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TUG KLIHYAM TO BE SOLD

San Francisco Concern Makes Offer. Local People Endeavor to Interest Port

Does the port of Bandon need the tug Klihyam? Can the shipping interests of the Coquille river return to the time when each boat was its own pilot, often port bound for days because there was no positive knowledge as to where the channel laid or how deep the water was? These are live questions along the river just at present for there is a lively prospect that the tug will be sold to San Francisco parties.

The majority interest in the tug, controlled by J. L. Kronenberg and the C. P. Doe estate of San Francisco has determined to sell. A San Francisco concern has offered \$30,000 for the boat. The retiring interests frankly acknowledge they would rather the boat would stay on the river and have offered her for \$25,000 to local interests. An effort is being made to induce the port of Bandon to buy her. Individually the members of the port are favorable to the proposition. They realize the importance of the tug to harbor shipping and have the precedent that other ports in the state, notably the Port of Portland own towing tugs.

They know the venture would be a profitable one too. The tug has always been a paying institution. During 1915 she earned \$3,000 which is 12 per cent on the \$26,000 asked for her. In good years she has earned annually 20 per cent on her original cost of \$40,000. One year she earned 50 per cent.

But the port is afraid public sentiment will not sustain them in the purchase. If they can be assured public sentiment in the valley will uphold them they may make the deal. The tug would be of use to them also in port work undertaken from time to time.

Captain Robert Johnson, O. A. Trowbridge, Captain J. Johnson and other local men who have shares in the tug are seeking to interest enough capital along the river in the purchase of the tug but owing to the present financial condition of the district it is up hill work. They may succeed and have until a week from Saturday night in which to raise \$14,000.

But the vessel really should belong to the port and an effort will be made to have the ownership vested in all the people directly interested.

The whole valley is interested in the matter for the tug is an important fire protection to all perishable property that lies close to the water's edge, shipping, mills and warehouses all have protection in the fact that the tug is close at hand always ready for a call.

Coquille is interested for the Johnson mill is to have a regular shipping outlet through the three masted schooner Oakland of San Francisco which is to carry away its product.

The Klihyam was built six years ago at the Kronenberg ship yard along side the Moore mill. It cost \$40,000 and carries machinery that cost \$28,000. It was a successor to the tug Triumph built and owned by the Parsonsburg mill of which at that time C. P. Doe was the owner, and J. L. Kronenberg manager. When the mill burned down and the Triumph had to be replaced the Doe company did not feel like doing the work alone and a company was organized of which the present stock company is the survivor.

The tug matter is one that is of vital interest to Bandon and the shipping along the river. Without it the importance of the harbor would be very much diminished and many boats which know enter will not attempt to maintain traffic.

The Klihyam was well and strongly built with her frame work of cedar. Occasionally she has to be sent to San Francisco to have her bottom scraped and painted and her machinery overhauled but her upkeep is not expensive.

The matter of purchase will come up before the port at the next meeting.

The Moore annual ball will be given in Bank hall Feb. 12th.

Ho For Coquille Friday Night

Of vital interest to the championship hopes of the local basket ball team is the game which is scheduled with Coquille next Friday night in the county seat. Coquille has a good team which was beaten by Marshfield through overconfidence. The setback will tend to nerve them to do their best in the coming game with Bandon and the latter will do well if they win. Of course Bandon expects to win and will be backed up by a crowd of rooters who will charter a boat and accompany them up the river on the eventful night. The tigers have acquitted themselves well so far and the prospects for success are bright.

The steamer Dispatch has been chartered for the occasion leaving Bandon at four, P. M. One and all are invited to go along and root for the Tigers and join in the festivities of the evening.

EIGHT YEARS BETWEEN RIDES

Sleighting Parties And Snowball Fights
Feature of Last Weeks Life in Bandon

The time that elapses between liquid refreshments when the governor of North Carolina meets the governor of South Carolina is nothing compared to the intervals between sleighrides in Bandon.

Eight years ago there was enough snow on our streets to enable a sleigh to be pulled over it and at that time Carl Garoutte indulged in the luxury of a sleighride. Last week there was another opportunity and making a sleigh with a brace of planks for runners, Mr. Garoutte hitched on two horses not forgetting the sleighbells and took a family party out for a ride.

Eight years ago, according to Mr. Garoutte there was more snow although the cold spell was not of such long duration. The snow last Saturday morning did not exceed three inches in thickness, but it was the result of three or four successive snows and the bottom had settled into a texture where a sleigh runner could be pulled over it without dragging entirely on the bottom.

