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TIGERS WIN IN FIRST HOME GAME

North Bend Quintette Falls Victim to Local Basket Ball Team

Bandon won its first game in the county league series at basket ball last Saturday night in Dreamland to the tune of 22 to 12 in a game, the most prominent feature of which was the numerous fouls called by referee and umpire. When they were given an opportunity to play the locals distinguished themselves by their aggressive work. In the last half not even the referee could stop them. They passed the ball at will and kept it constantly in their end of the field. They increased their score in the half from six to twenty two and twice made double baskets on successive tosses of the ball.

But the work of the referee was the feature of the game. He called foul on the slightest pretext and while he probably tried to impose the penalty impartially he kept the game slowed down in the first half so that not a single basket was made on either side. The score six to four for Bandon at the end of the first half was required from the foul line, Pullen showing himself a little more adept in that art than his North Bend competitor.

But nothing could keep the locals back long. At the beginning of the second half they started in to rush things and soon had the score keeper busy cutting knotes to their credit. The boys had already begun to score when Coach Quickley thought the time opportune to send in a couple of fresh men and Gallier and Armstrong replaced Ivan Pullen and Myers. From then on the scoring was constant despite the occasional halts to toss off fouls.

An innovation of this referee also was his high tosses. The local boys were handicapped at first by this aerial attack of the whistle blower and were unable to get the ball on any jumps during the first half.

North Bend gained quite an advantage through these tactics and made Bandon play entirely on the defense. In the second half, however, the high school players again earned their right to the title of "Tigers" by their strong attack and hard fighting powers which sent over three field baskets in the opening minutes of play thereby clinching the game. The boys from the Bay were inclined to rough matters a little and spoiled the team work for Bandon. The second half, from the spectators point of view, was more like a real basket ball game. The final score was 22 to 12.

Bandon's scoring was done by Webb, Gallier, and the Pullen Bros. Holmes for North Bend, with the assistance of unusually high throws by the referee, slipped the ball into the hoop over Gallier twice from a held-ball position. Byer tossed eight foul tries for his teammates.

The line up.

Bandon	North Bend
L. Pullen Forward	Russel
I. Pullen Forward	Hays
S. Armstrong Forward	
Myers Center	Holmes
Gallier Center	
Johnson Guard	Mende
Webb Guard	Byler

After the game, a banquet was given for the visiting team at the K. P. Hall. The room was tastefully decorated in the high school colors. The tables were trimmed in black and gold. On the walls, hung basketballs bearing the name of each team. The girls of the school furnished dainty refreshments, after which Roy Webb, president of the Student Body for toasts from the following Supts: Turnbull and Coe, Referee McNay, Harold Quigley, Messrs Mende and Russel of North Bend, and Leslie Pullen and Sam Armstrong for the local team. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and songs.

The next game will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 29th at Dreamland. It will be the first in the series to decide the city championship. The All-Stars expect with such players as "Slim" Windsor, Harry McNair, Tom Chaburn, Claire Shumate, Geo. Steltz, Fred Harvey, and Carl Bowman in the lineup that the high school boys

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Team	Won	Lost
Bandon	2	0
Marshfield	2	0
Coquille	2	1
Myrtle Point	1	2
North Bend	0	4

In the county high school basket ball league, Bandon is tied with Marshfield for the lead. Both teams have won two and lost no games. Myrtle Point won its first game from North Bend Friday night 27 to 11. North Bend is the goat thus far and has lost to every team in the league. Marshfield gave Coquille its first defeat Friday night score 29 to 19.

will not have much of a show. They have been practising hard and expect to take the first game.

The next county game will be held in Coquille, Friday, February 4th, when Bandon and Coquille meet in their annual clash. Owing to the large demand for a chance to see this game, an excursion will leave Friday afternoon. All the good rooters are beginning to talk about the trip and it looks as if a large sized crowd will sail up the river.

Umpire Boak improved with his eye sight before the game got very old demonstrated that he could see a foul as quick as anyone.

Big Dredge Breaks Loose

The dredge Seattle on which the man Gustafson was killed about Christmas time, in Puget sound was in another accident January 19th. In a period of strong winds and a high tide, one of the pontoons of the dredge broke loose and crashed into the piling foundation of a house built over the water along the Seattle waterfront. Describing the accident the Seattle Daily Times says:

"The pontoon banged against the stilts supporting the house owned by G. Ramsdell which has stood for three years. At the second crash the house dropped into the water and the furniture and everything else in it, including a new boat partially built, which was on the platform, was shattered into kindling.

