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PAGEANT TO TELL KLAKAHMA'S STORY

"Old Mary's" History Ball to Form Theme
of Allegorical Reproduction to be given
in Bandon Next June

If plans now maturing do not mis-
carry an event will take place in June that will be of unusual significance to Bandon, an event unique in the history of Coos county and one bound to attract attention at considerable distances from the scene. This is the presentation of a pageant dealing with the early history of Bandon, the idea of which was conceived by Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg. The time for the event has been set for June, the place somewhere between Bandon and the ferry and the beneficiary of the presentation will be the public library.

Briefly, the theme of the idea is this "Old Mary," a native woman known to all the older settlers of Bandon, was accustomed to keep a diary in a peculiar way. She had a ball, about the size and shape of a ball of carpet rags, only it was wound of raw hide and sinew. Into the string with which this ball was wound she had fastened at short distances apart various mementos—for instance, a piece of bark, an arrowhead, a piece of calico a cartridge shell, a piece of rock with a hole in it, a military button, an elk's tooth and many other similar articles. To Old Mary each of these articles meant something, and the whole comprised a history of her life.

The idea of the pageant centers on this ball of Old Mary's. She is to be represented as unraveling it and when she comes to the different mementoes each in turn will suggest an event in the early history of Bandon, to be presented by characters, properly costumed.

If plans progress this pageant is to be made an annual event to be elaborated and improved with each succeeding year. Mrs. Kronenberg's first idea was to present the pageant as a feature of the high school commencement exercises but it did not seem entirely suitable and the idea was abandoned. While at Eugene Mrs. Kronenberg showed her manuscript to Prof. Redding, head of the department of dramatic art in the university and he was unqualified in his approval of the idea. It is at his suggestion that the present plan has been originated and is being carried out.

The story of Old Mary is known to many people in Bandon but there are numerous others to whom it is new. She made complete confidants of no white person, Mrs. Kronenberg won her confidence more than any other person. She knew her from girlhood and often had her to her home in Bandon and humored her whims. The old woman's story was learned by Mrs. Kronenberg a little bit at a time.

She was a hundred years old at the time of her death and her life reached beyond the time of the first white visitor to this coast. She was of the Coquille tribe and her father was a chief the original owner of Bandon. Klakahma was their original name for Bandon. The story of Bandon and of a semi-mythical black shining rock on the sea shore were things the old woman would tell about when in communicative mood. She said the rock held her people together, but they were afraid of it and worshipped it as a bad spirit.

Klakahma was their name for the black rock also, the rock and its resting place being associated with the name.

The first men to come into the country, said Mary, were Spaniards and they landed near the lookout. They bought the land on which the rock stood from her father for \$200 in blankets. Then they put gunpowder under the rock and blew it to pieces and it existed no more. With its disappearance the tie that held her people the Coquilles together, was rent asunder. They scattered and were soon no longer a people.

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of the ball was rawhide strips and sinews. Some of the strips had the hair on them, some had been tanned. The different mementos ranged all the way from a piece of skull to a warclub head. Old Mary never would tell the Indian name of her ball, in fact she could rarely be induced to speak about it at all. It was her "book" she said and perhaps this was as fit a name as any that could be given it.

The old woman had many stories to tell of the early pioneers of Coos County. She said the Coquille river was named by a Catholic priest who was one of the first white men to visit it. These and many other stories Old Mary told and Mrs. Kronenberg treasured them and preserved them.

Old Mary lived in a dug out in the vicinity of Whisky run for years before she died. When she finally died it was her wish that no Indian should touch her body. This was in 1911. Mrs. Kronenberg and Miss Mollie Fahy went to the old woman's death bed and arrayed her for burial. They dressed her in white and so she was laid away, the last of her tribe, who had seen the whites come and cut away the forests in which her people had been accustomed to hunt and to build frame work residences where the Indian lodges had stood.

Commercial Club Considers Frisco Fair

Suggestions Made to Attract Attention to
Coos County at the Panama-Pacific
Exposition.

