contracts from several concerns.

Mr. Laird also stated that the Portland people have raised their share of the money they promised for the building of a boat to be put on a regular run between that city and Bandon and that if Bandon and the Coquille valley could raise the balance the contract could be let at once. The New Era club proposes to see that this money is raised and, according to Mr. Laird, subscriptions for stock by people of Coquille would be very acceptable to them.

A move is also on foot, backed by the club, to bring about the reopening of the Bandon Woolen Mills.

Other members of the delegation from Bandon were: A. S. Elliott, J. W. Walstrom, Guy Dipple, Walter Wells and I. N. Miller.

Highways in the Legislature

Salem, Feb. 9.—With but ten days of the session remaining, no constructive Road legislation has been reported out of the Highway Committee of either house. In the hands of the Highway Committee of the House is Lauragard's bill 191, which calls for a new Highway Commission, centralizes the state highway work in a high salaried highway engineer and does nothing to simplify county procedure, although nine-tenths of the highway funds are expended through the counties. This measure has the support of special interests who seem to oppose any change from the old wastefulness.

With the same committee is House bill 213, introduced by Representative Schimpf, which measure was framed by the Oregon Good Roads Committee after months of careful work. It is a short concise code, covering state, county and district work; centralizes authority without depriving commission or court of full opportunity for effective work. It has the endorsement of the eleven state-wide organizations which compose the Oregon Good Roads Committee, among whom are the Daily Newspaper Publishers' Association of the state, who have two members on the committee, one of whom is on the executive committee. These members took an active part in preparing the code submitted by the Oregon Good Roads Committee, and approve of House bill 213. The work of these men should receive careful consideration. It represents the will of a large part of the people of the state which should not be blocked by personal or selfish interests.

Regarding County Unit Plan

Bridge, Ore., Feb. 5, 1917.
Editor Coquille Herald.

In the Herald of January 23 in the article in support of the proposed law known as the "County Unit" plan of governing the public schools appears several statements that should not be allowed to pass by without some further explanation.

"A bill will be introduced," etc. By whom? What forces are back of the bill? Is it an effort to take the schools out of politics, as they should be, or is it a blow aimed at the destruction of the public schools by practically the only enemy the

public school has in the United States? How many of the states have adopted this "plan" and which ones are they? How many have adopted this plan, rejected it and gone back to the old system?

Under the proposed law dividing the county into five districts, with a director from each district, would each director have the entire control of his district or must all questions be decided by a majority of the board? Will the board visit each of the 86 districts so as to inform themselves as to the needs of the various districts, or will they depend on a "local representative from each school in the county?" How much salary is attached to the office of director under this proposed law?

If the county treasurer is to handle the funds will he have to have a clerk or two to assist him? If under this plan a "trained teacher" could be provided for even the most remote school? Where is the beginner to start in, at one of the city schools? As to the county assessors being in favor of the plan as it "would greatly simplify" their work, why don't they use a little common sense and simplify their work by adopting a system that will do away with assessing each town lot separately, even though every lot in the block belongs to the same person?

Every person of ordinary intelligence knows that every piece of property in the county owned by any individual can be conveyed by one deed, so why not let the assessors lead the way and "simplify" matters by using a system that does away with a very large per cent of the clerk hire in their own, the clerk's and the sheriff's offices?

Really, is the proposed "County Unit" plan for the advancement of the public schools or is it one more lot of salaried officials for Mr. Common People to support?

Where are all of the "trained teachers" to be secured?

That there is room for improvement in the Oregon school system none can deny if they have any respect for the truth.

As a means of improving our schools I would say, First, do away with politics entirely in educational matters; Second, let the state publish the text books and furnish them at cost, doing away with the present system of changing books every few years; Third, discard the courses now taught in schools that are not of practical use to the average pupils until they have at least a practical knowledge of the fundamentals; Fourth, Allow no history to be used in the schools that can not be depended on as being accurate, by doing this some of our histories would go to the junk pile where they rightfully belong; Fifth, Allow teachers holding papers from other states the same privileges as the Oregon teachers, without compelling them to go to any unnecessary expense going through the formality of attending some of "out" schools, when it is useless expense to them and time thrown away.