"The dredge also broke loose and drifted toward the railroad piers but was picked up by tugs before it had done any damage. Ramsdell's loss was about \$1,000. The house contained all he possessed and there was no insurance."

Steamer Coquille Sold To Portland People

Shaver Transportation Company to Use Boat on Willamette River

Last week the sale was completed of the steamer Coquille to Portland people. As soon as the weather is favorable so the boat can be taken over the bar and up the Pacific to her destination, the new owners, the Shaver Transportation company will take possession and will use the boat on a run on the Willamette river. The new owners of the Coquille are a large concern and have a dozen or more boats in commission. The Myrtle Point Transportation company will put one of their other boats, either the Dora or the Norma on the Coquille to Bandon run to take the place of the steamer just sold.

The steamer Coquille was built in 1908 for the Coquille River Transportation Co. It was built to be the fastest boat on the river but did not meet expectations and a short time afterward under the direction of Hark Dunham was rebuilt, fitted with a new and powerful engine and an upper deck. Then she proved topheavy and in anything like a wind awayed so that people were afraid to ride on her. She was again remodeled to her present shape. The Coquille uses steam as a motive power and has an extra good engine, one powerful enough for purposes of towing.

Rev. Lingensfelder returned recently from a trip to Roseburg finding overland voyaging a rough experience.

THE TROUBLES OF AN OLD STREET

Oregon Avenue Has to Fight to Exist After Fifty Years of Travel

The Oregon avenue matter was threshed and winnowed and gone over with a fine tooth comb at the meeting of the city council last Wednesday night and as its disposal of the subject the council instructed the city attorney to make the appeal to the supreme court in a final attempt to straighten the jurisdiction of the 30 ft. strip in which the city is in controversy with the catholic church.

A strong effort was made to secure a compromise on the subject and the city engineer is engaged this week in drawing up a survey and estimates of the cost of turning the improvement from the old county road when it will be up to the people directly interested to decide whether they will accept the new plan or cling to the old.

After all it is the people on the avenue who are the court of last resort. If the case goes to a final decision by the supreme court the people on the street must still pass on the court decision. They will have two alternatives. If the court favors the city the improvement will go in as originally scheduled; if the court rules for the church the people on the street will proceed to condemn the disputed strip and assess the costs as improvement along the street. Or if a compromise the property owners of the street have in their power to accept and charge the terminal. But in the last case it must be a unanimous affair. The first two courses will proceed automatically.

Many people of the city think the best course to proceed would be to improve the old county road where it leaves first street in a straight line as nearly as possible to where it would intersect with Oregon avenue but their interest is purely that of municipal interest. The people on the avenue are the final authority. They are paying for the project and its course will be as they decide.

The history of Oregon avenue or Abernathy street, as it was originally called might be said to be the history of the city. It has been a county road since white men have lived in the west end of the valley of the Coquille and it is quite likely that the first whites borrowed the trail from the Indians. Perhaps the communications between the Port Orford Indians and those of the Coquille were conducted over this trail. It has been a thoroughfare of travel for over half a century.

It has been surveyed as a county road but it was so long ago that the records have disappeared and are not to be found at the county seat. Unfenced, the travel followed certain beaten tracks but this varied from time to time where the settlers turned out from a mud hole in one track to make a new track which they kept until another mud hole changed the course of the road again.

Ruts from wagon wheels of passing wagons are to be found well within the grounds of the Catholic church property and also on both sides of the present thoroughfare. But despite its age the road has to fight for existence. Although the thoroughfare bore the name of Abernathy street it is only of comparatively recent years that the section through which it passed became built up and its residents began to call for improvements. The prospect of opening up for travel of the new township line road added an impetus to the movement and the people of the street began to dream of a future. About the year 1910 the discussion became stronger and a request was made to the council for the improvement. The council appointed E. E. Oakes to interview the property owners and secure quit claim deeds by way of dedication of the street for municipal use. This was thought necessary as from fourth street south the street had been materially changed.

