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Copco Line
May Extend
To California

Word comes from Crescent City that the California Oregon Power company may extend its line south of O'Brien to Crescent City, supplying that city and all others on the way. The line may stop at Hiouchi bridge, where the present line of the Public Utilities California corporation stops.

A delegation including District Attorney John L. Childs, Frank Burtshell and J. O. Hiller, members of the Crescent City chamber of commerce and Charles Gloves, master of Pomona Grange, went to Medford and held a conference with J. C. Boyle, and it appears that Mr. Boyle told the committee of delegates that his company would do everything they could to extend the line to the bridge and sell power to Crescent City or any individual set-up at the rate of 9 mills per kilowatt. This is a much lower figure than the Coos Electric Cooperative, a company who has been flirting with the Del Norte county people to extend its power lines into California.

The Crescent City chamber of commerce has been working on a theory that it should own its own electric light plant, and sell power to many outside the city limits proper.

If this extension takes place, it will electrify many homes along the Redwoods highway south of O'Brien. The community has been trying to get this work for a long time.

Deer Creek Grange
Invites Public to Dance

Valley and Deer Creek Grangers are making plans for the program, dance and supper to be held at the Deer Creek Grange hall Saturday evening, March 11th. Admission 50c for adults and 10 cents for grade school children. Everyone is asked to come in some sort of costume, otherwise a small fine will be imposed. So make it a point to come appropriately costumed and enjoy the evening's dancing and entertainment.

Music will be furnished by Freeman's Jazz Band. The proceeds are to be used for a new room on the Grange hall. This is a worthy cause so everyone will be anxious to attend and make this a memorable occasion. So everyone remember the date, next Saturday night, March 11th at the Deer Creek Grange hall. The program starts promptly at 9 p. m. Come early.

A gracious queen and her maids of honor will preside during the evening. Remember the date, next Saturday evening, March 11th, at the Deer Creek Grange hall.

One of our oldest farms in the valley exchanged hands recently when W. M. Williams sold his place to W. M. Newlun of Long Beach, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Jenkins will move to the place soon to operate it for Mr. Newlun. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have not definitely decided their plans for the future.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 18—St. Patrick's dance, Bridgeview Grange hall.
Friday, April 7—Good Friday.
Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday.
Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.
H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.
O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.
HOLLAND School Improvement club meets every third Friday.
Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

KERBY HIGH
SCHOOL NEWS

By DONNIS SAUER

Friday, Feb. 25, the Kerby basketball team and a group of other students accompanied by Mr. Jones journeyed to Grants Pass. The team met the Wolf Creek team on the Grants Pass floor at 4 o'clock. The Kerby boys were victorious, winning with a score of 26-25. Bill Hill was high point man, having made 10 points.

Kerby played the return game with Wolf Creek in Grants Pass March 3. The Kerby team was out to win from the start in a snappy game showing their teamwork and spirit, again defeated Wolf Creek by a score of 58-36. The line-up of the two teams and number of points made by each man are as follows:

Kerby — Kellert, 8; Hill, 4; Halm, 14; McLean; Mansfield, 18; Johnson, 14.

Wolf Creek — Morrison, 15; Stumbo, 14; Parks, W., 5; Houston, Gamet.

The entire school is proud of the boys and especially happy that the team was so successful in the last games of basketball season.

The Girls' League Fellies will be held Friday, March 17. The program starting at 8 p. m. Alice Smith, program chairman, with her committee has worked out the plan and the practices. The girls have turned out in good spirit and we expect the program, consisting of several skits, talks, songs and music, a dance, a drill and other numbers to be a great success.

Since the basketball season has ended the Boys Athletic class has been turning out for softball practice lately when the weather permits.

A Student Body meeting was called to order March 8th by President Danny Farlein. After the discussion of business the program was offered by the Freshman class. A comedy skit was given by Kathleen Ramsay and Lennis Johnson; song by Sylvia Wilson; reading by Zenna Slack; song by Lennis Johnson with guitar accompaniment; skit by Dena Jones, Sylvia Wilson and Grace Iverson and two songs by the entire class. The program went over in a big way and everyone was thoroughly pleased.