Yours Respectfully,
A. O. HOOTON.

Stop! Look! Listen!

No, It Isn't a Train Coming; But
YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING
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Today's market is 50 per cent higher
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We carry everything the local and California markets afford.
Just Received:

Head Lettuce
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40c and 50c

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Busy Corner Grocery

Phone 691 and 541 Coquille, Oregon

Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

Beaver Hill News

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

Mrs. L. D. Meek, accompanied by her son, and daughters Darrell, Nina and Rufina left Beaver Hill last week for California, where they will visit with relatives.

W. T. Moffitt was a business visitor in Marshfield last week.

Mrs. Rice spent Thursday in Marshfield.

Miss Thora Norman was visiting in Coquille last week.

Ralph Walker spent Sunday with his parents at Coquille.

Lester Fitzhugh went to Bandon on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilbert were Marshfield visitors last Sunday.

Dr. Mings of Marshfield, is a caller in Beaver Hill today, Friday.

Mrs. Rosa Preuss was visiting in Marshfield the last part of the week.

George and Almond Martin, of Delmar, were calling on friends in Beaver Hill Saturday.

Will Kolm, who has been sick with the grippe, is well and around again.

Henry Bunch, who was hurt at the McDonald & Vaughn logging camp and who has been at the Mercy Hospital for about a week, returned home Thursday.

Will Hearon, who has been at Mercy Hospital having his hand treated, is back at Beaver Hill.

Colored Starch.
Red, white and blue starch was much in vogue in Elizabeth's time for the stiffening of ruffs.

East Fork Items

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

Mrs. Chloe Laird, who has been sick, is much better and left Thursday for Jefferson to visit her sister. Mother Laird does not pack any grouse or groul in her suit case. It does one good just to see her. Mrs. J. D. Laird went with her mother to Marshfield.

The wedding at Benham's was great; all Brewster valley was there. There is a new girl baby at Col Harry's.

The world has not gone fluey yet. Hark Dunham thought that was zome sense when a man was hunting him to be arrested.

After giving the county judge and school superintendent trials and tribulations, it was decided to take another tack. Friday School Supt. Baker and Juvenile Court Officer Dunham came out to District 32, not for the boy who was "expelled", but to teach another boy that foul, vile and obscene talk to girls, and the exposing of the person in the

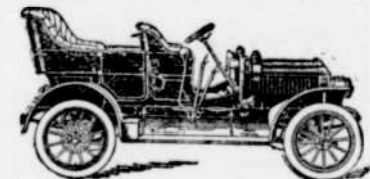
Dry Shiplap, Finish, Flooring and Rustic

WISCONSIN SILOS

Several Lots of Lumber at Special Prices

E. E. JOHNSON

Roseburg-Myrtle Point Auto Stage Line



Leave
Myrtle Point
7:40 a. m.
Roseburg
6 a. m.

6 hours Running Time

Connecting with Coquille Auto Lines

J. L. Laird

Myrtle Point

The Telephone Directory

Will go to press February 10th. It has the largest circulation of any advertising medium in Southwestern Oregon. It is always at hand for reference and an advertisement once seen may always be referred to. The telephone subscribers are able to buy the goods you will advertise. Orders for new telephone and listings in the directory should be done at once.

Coos and Curry Telephone Co.

school room don't go.

When you fight, fight, fight till you make the devil squeal.

S. J. Dunn and son, of Corvallis, who tried the hay and feed business for a month in Marshfield, went out last week for home, over the Coos Bay road with their team and wagon trailing a hack.

A number of weeks ago the people of Gravel Ford and vicinity had a basket social and with the proceeds bought a wheel chair for Mrs. Louie Helier, of Cherry creek

You will hear some folks say the "world is getting wus and wus and wus." Sure it is getting wus—for the kind that is getting wus

William Culbertson went to Coquille Tuesday of last week to get the truant officer to arrest him for taking his girls out of school.

R. A. EASTON.

Chamberlain's Tablets

These tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.