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PORT IS READY TO START WORK

Representatives Return From Portland and Plan to Start Work January 1st

Col. R. H. Rosa and Secretary J. E. Norton of the Bandon Port Commission returned from their trip to Portland and as a result of their visit it is reported that active work on the closing of the gap in the south jetty will begin about January 1st. The commissioners conferred with Major Potter the government engineer at Portland and secured permission to use the rock in the quarry and the track and equipment which has been in use during the government work this summer. This privilege it is figured, is worth from five to eight thousand dollars. The port plans to sell \$25,000 bonds to carry on the work. Beginning operations, however, need not depend on this. The port has some money, enough to start and as the first work will be extending the tramway and this is not expensive, it is figured that the money from the bond issue will be ready about as soon as it is needed.

Local river men rely on this project to restore the depth of channel but think the improvement will not be wholly satisfactory until the north jetty is extended. Completing the jetty is relied on to throw the channel more and away from the rocks on the south side where the deep channel has been all summer.

While in Portland the commissioners broached the subject of the extension of the north jetty but did not make formal application. They received assurances that if such application was made it would be denied and they did not care to have a formal refusal on the records.

However the engineer promised to have a new survey of the bar made as soon as the weather was favorable and at that time the extension of the jetty will be taken up.

Major Potter appeared to be somewhat skeptical as to the need of more work on the harbor entrance here.

He was told that there was twenty million feet of logs within the Coquille valley and that it cost \$1.50 a thousand to haul them over to the watershed of the Coos. As the market price of the finished product was the same to all this \$1.50 would have to come out of the logs. The aggregate was a vast sum and it was worth looking after. The commissioners told him that the majority of the people, the bulk of timber and the greater portion of the assessed valuation of the county was in the Coquille valley and they believed it was entitled to consideration.

Basket Ball Christmas Night

On Christmas night the basket ball team of the Bandon high school will engage the team from Riverton. The latter is a strong organization and will make the locals go to heat them. The Bandon boys have taken brisk exercise each afternoon of the week and may also rely on familiarity with the floor to help them in the contest. So far Coach Quigley is very well satisfied with the progress of his hopefuls and expects them to render a good account of themselves.

Answering a call issued by J. I. Sidwell and Mrs. W. E. Craigm a number of philanthropic men and women of the city met in the city hall last night and arranged to remember the Bandon poor with baskets of eatables for Christmas.

SO SAY WE ALL
I have always thought of Christmas time when it has come around as a good time—a kind of forgiving, charitable, pleasant time, the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely. And therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver into my pocket, I believe it has done me good; and I say, God bless it!
CHARLES DICKENS

Passing of a Pioneer Mother

Mrs. Edward Fahy, Sr., one of the pioneer residents of the Coquille valley was laid to her last rest in this city this forenoon. Funeral services in her behalf were held in the Catholic church at 10:30 and the services were largely attended.

Her death was due to a cold contracted two or three months ago complicated with the infirmities of old age. Her death occurred last Saturday night.

Mrs. Fahy's maiden name was Sarah Spunkier and she was born at Hess Humbast, Prussia, April 13, 1835. She came to America in 1854 and lived for a couple of years in New York. In 1858 with a party of friends and relatives she started for the western land of gold, coming by way of Panama.

After a short residence in California she came to Oregon, landing in Port Orford. She was married in 1860 and with her husband settled down on a homestead a short distance northeast of Bullards on which she spent the remainder of her days.

She was the mother of nine children eight of which are living. Her husband died several years ago. The eight surviving children are: Florida, Mary, E. Mrs. A. H. Brown, Edward W., Isadore P., Silas W., Francis J., Charles G. Mrs. Capt. Oscar Gruggel died about 1887.

She has a sister, Mrs. Dorman, living in Sacramento. Another sister died in San Francisco some years ago.

Injured by Falling Tree

A man named Charles Landis was injured in Anderson's tie camp one day last week. He was hit by a felled tree, the blow striking his head. Although no bones were broken the man received such injuries as made him delirious and hard for the attendants in the Emergency hospital where he was placed, to handle him. Landis is a recent arrival in these parts, coming originally from Michigan. He has a family of eleven small children dependent on him. His condition has been bad with small prospect of recovery.

The divorce case of M. V. Smith against his wife was presented to the court and taken under advisement for future disposition. Mr. Smith is under bond to appear for trial at the January session of pointing a gun at an officer. A former suit for divorce by Mrs. Smith against her husband presented at the September term is also to date undecided by the court.