The thermometer did not register as low as a day or two before New Years when 26 above was recorded still the nights were cold enough so the snow did not melt and each evening made up for what had melted in the day time, thus keeping the ground white for three or four days last week. S. G. Whitsett also made a sleigh by putting a pair of planks under a buggy box and there were a few others equally enterprising.

Every small boy who had relatives or friends of ingenious ability, worked them to procure hand sleighs with which to slide down hill. Hand sleighs of all sorts and conditions were to be seen and numerous snow men sprang into short lived prominence.

Early in the week the down town section of First street over the tide flats retained the slushy snow in the gutters offering ammunition to a crowd who eagerly took advantage of it. But indignities were offered to passing pedestrians and it became so much of a nuisance that the city marshal put a stop to it.

Sam Barrows had the cattle on his ranch at the head of Johnson creek, brought up to Bandon and is feeding them until the snow has gone and they may shift for themselves. Chas. Barrows, who helped to drive the cattle to town says that the snow there is a foot deep on the level. And in some of the hollows it was waist deep. This was Chas. first chance to wallow in the snow and he took advantage of the opportunity. However, the rain of today made short work of what snow remained in Bandon and will soon clear the snow from the foothills.

Difficulties Being Overcome

While nothing definite has been announced the understanding is that the difficulties that stood between the Moore mill and a supply of logs are about to be removed and that the whistle will sound about the first of March.

ENGINEER SEES COAST RAILWAY

Prophecy of H. P. Hoey at Eugene Gathering Names Project as Near Event

A dispatch from Eugene to the Oregonian last Tuesday says.

The construction of 260 miles of railroad from Coos Bay to Eureka, Cal. connecting Willamette-Pacific, now nearing completion, and the Western Pacific, having its northern terminus at Eureka, will be the next link in the proposed Southern Pacific road down the coast to San Francisco. This announcement was made today by H. P. Hoey, who has had charge of the Willamette Pacific construction work. Mr. Hoey says he has made a trip over the proposed route in connection with the construction work.

Mr. Hoey was unable to say specifically when actual construction of the road would be started. He did say, however, that the policy of the company in building the Willamette Pacific road has been to construct a road which will be suitable to handle through traffic.

He also said that the Willamette Pacific has cost \$9,000,000. He said there was no grade on the entire line greater than six-tenths of 1 per cent.

With the link of road between Coos Bay and Eureka completed, construction from Mapleton to Tillamook would provide a coast road from Portland to San Francisco.

Joseph Fyfe, Jr. is in the city at present looking after the interests of the Estabrook company here. He says that business all along the coast has not made any startling advance as yet but he positively expects old General Prosperity to put in an appearance on the coast and in Bandon within the next six weeks. The Speed-wheel of late has been taking loads out of Coos Bay.

Lincoln And Washington

The Patriotic societies of Bandon are planning a joint celebration of the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. Bandon Post, G. A. R. and Bandon Camp, S. V., headed by the W. R. C., the schools and the public will render a patriotic program suitable to both of the nation's great heroes in connection with Union Defenders Day on Feb. 12th at 8, p. m. at the Orpheum theater. The program will appear in our next issue.

Eugene Schetter says the present winter is the worst in 20 years. William L. Mast says it is the worst in 35 years. Frank Flam says it is the worst in 45 years. You can take your choice.

Ed. Capps who was up from Denmark yesterday reports much suffering amongst live stock in that section over the unusual snow. The average price for cattle in that neighborhood has dropped to \$23 or \$25 and good cows can be bought for that price. Many of the sheep men are also affected by the weather. Colgrove and Culver two ranchers of that section have each lost a thousand sheep.

City Recorder Kausrud received the necessary shipments of blank bonds in the parcels post received here Monday morning and promptly sent off the final transcript and the probability is that money to redeem the outstanding warrants will be ready for use by the middle of February or before.

Some of the Coquille soft drink merchants are having trouble. They sold cider to some young boys, with the result that the boys got up on a table and danced a hilarious, rip roaring jig, and Slueth Lilqvist, bought some of it and had it analyzed with the result that instead of being less than half one percent of alcohol there was over six per cent in it. Machon a news dealer was tried before justice of the Peace Stanley and convicted.

Hark Dunham, F. Shores, and Johnson the manufacturer were also in some way implicated. Dunham, said blank, blank, there would be no parole so far as he was concerned, he would either get clear, or pay his fine.

NORTH BEND TIES MYRTLE POINT

Coos County High School Debating Contest
Results in Draw. Locals Lose

Whatever ginger was lacking in the North Bend basket ball team on the occasion of its last visit here, was amply made up in the North Bend debating team which competed with the representatives of the Bandon high school in the auditorium of the high school building last Friday evening. They won the unanimous decision from the judges in a contest that was staged before a small audience.

The subject was: Resolved—that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service. North Bend was presented by Randall Jones and Merrill Chappel; Bandon by Harold Johnson and Dick Crain.

In their argument the North Bend orators executed a flank attack and took the locals from an unexpected angle. They had been preparing to refute the arguments of the pro-Swiss propagandists; whereas the North Benders admitted that preparedness was all right, that it was needed but that the Swiss system did not go far enough. They said it belonged to the nineteenth century and went on at length to explain how in many ways things that were all right years ago had become obsolete in the throbbing bustling present and classed the Swiss system, as typical of this.

They had their talks well stitched together and delivered them forcibly although there was nothing especially strong in the points of arguments presented. Randall Jones, especially was inclined to prolixity. He made a long address with good delivery but he established very few of the fundamentals of argument. It was with the second fiddle that North Bend won the debate conclusively. Merrill Chappel outclassed Dick Crain who was second man for the locals. Chappel made a strong showing. With distinct enunciation and good delivery he brought out his arguments in a most effective manner.

Harold Johnson leader for Bandon made a good showing. He had many strong points of argument in his speech and delivered it well.

Above all, he kept up his courage under trying conditions. He knew, instinctively that he was facing defeat but kept to the trenches gamely and fought it through to the end.

Dick Crain was an example of the unpreparedness with which the subject dealt. With longer time and more work in preparation he could have bettered his work many percent. Reverend W. S. Smith presided as chairman of the meeting, performing that function most excellently.

The judges were J. M. Crites, principal of the high school of Coquille and A. R. Gridley and John Mottley of Marshfield.

In the talkfest through the county the championship was left undecided, North Bend and Myrtle Point having won at both ends of the contest, and will have to talk off the draw. Under the rules prevalent last year, by which Bandon won the championship at the first contest, North Bend would have been the winner this year as the teams from that city won two unanimous decisions. In addition to their Bandon victory the North Bend affirmative team won a complete victory from Coquille in their home city.

While Myrtle Point won from Marshfield, at Myrtle Point with a unanimous decision, its negative team lost one point in its victory over Coquille the same evening. Bandon's invading team lost to Marshfield in the unanimous opinion of the judges.

A song by the teachers quartette consisting of the Misses Moore, Masterson, Baker and Chaburn was much enjoyed by the audience who called vainly for an encore. Prof. Harold Quigley furnished the musical accompaniment.

At North Bend the affirmative team was composed of Alex Brandt and Horace Byler. The negative was upheld by the Misses Mary Levar and Myrtle Cunningham of Coquille.

At Marshfield, Misses Eva Hansen and Ruth Cowan spoke for the affirmative and the Misses Belle Chatters and Helen Thurston of Bandon de-

fended the negative.

At Coquille, Merton Tyrrell and Leslie Schroeder were for the affirmative and the negative was taken by Walter Seaman and Harvey Walter.

The judges at North Bend were F. E. Allen, Dr. R. W. Morrow and M. C. Maloney all of Marshfield.

The judges at Marshfield were Claud H. Giles of Myrtle Point, Edgar McDaniel of North Bend and Raymond E. Baker of Coquille.

The judges at Coquille were L. L. Gardner of Bandon, Rev. Price of North Bend and J. L. Smith, Coos county Agriculturist.

The judges at Myrtle Point were W. C. Chase and R. G. Knowlton of Coquille and C. R. Wade of Bandon. The speakers for Marshfield were Wesley Seaman and Harvey Walters and for Myrtle Point Hazel Neil and Helen Whitaker.

LIBRARY BOARD LADIES RECEIVE

Books And Money Showered at Reception
Last Friday Afternoon

The attendance and interest aroused by the book shower at the library last Friday afternoon was an indication of the hold that sterling institution has upon the reading public of Bandon. Everyone who was asked to help responded liberally and the donation of books and money was a notable one. The donations began several days in advance to the event and still continue.

The three women members of the board acted as patronesses of the event and assisted Miss Henry in receiving. The members are Mrs. C. F. Pape, Mrs. L. W. Turnbull and Mrs. John Dickey. Mrs. Dickey was the last member of the board to qualify having been appointed at the last meeting of the council to succeed Mrs. Geo. Geisendorfer.