"LADY TAKES A
CHANCE" IS
NEXT ATTRACTION

Press agents all agree that Jean Arthur never appeared in a poor picture, and that goes double when she appears at the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday nights in "A Lady Takes a Chance."

This picture is billed as the "dog-gondest western you ever saw." That means something. Many of the patrons of the theater dote on western pictures. Here is one that is entirely different, but still has the western atmosphere, and perhaps more real thrills than the average western picture.

Jean Arthur is supported by John Wayne, and an excellent cast appears in the picture.

If you want real entertainment, come and see this western picture that takes you all around the ranch with thrilling excitement and a more than usual comedy mixed in.

Waldo Motel Changes
Hands In O'Brien

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin M. Holt, recent arrivals from Southern California, purchased the Waldo Motel from M. M. Demarest and took possession on February 27th. Before coming to California the Hols originally lived in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt, while newcomers to our valley, have a very pleasing personality, and we are sure they will bring the Waldo Motel back to its former popularity.

HEALTH CLINIC

Another health clinic was held at the Auxiliary room, Wednesday, March 8th, by Dr. Osgood with 8 adult patients and one tuberculin test given.

Stable
Currency
Necessary

The following article, taken from an exchange, is worthy of consideration, as it comes from Roger Babson, a noted authority on financial matters of national importance. This article was given us by a subscriber who requested that we give it space.

Currency stability will be most essential to a maintenance of trade and revival of business activity in the postwar period. Capital naturally gravitates to the countries which give it the best reception and which hold out the most return for its use. If the United States, Britain, Russia and China are to function as well together in peace as they have in war, they must all be anchored to a stable currency. This would enable these countries to encourage, rather than to discourage, the employment of capital.

Gold Only Answer

Changing values in money bring great personal hardships. They also disorganize and retard all economic progress. In the hesitancy of the investor, in the uncertain moves of business, in the fear of labor and in the ineffectiveness of legislation, we see continually growing signs of distrust in the value of our dollar. In terms of prewar values, today's dollar is now worth 75 cents. As inflation increases and under our present system of managed currency, I can visualize in the next five or six years a dollar worth perhaps only 35 cents.

After the last war, during the 20's and 30's, the business interests in Germany, France and central Europe were paralyzed because of rapid changes in the value of their currencies. Good money and sound trade are boon companions. Poor money and even fear that money will become less valuable causes waste and panic. The most prosperous times and the period in which trade and industry advanced the most both here and abroad were when the British pound and the American dollar were tied to a gold standard. Then they were exchangeable for a definite amount of gold of a definite weight and fineness.

World Bank Coming

I doubt if gold soon circulates again as money. I believe, however, that a worldwide bank or gold corporation may be organized with actual gold in the form of coin or bullion as its capital. Private capital will then be encouraged to finance postwar trade and business. If such capital became frightened, this "International Bank" could guarantee any loans. It could also make loans

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POSTAL RATES
TO BE INCREASED

Starting with Monday, March 27th, the postal rates in the United States will be increased. The parcel post rates will have the smallest increase, only about 1c over the old rates.

Postmaster Arnold says the rates on air mail letters will be increased from 6c, the old rate, to 8c, and all other services will be upped. Money orders, insured and registered mail, and even first class letters for delivery in the local office will be increased. Local delivery is now 1 cent, but all letters will require a three stamp after March 27th.

The only mail that was not increased is the three cent stamp for first class letters and the postal cards which go for one cent.

Arnold hopes that the office will have additional information for publication before the rates go into effect.

This same bill passed by Congress advanced the tax on theater admissions, so the local theater will have to up the price of admissions except children to cover the new tax. This will take effect probably April 1st.

Reducing
Baby Chicks
Dangerous

Danger from a too drastic reduction in laying flocks by experienced poultrymen in Oregon is foreseen by Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college, on the basis of early reports from hatcherymen and some poultry producers.