A single big log recently passing through Coquille on the long Smith Powers logging train headed for Coos Bay, and all in the clear, was estimated by several bystanders who saw it as being worth \$150.

Wm. Mast started to put in more of the cluster lights by the Ellingson block when the city engineer halted proceedings on the score that the posts were not of the proper specifications. Since these posts were of the type made in a local foundry and were first made official, Mr. Mast did not see where the objection lay. This matter will probably be threshed out with the rest of the grist tomorrow night.

Get Your Candy Here.
The Domestic Science department of the Bandon school will give a candy sale in the Timmons building, formerly occupied by the Golden Rule on Thursday of this week, lasting all day. Since no material is supplied by the school district the girls hope for a good patronage at this time to help them in the supplies for their work.

Ed Bowman of Florns Creek who was in town on business one day during the past week states that fishing in that territory is good. The fish are vicious so much so that a man has to hide behind a tree to bait his hook.

There will be a special program at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning with a program as announced last week in the Recorder.

B. L. Tracy has removed the logs from his farm and is making a value out of it. The "Safety First" matter will be laid aside. Tracy says that B. L. stands for Blue Lightning.

W. R. Wells left Friday on a business trip to Douglas where he will remain for a few weeks.

CHURCH WINS ON OREGON AVENUE

Street Improvement Project, Halted For Some Time Must be Given Up Says Court

Judge Cook called a brief session of the circuit court Monday to hear down some decisions, and also to hear some default divorce cases. The injunction suit brought by Alexander Christie, for the Catholic Church as plaintiff against the city of Bandon and W. H. Webb, as defendants was one of the cases decided. The court said in substance, that upon the examination of the plat which he had examined that in his opinion the evidence showed First: That there was no showing as contended by the city sufficient to make the lead in question a public road or right of way by prescription, or usage.

Second: That after a further examination of the plat in his opinion it was not the intention of the church to dedicate the strip of land lying on the West side of its property, and that the interpretation of every line, mark, inscription and data on said plat clearly to the court's mind indicated that the dedication of the land in question by the church was not so intended and stated that the evidence was so strong as to satisfy him entirely that he had no doubts in his mind of the correctness of his decision. He said that he had gone into the question thoroughly, and was entirely satisfied from the evidence that there would be no other conclusion. He decided however that the small strip of land at the foot of the hill at the south west corner of the church property, was on the ground that it was condemned and \$400 paid therefore.

He ruled under the injunction order which was made permanent against Webb and the city as to the remaining portion of the disputed premises.

Five non contested divorce cases were granted, one being from Bandon and others from up river. The suit of Lillie Prewett for separate maintenance against David Prewett under way with about thirty witnesses present, rehearsing rumors, gossip, and an multiplicity of suspicious and inferences.

THE PORT MATTERS

A suit was brought some time ago against the Port of Bandon, by the Southern Oregon Company, the Merchant Land Company, Dennis McCarthy and others, on the ground that plaintiff owned land embraced within the bounds of said port, and which was not within the Coquille river watershed, and they sought to enjoin the collection of taxes from their land. The port filed an objection to the sufficiency of their complaint on the ground that they had not stated a cause of suit, and the matter having been heretofore presented to the court was passed upon yesterday, by the court overruling the demurrer. The law point having thus been settled by the court, it appears that the remaining question to be determined is largely one of fact, as to whether the said land really lies in this or the Coos Bay watershed.

Bill Was Not There

The item concerning the shooting of Mrs. Wm. Sorensen, from the Gold Beach Globe and reprinted in another part of this paper, is incorrect in one important particular. Wm. Sorensen was not present at the shooting. Mrs. Sorensen is paddling her own canoe and has been for some two years or more.

The report is here that Mrs. Sorensen was waiting in a restaurant in Eureka, and was shot by an admirer when she refused to leave the place.

"By the splendor of his presence
And the hush upon the sea
And the majesty of silence
Reigning over Galilee—
We feel thy Kingly presence
And we humbly bow the knee
And lift our hearts and voices
In thankfulness to Thee."
JAMES WHITCOMB HILEY

REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL ORATORS

Candidates Named to Meet Debaters From Coos Co. Schools in Preliminaries

Representatives of Bandon high school in the debating contest of the state high school league were chosen in the try out at the high school last Friday forenoon. The successful contestants are Harold Johnson, Helen Thornton, Belle Chatburn, Mildred Langley, and Dick Crain.