The Bandon Commercial Club met in regular session at the City Hall last Tuesday night, with all officers and a fairly good attendance present notwithstanding other meetings held on the same evening.

Considerable amount of routine business was disposed of, several committees reporting along their respective lines, which showed work underway, with a prospect of getting results. The advisability of sending scenic and panoramic views of Bandon Beach and vicinity to the Oregon building at the San Francisco fair present including Mr. Pape, and Mr. Felsheim offered to contribute pictures for that purpose, and Mr. Sabro, who has a number of such pictures in his possession, was generally discussed, and several stock offered them at cost. The idea seemed to meet with the general approval of the club, as no doubt it will be of Bandon citizens generally and should be further promoted.

The next regular meeting will be April 27th, the second and fourth Tuesdays begin the regular meetings.

All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

The adjourned term of the Circuit Court convened yesterday with 34 attorneys present, and the reading of the docked showed about 25 jury cases for trial before jury in civil matters alone. The equity cases which are in attention to this number will not be taken up until the jury matters are first disposed of. In addition to the civil cases there are 5 or 8 criminal cases now on the docket ready for trial and the grand jury is in session grinding away. The Court indicated that the present grand jury would be dismissed at the end of this week and a new one would be selected next Monday morning at the beginning of the new term. Witnesses called from Bandon before the present grand jury were H. Gustavsen, who was ordered to bring with him the affidavit made by J. W. Coach in the sale of a saloon, other witnesses being Mabel Post, Mrs. Ray Flanders, Lee Lehman, Q. A. Long, and Pauline Stillwell. The Court's docket shows 232 cases on the calendar.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Denholm, formerly of Bandon now of Portland returned to Bandon yesterday, to visit with their daughter Mrs. Thomas Robison, their many friends, welcome them. The Denholm family formerly lived in the Trowbridge house and owned and operated the Trowbridge store. Mr. Denholm still has extensive interests in Bandon.

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OREGON SINGERS CAPTURE BANDON

Quartette Entertains a Representative
Audience and Leaves a Good Impression

Unassisted, four male singers, from the University of Oregon held the undivided attention of a large audience in Dreamland Wednesday evening. Their program consisted of singing and that their efforts awoke responsive echoes in the crowd was demonstrated by the many encores they were asked to make. The original program was extended considerably by this means and most of the typical college ditties were presented in this way. Very few of the old favorites were overlooked on the program and there were one or two medleys which gathered up the fragments and served them as a most delightful variety of vocal hash.

The singers were all good, Prof. Ralph Lyman, the second tenor, Paul Sprague, first tenor, Albert Gillette, baritone; and H. W. Heidenreich, bass each presented solos and in every instance the crowd demanded more.

Team work was the one thing that showed most plainly in the action of the quartette. Not only had they voices of unusual capacity and range but the blending of tones in their trio and quartette showed that infinite and constant practice without which there can be no exhibition of perfection.

A difficult number was the "Laughing Song" requiring trained nerves to counterfeit this peculiar form of mirth and do it naturally, but the quartette did it exceedingly well. In fact they were a cheerful and accomodating lot giving in fair measure all that the audience asked for.

The quartette when departing from Bandon left behind an impression that will insure for them a hearty welcome should they chose to come again.

The Oregon Quartette were royally entertained during their stay in Bandon, the program being arranged under the energetic supervision of Prof. Quigley who does not do things by halves. Wednesday morning they appeared in brief program before the high school students and in the evening they were given a time at the club house, known as the "Sea Gulls" down near the lookout. Here they had supper and a chance to feast their eyes on the glories of the Bandon beach at sunset. Thursday forenoon they were given an auto ride through Bandon and environs and at noon were given a lunch on the grill room of the Gallier by local Oregon University men. During their stay in Bandon the Quartette were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg.

The Senior class of the High School pulled off the customary stunt for seniors this being an excursion and class picnic to Bradley's lake Thursday. To avoid the facetious little attentions which underclassmen have been known to play their elders at such times the seniors made a secret of their destination and the details only came out later.