It was proposed at first to follow the descent of the old county road but it was winding and crooked and later was taken as the expression of the majority that they would not join in

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A FEW HINTS FOR THE GOLD SEEKERS

M. G. Pohl Writes of Gold Strikes and Pay Dirt Possibilities

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 13. Editor Bandon Recorder: In my opinion there be great many persons during the coming summer who will go out to prospect. Some may go to have a good time, sticking a shovel here and there into the soil, making a hole a foot or two deep, and if they find not a lump of gold, hunt some other place where to look for more of a nothing, then report a total failure and say that all the gold is mined out.

I know such men personally. To such, I would say: "Have a good time but don't try to be experts. But stay at home and do something in the way of earning an honest living and save the money necessary to grub stake them in the mountains.

In this letter I will not go into geology but will relate some experiences which may hold some value to the prospector. In the first place let me name a few localities where you may depend on it that gold may be found in paying quantities. Let me say a few words of Mount Butler on the South Sixes. This is the mischief maker. A hundred years ago, perhaps thousands Butler was an active volcano. By its eruptions it turned the whole country up-side-down at different times and nearly broke up all formations, veins of metal, changed the flow of water in streams and created pockets.

Many of these pockets were found and worked out; some were very rich. Other pockets are not located yet. That they are in existence there can be no question.

One of these places is on the east side of Butler Creek, up the mountain southward. To prove this, all you have to do is to see this locality of the South Sixes. It has been worked to the bed rock many times. In six or eight years after there is sufficient gold there again to work it and make a stake. There is a feeder and a rich one in the locality above mentioned. The west side of Mt. Butler toward Elk river has been but very little prospected. When found there the gold has the shape of wheat grains. It is rather difficult to value them.

Only men with back bone and energy should go there. Following the South Sixes upward, we find different places where in former years mining was successfully carried on. These locations are worked and on the Bear Pen flat there is a probability. The high flats prove that the river has been blocked, perhaps more than once by slides and the original river has moved perhaps 20 ft. by such slide and no doubt contains some good ground yet.

Next you come to Rusty Gulch. A few high bars have paid good. There is only one place which should pay good but it is difficult to handle. This is the deep hole at the foot of Rusty Mt. This is filled with logs and slides from the mountains. The poor miner will hardly dare to attack such except he has will power enough to overcome the difficulty.

Going further east from Rusty we come into the middle fork of the Sixes some gold and weak prospects of mercury have been found in the rocks there.

The results on Rusty I have reported years ago. I would not be in favor of prospecting there. But you know there is more gold there yet than was found by the Harrison boys. I should know as I have seen it myself. Old Harrison panned out of one pan over \$10 in gold and I, myself, panned 42c out of the tailings of this same pan.

Gold here is different than in any of the neighborhoods. It contains more silver and is of less value;—from \$12 to \$14 per ounce. Wherever found here this gold has been dissolved in magnesia and will answer to the magnetic pole of the earth. It is younger and appeared after Mt. Rusty became dead.

Crossing the middle fork we come east to the Salmon mountains, southeast of Johnson's creek, Salmon creek. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in gold have been mined there. Millions of dollars are buried yet. The Salmon mountains vein is there. Specimens

found, tell us that the quartz vein is four feet thick. The walls of this vein are porphyry west, the foot wall slate shale.

The eruptions of Butler have caused the fall of this formerly very steep mountain, thereby breaking off this vein and washing gold down in the Salmon gulch and down in the Coquille river.

In a southerly direction is Johnson creek. I need not say anything about it because many men have made good there. Inhabitants of Coos county know it. One thing of the Coarse Gold patch on Salmon mountain. I will say that all those tunnels generally made under the direction of experts, are located too high up. The vein is below the brake and filled up by the slide.

Only hydraulic work, by washing the whole slide away will locate the vein and rich returns await the company which will go to work with an understanding of the origin of this neighborhood.

This vein is the mother lode and rich finds to the south are only a part of it.

Miners who savvy will know how to prospect springs, creeks and gulches. They will begin at the lower ends of such and when a color is found, move higher up and so on until they reach the plain where no more colors are found and then begin to work by making cuts to the bed rock as found there and work upwards. Even the smallest signs of quartz may be only a fissure. Follow it up, it may be a fizzle but keep on and it will bring you to success.

Yours Truly,
M. G. POHL

Went 300 Miles To Travel 75

Mr. and Mrs. Keithley Return From Mining Quest in Josephine County

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keithley arrived today from their mining experience in Josephine county. Because of an excess of snow in that section the mining venture had to be given over for a while. Mr. Keithley was assisting a partner who has a claim on Picket creek near Merlin. They were using water that was conveyed seven miles through ditches and including a half mile of flume. At the head of the ditch the snow was five feet deep and the course was obstructed by logs and branches broken with the weight of the storm so it would take a lot of work to get the water to running again when the snow leaves.

The elevation at this point is not so very high and snow there is unusual at this time of the year where ordinarily the work of mining men can be carried out throughout the winter without trouble. The two men had got a lot of material in shape to clean up but had not time to get a start when the snow came. Keithley worked from the latter part of November to the first of February, six weeks. Under the prospects he determined to lay off for the season and return to Bandon.

The return was an adventure. Going out over the Roseburg-Myrtle Point route was bad and by reports it was thought impracticable to return that way. So the Keithleys returned to Bandon by way of Eugene and the coast auto route. The trip took a matter of three days. Between Eugene and Cushman, the present end of the route they encountered a wash-out which required a relay of trains and the passengers had to walk from one to the other across thirty or forty rods of mud and slush. The farther end of the route was traversed in a box car but this is acknowledged to be an improvement over the Roseburg-Myrtle Point stage, so there was no grumbling. The rest of the route has been frequently described. The distance from Merlin to Bandon is less than seventy-five miles. To pass between the two points they had to travel of something like three hundred miles at an expense in passenger fares for the two of fifty dollars, with meals and lodgings for three days, extra.

The purchase of the Coach logs was up before Judge Cole at Coquille Monday and the court refused to accept the bid of \$2.00 per M.

STUDENTS DEBATE FRIDAY EVENING

North Bend High School to Meet Locals on Preparedness Theme

The joint high school debating season is with us again and the student orators are traveling the course that leads to county championships and then to district triumphs and state honors for those who persist and have the wherewithal with which to meet the traveling expenses.

North Bend, the school which the locals found such easy meat last year is again scheduled for a trip to Bandon and the locals are steaming up and preparing a reception equally as warm as that given last year. The topic to be discussed and the participants in the contest at home and abroad are given in the school notes below.

One difference in the debating rules this year is that two unanimous decisions do not count for more than two plain majority decisions and tied winners must play talk off the tie.

SCHOOL NOTES

The big basket ball game with North Bend last Friday was a "bracer" and Bandon high school, having tasted blood, is ready for more.

All interest is now centered on the approaching contest in debate. The question is: "Resolved: that the United States Should Adopt the Essential Features of the Swiss System of Military Training and Service." The affirmative will be upheld by Harold Johnson and Dick Crain while Helen Thornton and Belle Chaburn will speak on the negative. A request for a place as best individual debater will be held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday at eleven. The winner of this contest will be given the honor of having his name engraved on the cup, a permanent possession here.

Our affirmative team will meet the North Bend Debaters next Friday evening at the high school while the negative will contend with Marshfield debaters at Marshfield.

The Schoolmasters' Club met last Saturday at the home of Miss Moore on Chicago Ave. An interesting program was carried out, the principal address being given by Supt. Coe of North Bend. Mr. Coe's subject was the six and six plan.

Mr. Turnbull gave a vivid account of his trip to Medford and of the state Association held there during the holidays.

Miss Hickey's paper on the national Educational Association held in Oakland, last summer was as charming as Charles Lamb's "Dissertation on Roast Pig"

Miss Loftus gave a very concise plan for the presentation of the first lesson in verb complements.

Miss Masters' solo, "Come Into the Garden, Maud" was greatly enjoyed as was also the song by the teachers' quartette, Miss Moore, Miss Chaburn, Miss Venus, and Miss Baker. Refreshments were served cafeteria style.

A banquet was tendered the North Bend basket ball team by the associated students of Bandon high after the game Saturday evening.

End of School Semester

Examinations, marking the end of the first semester's work, are being held in the high school and upper grades this week. The new semester begins Monday, January 31. Beginning pupils will not be enrolled later than the second Monday of the semester.

All pupils are to report in their old rooms Monday morning to receive their cards. They will then, if prompted, go to their teacher, and receive lists of the books which they will need. Parents having pupils to enter school at this time are requested not to purchase books until the pupils have been assigned to a grade.

Special meetings are being held this week in the M. E. church South. On Friday night a shortened service for young people will be held followed by an Epworth League business meeting and social hour and all are cordially invited.