These reports indicate a prospective substantial reduction in the number of chicks hatched this year compared with a year ago, says Bennion. The high cost of feed and early seasonal decline in egg prices have discouraged some producers.

"Growers might well bear in mind that this is the time of year when egg prices are normally low," said Bennion. "The feed-egg ratio, while less favorable than a year ago, is still above the 10-year average. The average size of laying flocks in the United States has already been substantially reduced. If the number of chicks hatched this spring is reduced too far, a shortage of eggs next fall will doubtless occur."

Bennion recommends that established producers maintain their flocks, but eliminate culls and low producers to conserve feed and obtain more economical production.

While doing this they can brood enough chicks this spring to replenish their flocks next fall with a fresh supply of pullets. It takes pullets of good quality to obtain maximum production during the late summer, fall, and early winter months, when demand for eggs is greatest and prices highest, he says.

Oregon's suggested goal for egg production in 1944 was set at only a 1 per cent decrease in number of chicks raised for egg production, but 26 per cent decrease in broiler production. Federal and state goals have been set on the basis of adjusting poultry numbers in line with available feed supplies while supplying needs for poultry, meat, and eggs.

The reason for the large recommended decrease in broiler production is to conserve more feed for needed egg production, Bennion explained, as laying hens make more economical use of feed than broilers do in producing human food.

H. E. U. Will Hold
All Day Meeting

Of interest to all ladies of the valley will be the meeting to be held next Tuesday, March 14th at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch in Bridgeview, to which they are cordially invited.

Miss Ruth Crawford, home economic agent, will be on hand and chose as her subject "Retention of Vitamin C" in cooking. A delicious luncheon will be served by the ladies for a small fee and it will be planned around the subject Miss Crawford speaks on.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 and a large attendance is expected. These meetings are very interesting and constructive and all home makers are urged to attend if possible.

WHAT THE LEGION
AUXILIARY IS DOING

Mrs. Flove Von Borstel, Department President of the Auxiliary, was entertained at a luncheon last Thursday. Mrs. Von Borstel talked especially on the hospital at Roseburg, where there are now 100 boys from this war. Many of these boys are occupied with rug making, so rug rags are needed.

Mrs. Lucille Arnold entertained a small group of Auxiliary members at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Wilson made a business trip to Grants Pass last Saturday. The Wilsons are new residents in the valley, recently purchasing the ranch home of Chester Taylor.

Kerby News Notes
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Neil and family moved to the Tyceer house recently from Takilma. Richard and Mae Webb, son and daughter of Mrs. Niel are students in Kerby or Mrs. Niel are students in Kerby high school. There are two small sons in the family who are not yet in school.

Mrs. Anna Wittrock left this week for Palo Alto where she will visit a niece for an indefinite time.

A number of social dinners and parties have been given the past few days in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Badden and son Francis and daughter Mrs. Charlotte Parkinson and her small daughter Joy Lee. Bert, who is a staff sergeant with the army engineers based in North Carolina is spending a short leave with friends and family. Mrs. Parkinson and daughter came up from her home in Southern California to visit her parents. Mrs. Badden and son Francis are employed in Portland where Francis is also attending high school.

The grade school will become a four room school next week when Mrs. Olaf Larsen takes charge of the additional room. This room on the east of the grade school building has been unused since no shop work has been done or several years. For the past week George Stone has been remodeling and renovating and additional furniture from Takilma has been installed. Two grades from the overcrowded rooms taught by Bessie Watts and Francis Smith will be put in the fourth room.

Mrs. Wm. McLean took over the duties of postmistress at the Kerby postoffice Wednesday. Mrs. McLean recently received the appointment after the resignation of Mrs. Maud Bigelow, who has held the position the past two years. Mrs. Bigelow resigned because of other pressing duties. Being postmistress is not new to Mrs. McLean as Mr. McLean was Kerby postmaster for seven years prior to going to Alaska to work on a defense project.