There was a constant stream of visitors during the afternoon and they were entertained with music from a Victrola donated for the occasion by the Sabro brothers and with Otto Sabro as engineer in chief. Many of the selection consisted of the old favorites and were very much appreciated.

The guests were treated to refreshments consisting of coffee and cake. Mrs. Strowbridge presided in the kitchen and the Misses Gail Boak and Florence Fish and Boyd Henry attended to the regular patrons of library.

Special mention must be made of the decorations. Each table had its centerpiece of flowers or ferns loaned for the occasion from the studio of Prof. A. Richards and which helped to supply the usual greenery which the snow had made difficult to get.

Many fine books were among the donations. Perhaps the best single volume was the Roycroft production entitled "Justinian and Theodora" presented by Prof. Richards. Elbert Dyer gets the ribbon, however, for the largest donation, presenting three sets of books, "Messages of the Presidents" a set of Funk and Wagnall's encyclopedia and a set of "The Wonders of Nature in Modern Life."

At the shower seventythree persons responded in cash and furnished the four bits to a total of \$14.50. Also 122 books were received. A list of the books will be printed next week.

One of the features of the advertising of the shower was a poster made by Howard McGinnie, of the Campbell kid variety and very nicely executed.

Jackson & Shields are reported to have disposed of their stock of groceries, known as the City Grocery to J. M. Baker, owner of the building in which the stock is located and who formerly ran a store in the same place. Mr. Jackson has rented the rooming house, close by, known as the Western Home and will operate it.

Notwithstanding the reported willingness of the owners of the Brooklyn to part company with her, she still continued to make this port. She came in early yesterday morning with the Bandon and got away this morning with a load from the Prosper mill. The Brooklyn arrived Sunday night off the harbor and wanted to come in right away but could not make connections

A CLEAN DOCKET FOR DRY BANDON

First Month Under New Law Shows Little
Police Business. Bigger Cash Receipts

A Bandon merchant informed the representative of the Recorder that his total of cash business for the month of January 1916 was fortythree per cent greater than the January for 1915. He credits this to the Oregon dry law as it has worked out in Bandon. Many a family where the extra quarter went for companionship and red water and the rest of the fixings has this year put the surplus in beefsteak, sugar and calico. At least this is one way of looking at it.

But the city has not been as fortunate in its returns during the month past. Financially, since police officers have to be paid whether or not they work, the city seems to have been the loser. Last year something like a dozen drunks contributed \$50 to the coffers of the city in January, while during the January past the justice docket is clear; no drunks, no fines, the marshal has nothing to do but twiddle his thumbs and wait for the time when the street will need wetting down. So much for dry Bandon.

January Rainfall

February 1st, 1916
Editor Bandon Recorder: The rainfall for the month of January was 10.65 inches; days rainy, cloudy and partly cloudy 30; days clear, 1. 15 days out of the month snow and hail squalls appeared. The most snow was on the 28th when there was 2 inches on the ground.

The rainfall for the corresponding month of 1915 was 7.72 inches, a difference of 2.96 inches in excess over last year.

Respectfully,
O. WIREN,
Co-operative Observer

County Court Change Rumors

John F. Hall was elected in 1910 County judge for six years. Just about a year ago he resigned. James Watson was appointed county judge in his stead. There was a considerable sized mix up then as to how long a county judge was elected for, and when a judge was, and when he was not. No thought seemed to be taken as to how long Watson went in for. Now comes up the question, whether he fills ex-judge Hall's term, which expires this year, or holds for six years from the date of his appointment. There is considerable difference of opinion among attorneys, but the major opinion seems to be that there is a vacancy to fill this year. James Watson is also, reported as saying he would go to Portland to enter a law partnership with his brother-in-law A. M. Crawford, though this report has not been confirmed.

It is a current report around Myrtle Point that Taylor Jement, present County Commissioner has the bee in his bonnet, and intends to run next time—whenever next time may be—for County Judge, and Jake Stemmler also has aspirations along that line.

If Watson's term expires, and Dement runs for County Judge, it would seem that the make up and personale of the County Court, or a major portion thereof will be greatly changed this coming election.

A Crazy Barometer

What is the matter with the weatherman. All of the past week the barometer indicated fair weather and according to all experience of forecasters the sun should be shining and the gentle winds warming up the vegetation. But there is a hitch somewhere and many are curious to know just where it is.

The high school boys are canvassing the city to sell tickets for their annual excursion to Coquille to take in the basket ball game Friday evening and are meeting with good success. The Tigers are a aggregation of winners and all will want to go and be on hand at the victory coming Friday night.