Four is the usual number allowed but the two last named of the successful contestants were tied for honors, in the opinion of the judges. It was therefore decided to let the five stand and either Miss Langley or Mr. Crain will serve as an alternate.

The list of those who tried for the honors was the same as that announced last week with the addition of Eugene Scofield and Dick Crain. They were to represent the juniors. All the other classes had representation and of course the juniors would not allow themselves to be outshone.

The judges were Messrs C. Mayne Knight and Harold Quigley and Miss Erna Craigm. The contests will be held some time in January. Each high school in the county will have a contest on the date set. Each school will have a negative and an affirmative team. The negative will talk away from home. The students will be taught to defend both the affirmative and the negative sides and locally they will not know which side they have to defend until the time of trial.

The tryout of Friday developed the largest number of aspirants who have ever tried for place on the local debating teams.

One of the entertaining features of the last week of high school was a spelling contest; the boys pitted against the girls. The girls won with a percentage of 78 1/2 and the boys contented themselves with 72 1/2.

Good Opportunity For M. D.

There is a chance for a doctor to secure a good practice by taking the field recently made vacant by the moving of Dr. Pemberton from Langlois to Myrtle Point and Dr. Robbins from Port Orford to Gold Beach and which leaves no doctor at either of those towns. The medical schools of Portland have been questioned and it is likely that a doctor will be forthcoming in the early spring. But in the mean time, the field is open.

Five Bandon attorneys all there are in town journeyed to Coquille yesterday on the early boat but the Judge did not arrive until the 11:52 train, and the short time remaining in which to transact business before the last boat left at 3 o'clock was all too short, with the result that F. J. Chaburn returned and the others were compelled to remain over night returning home today.

A divorce was granted by the Circuit Court yesterday to Dorothy Langlois in the suit brought by her against Ray Langlois.

It has become quite apparent that there will be three aspirants for the Republican nomination for county prosecuting attorney at the coming primary nominating election namely L. A. Liljeqvist, present incumbent and I. M. Miller, both of Marshfield, and Coos county representative C. R. Barrow of Coquille. Democratic attorney's in Coos county are few, and the few appear so far to have no aspirations along that line.

The proudest person in Bandon today is Manton Treadgold. A fine baby daughter arrived at his home at 9:15 yesterday. The young lady tips the scale at 7 1/2 lbs and mother and child are doing nicely.

Marshfield rumor says that mayor elect R. A. Coppel will appoint J. T. Brand as city attorney, and the Times says Mr. Coppel will neither affirm or deny the report. Mr. Brand is a comparatively new man at Marshfield, and besides making many friends has shown himself to be a hard worker and a persistent fighter in the cause which he has had so far.

Transplanting Old Timber

Dr. Pemberton, formerly of Langlois is moving this week with his family to Myrtle Point, where he will take over the practice of Dr. Leslie G. Johnson of that place. Dr. Pemberton and family passed through Bandon Monday and were accompanied by Mrs. Pemberton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langlois. Doc said when he first decided to move his father-in-law received a suggestion that he go along. But Father said "No, Sir, By no means, I have lived here for 61 years and I am going to bury my bones here". But Mrs. Pemberton was an only child and then there was a grandson. Daughter and mother began to consider and plan and weep. The second morning, Father Frank said "Well, I'm decided to go. I'm going up town to sell out".

He went to Ed Thrift and said "I am going to sell" and named his price \$3,000, at \$20 a month, until paid, and you have just 20 minutes in which to say yes." By noon he had cleaned up and wanted to go right then without further delay. It is reported that father and mother in law packed all the last night in their old home and after selling out all their old belongings slick and clean and giving away what they could not sell, packed come forty or fifty boxes; the first time in their wedded life they had ever moved their place of residence.

Doc told one on himself. He had a small supply of drugs there for his own use which he determined to dispose of as unnecessary in his new location. He said to a Bandon druggist: "I'll give certain drugs to you for 15c a pound." He was offered 10c Doc took it unaware that war conditions had sent the price up to about \$4.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Langlois have many relatives and a multitude of friends in Bandon and are well and favorably known all over Coos and Curry counties.

Find Gold Nugget

The biggest nugget of which there is any record of having been found in this section of the state was picked up recently by Chas. Curl and Clint Ainsworth on their mining claims on Boulder creek. These gentlemen are located on the creek about a mile and a half below where the Port Orford-Ilaha trail crosses it. They have been working for several months opening up their claims, and it will probably be well along in the spring before they are ready to do any actual mining. In putting in a tail race they changed the channel of the creek slightly and when returning to their work in the morning a few square feet of bed rock had been uncovered and the big nugget was lying in plain view. It weighed a little over 12 ounces and as the gold found in that section runs from \$10 to \$20 an ounce, it is safe to say that this nugget will bring \$200. It was sent to the mint, but as yet returns have not been received.

Last spring J. R. Smith caused considerable excitement by coming out of the mountains from Rock creek, about three miles from where Curl and Ainsworth are located on Boulder creek, with a nugget that brought \$96 and considerable smaller gold. While the Smith property however, has been worked more or less since that time, so far as can be learned, it has not yielded according to expectations. The publicity given the Smith strike caused many prospectors to flock to that section during the summer, and a nugget valued at \$93 was picked up on Boulder creek, but which various parties made wages mining along these two streams, which head close together, yet the location of the mother lode that supplies these big nuggets remains a mystery.

Messrs. Curl and Ainsworth are opening up about 40 acres of virgin ground that lies in a comparatively level basin along the stream. Nuggets have been found above and below them but the ground they are developing had not been worked because of the large amount of "dead" work necessary to put it in shape to mine. The large nugget they found had a small piece of quartz sticking to it, and they have discovered a ledge further up the creek of the same formation, and believe that they may have found the source of supply.

Part of Astoria will meet \$2,000 grain elevator.

MARKET SHOWS STEADY GAINS

Lumber Situation Grows Steadily More Encouraging And Mills Plan to Begin Work

It is stated on what appears to be good authority and from different sources, that the present price of fir lumber is \$13.50 at San Francisco, which price is considerably above those prevailing during the past two or three years of operation here.

The prospects for the early operation of the local mills seem encouraging. John Yoakum, receiver for the Cody Lumber Co., who is in charge of its affairs and has the custody of the logs cut by that company on the Coach tract, has received a bid for the logs pursuant to his advertisement, calling for bids. Before the court would make an order directing the receiver to accept the bid, he required that A. J. Sherwood and clients opposing the receivership, should first express themselves as satisfied with the conditions of the proposed sale and with the amount of the bid, which for some reason they declined to do, but instead asked the court for 15 days extension of time in which to re-advertise in the hope that they would receive higher and better bids, which application was granted by the court.

Receiver John Yoakum must therefore delay for that time any action in the way of closing up the deal.

The matter of the local mills starting seems to be rather a question of getting logs, but loggers and mill men seem to be busily engaged in conferences these days and Bandon may be justified in looking for operations, about as soon as the formalities of court and other necessary delays can be disposed of.

Eternal City Was Fine

There was a large and representative audience at the presentation of "The Eternal City" at the Grand last Thursday night and expressions of appreciation were pretty general. The pictures were a treat such as the movie public is occasionally regaled with. It takes an unusually good attraction to receive special attention and deserve the label of superlative in these days of excellent pictures but the "Eternal City" easily demonstrated its class. Its pictures were magnificent.

At times, watching the development of the story was like sitting in a revolving art gallery where classic masterpieces followed one another in a bewildering succession.

The scenes of Rome, the exterior and interior of the Coliseum, the Vatican gardens, St. Peter's and the Castle of St. Angelo, were especially fine as were also a number of scenes of interesting spots in London.

A pleasant feature of the evening's program was the playing of Hugh Havenport, pianist. If the scenes were classic his playing was of the same variety, displaying sympathy and appreciation. His selection of the right accompaniment for the picture was exceptionally good.

BE A GOOD FELLOW
Baskets containing cats for Christmas dinner are to be prepared and sent into many homes.
Your donation of something for the baskets or a little cash, will be used to the best, possible advantage.
Cash for this worthy enterprise may be left with O. A. Trowbridge, Gold Rule, Inc., Dickey or J. Ira Sidwell.
Donations of food may be taken to the Odd Fellows' hall between 2 and 5 o'clock, Thursday afternoon and from 9 to 12 on Friday.
If you know of any family who, you feel, would appreciate a basket, or any family deserving a basket sent to their home please let the committee know of your desires.
Mrs. W. E. Craigm, Rev. C. Mayne Knight, Mrs. Thos. White, J. Ira Sidwell.