GRANTS PASS
GETS CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME FRIDAY

"B" school basketball in Southern Oregon will reach the season's climax Friday night, March 10, 8 p. m., when the Henley Hornets from Klamath County tangle with Powers high school on the Grants Pass high school basketball floor. Henley won the right to a berth in this contest by defeating Talent, Jackson County champ, 22 to 21 in a game played in Klamath Falls last Friday night. Powers gets the other berth by winning the Coos-Curry-Douglas play-off in Marshfield the same night. The winner of Friday's game will represent Southern Oregon in the State "B" tournament which opens in Salem on March 16. Virgil Swanson of Medford and Frank Thomas of Grants Pass will officiate.

The Powers team consists of Tom Grove, left forward, Ted Stellar, right forward, Frank Grove, center; Bob Bushnell, left guard; Shirley Short, right guard and Leslie King, Stanley Slonneker, Donald Coat, Ray Wylant, reserves. Elwin Fry is the Powers coach. The Henley lineup is not available at this time.

This will be the first time that the final "B" game of the Southern Oregon district has ever been staged in Grants Pass. The "B" basketball committee, Reginald Menegat of Yoncalla, Ferd Jones of Kerby, and J. V. LaClair of Chiloquin, selected Grants Pass because of its central location, excellent basketball facilities, neutral floor, and the belief that Grants Pass and Josephine county would support the game.

Mrs. J. J. Villair and daughter, Jeanne, made a business trip to Medford on Wednesday.

Garden Club
Members At
G. P. Meeting

Members of four garden clubs of the Siskiyou district held an all-day session in the library auditorium Tuesday in Grants Pass with Mrs. L. G. Gentner, vice president of the Federation of Garden clubs presiding.

Mrs. Gentner discussed winter gardening and planting of annual flowers in connection with the vegetable gardens. She urged using available information from the state and federal government and the county agent, which can be obtained on request.

Grants Pass club members were hostesses at a delicious chicken dinner served at noon to about 75 attending. Tables were attractively centered with low pottery bowls of jonquils and violets.

Mrs. Osgood, president of the Grants Pass club, introduced R. C. Flory, who spoke during the dinner hour on unusual flowering shrubs he had seen during his travels around the world. Mrs. Gentner demonstrated the making of Tussy-Mussy bouquets for formal and informal occasions and used the winter iris, narcissi jonquils and lace doilies as material. During the afternoon there was also an exchange of plants among members.

Making the trip were Mrs. Gladys King and Mrs. Robert Balzke of O'Brien, Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mrs. C. G. Morris, Mrs. B. L. Miller, Mrs. M. C. Athey, Mrs. E. J. Wilber and Mrs. W. F. Darger of Cave Junction.

MRS. STANTON
ANNOUNCES FOR
SCHOOL OFFICE

Mrs. Marguerite S. Stanton announced this week that she would run for the office of county school superintendent in the Mary primaries. Mrs. Stanton, who was formerly deputy superintendent, was named to the superintendency by the County court when Dale F. Ginn resigned to move to Astoria.

Mrs. Stanton is a graduate of Teachers' College Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. She taught for three years in Indiana and was for six years a member of the Grants Pass faculty. She holds a life teaching certificate both in Indiana and Oregon.

Mrs. Stanton served as deputy superintendent for 17 months before taking over the superintendent's duties on last Feb. 11.

GRANGE MASTER
FILES FOR JUDGE

C. H. Brooks, Pomona Grange master, filed his intention to run for county judge in the May primary with County Clerk Ben Coustant Tuesday. Brooks, who has not run for any kind of office before, is a Republican.

Brooks has been active in farm circles in the county. Besides the Grange position, he is vice chairman of the AAA county committee, chairman of the farm machinery rationing committee and a member of the farm transportation committee. He will resign immediately from these positions, he said.

Brooks recently sold his farm near Selma and is living at present in the Fruitdale area. His son, Donald Brooks, is awaiting call in the air corps.

BLESSED EVENTS

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Cave Junction, Wednesday, March 1st, at 9 p. m., a baby girl, at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass. The little Miss weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw of O'Brien, Sunday, March 3rd, at 9:30 a. m., a son, at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces.