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Roosevelt Tourists Due for a Treat - Shell Fish Abound

It is a common saying in Curry county that when the tide is out the table is set, and the 1927 tourists over the scenic Roosevelt highway are due for the treat of their lives, especially those from the interior not familiar with what the sea affords in the way of delectable things to eat.

Rock oysters, razor clams, cohogs, barnacles, crabs and mussels abound, especially along the beautiful shore line in the Port Orford district, but tourists will be compelled to so arrange their time as to take advantage of the low tides each day which will permit of gathering the many kinds of sea life in their native haunts.

The rock oyster is so rare that it never finds its way to commercial channels. Strange as it may seem, it grows on the inside of rocks on the bed of the ocean. While it is hard work to gather this specie of shell fish, the worker is more than repaid by the luscious meal that a mess will provide.

Clams, crabs and mussels are more or less a commercial product all along the coast, while cohogs and barnacles are delicious eating when properly prepared.

Another rare food found along the rooks which project above the ocean are the eggs of the murr, a small blackbird with a red beak. The eggs are about the size of a turkey egg and highly prized as a table food. While formerly these eggs were gathered commercially, the government some ten years ago put a stop to that practise, as a conservation move, although one can now gather the eggs for his own use.

Deep sea fishing also will provide the tourist with both sport and food. Trolling for silversides, chinook, blue backs, ling cod, and halibut is carried on commercially through the Port Orford harbor, and once one has tasted of salmon taken from salt water he loses his appetite for the same fish taken after being in fresh water 24 hours.

Yes, the Roosevelt highway tourists will have much to see and eat in Curry county in 1927.

Contract Let For New Cold Storage

Captain Skogg of Empire was a Port Orford visitor Wednesday and let contract for the construction of the new cold storage and fish plant he is to erect on block 25, on the road leading to the municipal docks.

The plant is to be 50x50 feet and a space of 20x50 feet is to be utilized for fish and ice boxes, it being the plan of the captain to handle deepsea fish—silversides, chinook, bluebacks, ling cod, and halibut—the coming season in large commercial quantities, trucking the product by truck to the railroad, thus being able to lay down strictly fresh fish on the market the day following the catch, giving Port Orford fishing an advantage over those boats which come to the banks off Port Orford from as far away as Seattle equipped to remain out for ten days or two weeks, and landing their catch at their home ports after their return from the trip.

Captain Skogg states the work of construction will start immediately after the first of the year, and be ready for the season's catch.

Ladies Aid

The ladies aid held their meeting this week at the home of Mrs. David McKenzie and a goodly number were present. Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Sabin were hostesses for the afternoon. At the business session it was voted to pay all expenses of the current year and to make some Christmas donations. We will be glad to know of any in the community in need. The treasurer, Mrs. McKenzie, reported the results of the bazaar and supper held December 11. The chicken supper and the late supper served by the Masons after their regular meeting, netted $24.19, while the bazaar turned in $53.60, making the splendid total of $77.79. The next meeting of the aid is to be the second Wednesday in January when Mrs. David McKenzie will be hostess.

PORT ORFORD LOCALS

Judge and Mrs. C. H. Bailey of Gold Beach stopped in Port Orford for a while the forepart of last week.

Mrs. R. G. Starr of Gold Beach lunched at the Western cafe the forepart of last week.

Tom Opedal, a highway engineer, from Lakeside, was a visitor in Port Orford the forepart of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Marsh and Mrs. Geo. Mayea made a pleasure trip to Bandon last week.

Mr. Matson, who travels for Swift and company, was a business visitor in Port Orford last week.

Ted Johnson of the Martin Candy company was a business visitor in Port Orford last Friday.

A. R. Cook, superintendent of the Wedderburn ranch at Wedderburn, was a business visitor in Port Orford and registered at the Western hotel forepart of last week.

Mrs. Pomeroy, a nurse of Gold Beach, was a Port Orford visitor last week. She is going on to San Francisco where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Bert Dean left Port Orford Thursday for Portland where he will spend the holidays.

Miss Camilla White entertained several of her young friends at a birthday party in the Western cafe last week. Sandwiches, cake and fruit were served. Everyone had a delightful time.

Messrs. Sam Hull and John Silvesterri made a trip to Bagnells ferry to bring up a load of hogs for W. T. White, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bowman, accompanied by Lucile Bothwell, passed through Port Orford Tuesday of last week on their way to California where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives and in sightseeing.

Mr. Doane, travelling agent for Business Men's Assurance, lunched at the Western cafe last Wednesday.

Frank Caughell, of the Coos and Curry Telephone company, was a business visitor in Port Orford Friday.

J. W. Nipper, who travels for the Thomas Music company at Marshfield, was registered at the Western hotel last Thursday.

Christmas, New Year and Birthday cards; also colored ribbons and tissue paper for wrapping gifts at the BLUEBIRD, Port Orford, Oregon. D14t3c

E. W. Jensen, accompanied by his nephew, C. I. Mayo, of Berkeley, Cal., arrived Friday to spend a few days.

Raspberries Growing

Mrs. E. E. Bushnell and Dr. Hamilton have each left at The American office this week raspberry bushes on which were large red berries as ripe and fresh as any growing in the good old summer time in Coos county. Mrs. Bushnell gathered hers on the R. C. Bowers place in the south part of town.—Myrtle Point American.

C. of C. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce was held last Tuesday night with a fair attendance. The matter of election of officers was passed over until the February meeting owing to the fact that an error had been made in the date of the annual meeting.

Publicity of Port Orford's many attractions and the great natural resources tributary to her deep water harbor formed the topic for general discussion, and resulted in a committee of three: L. B. Hatton, John F. Gillings and George W. Soranson, being appointed to prepare a folder, secure cost data, and report back to an adjourned meeting to be held Tuesday evening, December 28.

Among the recent arrivals present were A. B. Funk, who recently purchased a half interest in the Seaside hotel, and George Kerle of Canada, who is in Curry county investigating the conditions for the raising of sheep.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS OF ALL

No Christmas again may ever be so great, none ever so replete with beneficence and wonder, as the first Christmas of all, the Christmas that dawned with a celestial glory over Bethlehem long, long ago. For this Day gave to the empty, waiting world the gift of love, and greater gift hath no man than this. Love, the Heaven-sent magic that will transform life from a dreary round of treadmill trivialities into a circle of meaningful pattern, nay, of divine design. Love that alone endows life with the ideal quality that satisfies the farther reaches of the longing soul—love which, in the final analysis, is itself simply another term for the magnetic ideal that beckons us all on to something—somewhere—we know not what. Such a great gift to mankind, of course, can never be duplicated; it can only be reaffirmed, and it is the re-affirmation of the message of love's value that subsequent Christmastides bring again and again to the still half-believing world—so pathetic in its wiseness—so tragic in its unfulfilled potentialities—the old, ever-new message, that love is all—that where love is there is no need.—McCalls.

P. O. COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The community Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Woodmen's hall, Wednesday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p. m. Every child in the community is invited to come and see Santa Claus himself—he will have a package for each little boy and girl. There will be two songs, Joy of the World, and Silent Night, sung by the community. The remainder of the program is to be put on by the pupils of the local schools. Mrs. John F. Gillings has given freely of her time, as accompanist, in training the children in all musical numbers, and Mrs. Oris Knapp has also given her time and excellent talent in training the children in a dancing sketch, entitled In a Toy Shop.

Fourteen little kiddies of the first, second and third grades form a chorus and will sing:

Christmas Night,

The Whipoorwill,

Mr. Duck and Mr. Turkey.

Recitation by Roderick McKenzie, entitled, The Christmas Conversation.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades

Song—A Christmas Carol.

Song by girls—Merry Christmas.

Drill by girls—Star Wand.

Drill by boys—Gymnastic Drill to music accompaniment.

Original Poem and Recitation, by John William Gillings.

Seventh and Eighth Grades

Song by Girls.

Recitation by Seventh Grade Girls.

Reading by Betty Gillings—Two Little Stockings.

Reading by Dorothy Axtell—Annie and Willie's Prayer.

Recitation by Walter Sutton.

Recitation by Ray Fromm.

Santa Claus, himself, will distribute presents to all good little girls and boys.

Civic Improvement Club Notes

The Civic Improvement club held their bazaar in the club room last Saturday. The sale receipts netted the club a very tidy sum. V. E. Boyer, Ed. Jenson, Mrs. R. Fromm, R. Fromm, and Royal Ostrander were the lucky winners in the raffle.

Rev. Smith Resigns

It is with deep regret that the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Smith learn of his resignation of the community church to take effect January 1. Rev. and Mrs. Smith have been in Port Orford the past three years and have made a host of friends whose best of wishes go with them to their new home. They will be in Marshfield for the time being, Mrs. Smith's health requiring them to be near medical aid.

A. G. Skelton, who was returning home from Gold Beach, had the misfortune of his car breaking down in Port Orford, so he stayed over night last Thursday.

Moonshine

By Captain Z

(In reply to inquiries received as to the identity of Captain Z, the News again states that under its contract with the author, Captain Z's identity must remain a mystery.—The Editor.)

PART III.

A little way ahead a bit of blue cloth that showed for an instant ere it was sucked under by the rushing flood gave him his bearings and he drove himself along until, as it rose again, he was close enough to grasp it. Then began the desperate struggle to gain the bank before the two should be carried into the nearby, rockstrewn rapids where the river made a sharp bend.

The big dog stood guard over the knife and shoes and watched old John fight his way out into the swift stream. When the struggle to regain the bank began, he ran wildly along the bank, barking his encouragement. The pull of the swirling, surging current, together with the dead weight of the senseless girl soon told on the old woodsman's strength, and the thought ran through his mind, "If I can only get the girl to Shep, I might as well go this way as any other."

Closer to the shore where the river shot around the sharp bend, the current was still more swift and the old man could make but little progress. Still he battled grimly on with that persistence which had so often stood him in good stead during his long life in the wilds. Just where the river shot around the bend he managed to push the child close enough to the bank for the dog to grasp her clothing, and he shouted to him to haul her out, then released his hold and was swept away, over the rocky rapids. The dog siezed her dress, but tug and haul as best he could he could not pull her up the slippery bank so he braced his feet and held on.

Molly's scream of terror as she fell into the water reached Big Bill's ears, just as he rolled out of the horizontal slit which formed the entrance to the most cunningly hidden moonshine still that he had ever uncovered. He took in the situation at a glance and came sliding down the steep incline, his frenzied haste sending a mass of loose rock into the river ahead of him.

When he reached the bend, Shep was all but exhausted, yet holding grimly on to the bit of cloth he had grasped. Bill releaved the dog of his burden and lifted the senseless girl into his arms. With a glance at the drift logs tumbling in the rapids where old John had disappeared, he started on the run for the cabin, telling the dog to stay and watch the driftwood. The order was unnecessary for the dog had already started to search for the master he had served so well.

Bill kicked in the door of the cabin and threw a pile of kindling on the embers in the fire-

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STATE LIBRARY BOOKS AVAILABLE

The following books from the state library are now in Port Orford available for the use of Curry county citizens. The books may be found at the high school in charge of Mrs. Seymour. The books may be taken out by children on orders from parents, and may be kept for a period of two weeks:

Fifty Famous Rides and Riders, Baldwin; All in It, Beith (Ian Hay; Lorna Doone, Blackmore; Second Fiddle, Bottome; Personal Health, Brady; The One-Footed Fairy, Brown; Salute to Adventures, Buchan; Banner of the White Horse, Case; Old Judge Friest, Cobb; The Sapphire Story Book, Coussens; When I Was a Girl in Holland, DeGrott; George Armstrong Custer, Dellenbaugh; The Five Babbitts at Bonnyacres, Dyer; The Storybook of Science, Fabre; Fanny Herself, Ferber; The Village Shield, Gaines & Read, Ommirandy, Gordon; Stories of Eearly American History, Gordy; Marvels of Geology, Grew; Light of Western Stars, Grey; Poems My Children Love Best of All, Johnson, Ed.; Sudden Jim, Kelland; Polly Trotten, Patriot, by Knipe, E. B. & A. A.; A Warwickshire Lad, Martin; Recollections of a Rebel Reefer, Morgan; Adventures of Detective Barney, O'Higgins; Ned and Nan in Holland, Olmstead & Grant; Roving and Fighting, O'Reilly; Heroines of Servince, Parkman; Sarah Brewster's Relatives, Peattie; Among the Night People, by Pierson; Boy Scouts of Black Eagle Patrol, by Quirk; High Tide, Richards; Under the Country Sky, Richmond; A Far Journey, Rihbany; Bab; a Sub-deb, Rinehart; The Boy with the U. S. Weather Man, Roltt-Wheeler; One the Plains with Custer, Sabin; History of the Pacific Northwest, Schafer; Quest of the Fish Dog Skin, Schult; The Youth Piupy, Shute; Seth Way, Snedeker; Reschen and the Wicked Magpie, Stein; An Adequate Diet, Stiles; Making Good in the Village, Stoddard; Pioneering Where the World is Old, Tisdale; Old Man Curry, Van Loan; Son of the Otter, Van Schaick.

The following is a list of extra books sent with the above traveling library number 97:

Gods and Heroes, Francillon; Story of Robin Hood and His Merry Men, Finnemore; Maggie McLanehan, Zollinger; Playtime; a Collection, Spalding & Bros.; How to Make a Fruit Garden, Fletcher; Pacific Northwest Swine Husbandry, Portland Union Stock Yards Co.; The Flaming Forest, Curwood; The Brimming Cup, Fisher; Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Fox; The Covered Wagon, Hough; Kindred of the Dust, Kyne; Valley of the Giants, Kyne; Main Street, Lewis; Peg o' My Heart, Manners; The Turmoil, Tarkington; Pamphlet of Old Oregon Trail.

Claud Gray of Marshfield, who travels for Allen and Lewis, was a business visitor in Port Orford last Friday.

Poet of the Sierras Wooed and Wed Near Port Orford

LANGLOIS NEWS

Allie Farrier and family were Bandon visitors Thursday.

Miss Susan Crawford of Oakville spent Tuesday with Miss Evelyn Black while en route home from Klamath Falls.

District Deputy Grand Master Blanchard of Marshfield visited the local masonic lodge Tuesday night.

During the good weather of last week Jess Wilson put in the time shingling his barn.

George Edwards is logging every day the weather will permit.

About two inches of snow fell on the hills east of Langlois during the recent cold spell.

The committee in charge of the street lights will give another old-time dance on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Everybody welcome.

John Hawkins and Allie Farrier are spreading gravel on the road on the high school grounds to permit the hauling of material for the new gymnasium.

Mr. Beckham has moved his donkey engine out of the woods on upper Floras creek.

Mr. Britton and daughters, Gladys and Eloise, accompanied by Beryl Sorensen and LaRue Corrick, attended the basketball game in Bandon Wednesday evening.

The Sunday school is arranging for a community Christmas tree to be held in the church Dec. 23. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Corrick drove to Bandon Wendesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard White of Reedsport are visiting friends and relatives in Langlois.

"Buzz" Boyd is home for the holidays.

P. O. Cedar Mill Ready to Operate

The new sawmill of M. T. Wright and sons of Port Orford, located on the Fielding place north of Elk river, is ready to operate. The mill will cut approximately 15,000 feet a day and will run principally on all kinds of cedar lumber and battery stock. Logging is done with a Fordson donkey which delivers the logs direct to the mill, eliminating the hauling expense.

This is one of the many new enterprises in expectancy for Port Orford during next six months, and is indicative of the movement that is on in this vicinity.