All the attorneys of Bandon made a pilgrimage to Coquille yesterday to attend the adjourned term of the Circuit Court. This week will be preliminary to the opening of the regular term next Monday, and many motions, demurers and minor matters will be disposed of. Also the Grand Jury, has reconvened and is grinding away making business and trouble for the Court next week. The new jury will be present next Monday ready for the long tedious duties awaiting them. Prosecuting attorney L. A. Liljeqvist has forwarded a number of subpoenas to Bandon to herald into the presence of the grand jury a number of Bandon's citizens. Among the cases from Bandon will be H. L. Anderson and T. H. Howard both bound over from the local justice court.

A passenger on the Brooklyn got a hurry up call Friday night and not wishing to miss the chance to go south made rush for the boat. What he did really miss was the gang plank and landed in the water but was fished out and soon dried off.

SPEAKER TELLS OF RESCUE WORK

W. C. McLaren Presents Telling Facts
Illustrated With Pictures

Rev. W. G. McLaren, chaplain of the penitentiary at Salem and superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective association gave a lecture at the M. E. church, South, last Tuesday night. The lecture was accompanied by pictures illustrating reform work among the prisoners and the caring for delinquent girls. This society cared for 125 girls the past year, tried 76 white slavers and secured 26 convictions. Four girls were taken care of from Bandon last year. He states and about as many from Coquille and Marshfield. The lecturer endeavored to give popular instruction as to the prevention of disease and the measures necessary to restrict the plagues. This work of education and protection is one that society is just realizing the value of. The society in addition to looking after unfortunate girls, also provides help for men; to paroled and discharged prisoners and provides homes for destitute babies.

CORALLED A COMEDY
Committee Hard at Work on a Project
To Restore Beach Walk.

Clear the track for the dramatic entertainment which is to be given by Bandon thespians under the auspices of the commercial club for the purpose of raising funds with which to replace the beach sidewalk. They are at it. The wheels of production are beginning to turn. The subject matter is a farce-comedy of action and ginger has been selected and the following are hammering their typewriters in the labor of supplying the characters with their lines: Justice C. R. Wade, Mrs. J. P. Byrne, Miss Dorothy Gibson and Mr. Wolverton. A. D. Mills is going about with a contemplative and preoccupied smile upon his countenance, suggestive of a man with serious thoughts on his mind and—just one minute please—we'll pull the throttle in our next.

SEES FEW ENCOURAGING SIGNS
Michigan man fails to Find Anything
To Enthusiast Over in Business Hopes

Walter H. Witt, a business man of Detroit, Mich., is one of the recent arrivals in Bandon. Mr. Witt has long been a business associate of Geo. Dafee who has been engaged during the winter in the vicinity of this city.

Speaking of his observations in the east and during his trip Mr. Witt said

that if there was any evidence of a return of prosperity in the sections he

was familiar with, it was not visible to the naked eye.

At the best, he thinks it is case of 50-50,

and what little business activity there is he

thinks is due to the European war.

The automobile men have war contracts

and the arms and ammunition men are

very active but aside from this,

stagnation grips the country. He

spoke of one packing house in Chicago

which shut down for the first time in twenty years.

Detroit said, Mr. Witt because of its automobile industries is fairly well off, but Chicago is bad, Omaha is worse and Denver is worst of all as far as industrial conditions were concerned.

Mr. Witt was willing to concede

that the war might have affected

the coasts, east and west, and also the

south, but as far as the central and

plain states were concerned he did not

see how it could affect business condi-

tions there. And there times are

surely dull.

Harold Johnson, son of Capt. Robert

Johnson has been confined to his bed

for several days, with an infection or

poisoning on his face and about his

chin, which caused considerable swell-

ing, and serious pain. The infection

and swelling is checked and he is now

almost recovered.

Circuit Court opened at Coquille

yesterday for the regular spring term

with a big long docket, and the Court

house jail and the city jail full of

prisoners.

PORT WINS IN HIGH COURT

Probably the best news Bandon has heard in many a day was contained in a telegram to Attorney G. T. Treadgold and received by him this afternoon announcing the winning of the port case. The body of the telegram was as follows:

"Former opinion of the Court is adhered to and decision is affirmed in State vs Port of Bandon and others."

J. C. MORELAND,

Clerk of Supreme Court

Judge Coke returned from Gold Beach last week where he held the regular April term of Court. He stated that the business of the term took only one half day, that is from nine o'clock until noon, after which time he was making preparation for his homeward journey. He says the roads are still in bad condition, particularly on the North end where there has been a great deal of the hauling.

Treasure Seekers Sent To Jail

CREW OF GOOD SHIP BARNACLE SUSPECTED
OF COUNTERFEITING

The crew of the good ship Barnacle which sailed anon from the bay yept Coos, is reported in trouble in Frisco. When the fair craft left its haven on the waterfront of our neighbor town the air was permeated with the rumors that treasure trove was its mission and Mexico, South America or even far Cathay was its destiny. Substantial evidence of their intentions was derived from the fact that sundry potato bins and chicken roosts, on the morning after as well as a missing anchor and coil of rope suggested that they had begun the treasure hunt at home, this being the first chapter of a romance to be continued later.

The arrival of the Barnacle aroused

some interest in the California metropolis when she arrived at that point, she was allowed some free newspaper advertising, and the fact that the boat with its thirty feet of length, its crew and its name, appealed to the reporter's imagination is responsible for some notoriety that must have been very pleasant for all concerned.

Behold the sequel: The crew of the Barnacle, Syd Wilson, owner, David Post and Frank Harris were arrested in San Francisco last Thursday, charged with counterfeiting. They were caught with the goods it is said and confessed. Wilson is a former bartender of the Chandler bar.

Post claims to be a newspaper man and has engaged in mining. He made a proposal to the Marshfield chamber of commerce to advertise Coos county on the alleged trip for gold, at \$75 per month but the offer was refused.

Now it is suspicion the Barnacle crew had business relations with Z. G. Harshman, recently arrested and convicted of counterfeiting.

Government Engineer C. R. Wright states that the local preparations will soon be ready for active jetty work, but that the work may be delayed somewhat waiting for the completion of the two government sows now being built at Portland for this work. The contract provides that they be completed in 80 days, the expiration of which time will be about the middle of June, thought the work might be completed sooner. He states that this work will practically finish all of Tupper rock and there will be nothing left of it.

The Elizabeth which arrived from San Francisco Monday morning made an effort to get loaded and out the night following. She got her load all right but fail to find the tide in an accomodating mood.

The Portland Journal one day last week published the picture of the first sows of the season. Bandon had had none for more than a month.

A Fischwasser of Langlois was a visitor in Bandon Monday. He is employed by J. A. Bowman at Langlois I have a little deeper.

COQUILLE AND NORTH BEND

Capture, Honors in Elocutionary Contests
at North Bend Friday Evening. Local
Contestants on Mentioned Lists

Bandon's representatives in the elocutionary contest at North Bend lost out last Friday night, the honor of first orator for boys went to Coquille and the North Bend contestant was awarded first honors for girls by the judges. Of Bandon's representatives, Geo. Chatburn won the third place for boys and Mary Donaldson was given second honor for girls. In extenuation it may be said that Chatburn's piece was by far the most difficult piece essayed by the boys and he suffered in comparison with other contestants, who having simpler pieces found it easier to present the same.

The judges were Miss Silverman of Marshfield, Miss Newell of Coquille, Miss Wimberly of Myrtle Point, Principal Grubbe of North Bend, and Miss Rodgers of Bandon. All were teachers in the various contesting schools. It may seem curious that teacher were allowed as judges in a competition where their own pupils were entered but the plan of judging was allowed to judge only representatives of other schools and were not asked to sit in judgement on their own scholars.

The Bandon contestants put up a good effort in the contest and made a fine and