CRESCENT CITY STILL HOPES

Further Efforts Are Started to Interest Government in Harbor.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Gallant little Crescent City, Calif., a town of only a few hundred souls, which has ambitions regarding a harbor, is represented in Washington again in its efforts to have a further government appropriation for extending its breakwater.

Crescent City hopes to have a harbor of refuge, which would be the only one of its kind between Portland and San Francisco, and to make this possible the existing breakwater will have to be extended another 800 feet at a cost of $710,000. The army engineers are willing to approve of the expenditure if Crescent City will continue to pay half of the cost of developing its harbor, as was done before. But that little community has already bonded itself and Del Norte county for $250,000 and its leading men say that is as far as it should be expected to go. Its citizens point out that the government now owns about 75 per cent of all the land in the county, where some of the most valuable timber in the country stands. This cannot be sent to market until the harbor has been developed so lumber carrying steamers can draw up at the dock and be safe in stormy weather. There is no railroad to Crescent City.

Judge John L. Childrs, a former Superior Judge of Del Norte county, is here again in the interest of this harbor development.

Few people living know that Cincinnatus Heine Miller, popularly known as Joaquin Miller, the Poet of the Sierras, lived in the vicinity of Port Orford in his early years, but history so records. Born in Indiana in 1841, when ten years of age he came to Oregon with his parents and spent some time in the vicinity of Port Orford, where he wooed pretty Minnie Myrtle Dyer whose parents had a ranch at the mouth of Elk river, which property is now owned by the McKenzie estate, and is located about five miles from Port Orford.

Upon leaving Oregon young Miller went to California where he spent several years among miners, Indians and filibusters, and then studied law, becoming a judge. Returning to Curry county in the 60's he was married to Miss Dyer at the ranch house of her parents at the mouth of the Elk. Later, in 1870, he went to London, where, after considerable difficulty in finding a publisher, he brought out a volume of poems, which made him famous on both continents. His principal works are the Songs of the Sierras, Songs of the Sun-Lands, the Ship of the Desert, the Arizonian, the Isle of the Amazons, and Burns and Byron.

Descendants of the Dyer family still reside in Southwestern Oregon, and the old timers of Curry remember Miller.

SCHOOL NOTES

Primary Grades

We are busy making Christmas gifts for mothers and daddies. We are also making all of our own Christmas Tree decorations. Fourteen of our room are in the chorus for the Christmas community tree.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Malloy visited the school and told the story of the Christ Child in a wonderful way.

Next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 1:30 p. m. all the mothers and daddies, too are invited to a Christmas program in our primary room. We have a tree and Santa Claus himself will be there.

We always enjoy our parents coming to see our work, and wish so much that more of them would come. Our visitors during this month were: the Mesdames Malloy, William Gillings, Hatton, Schofield, John F. Gillings, Jamieson, White, Jr., and Soranson.

Intermediate Grades

We are all enjoying our new cupboard for books, and now have state library books ready for circulation.

The blackboard in our room is badly in need of a coat of dressing, being so badly pitted that it is almost impossible to see even a period mark. What a nice surprise for us, even a Christmas present we would consider it, if it could be fixed during our vacation.

We are busy preparing for our part in the program for the community Christmas tree.

Our visitors during this month were: the Mesdames William Gillings, Schofield, Hatton, Pontin, White, Jr., Dietdriech, John F. Gillings, Lindburg, Whitwor, and Hoggatt.

High School

By Bertie Lynch

The high school boys met Bandon high's first team on the Bandon floor Wednesday night, being defeated by a score of 24 to 10. Of the three games played that night, that in which our boys participated was the cleanest and most open game. We have every reason to be proud of our players. They display their ability at every game.

P. O. Students at O. A. C.

O. A. C., Corvallis, Dec. 20.—Port Orford is represented at O. A. C. this year by three students. The total registration for the school year to date is nearly 5,000, including summer session and short course students.

Clarence Wagner, sophomore, is majoring in civil engineering. He is a candidate for the track team. Jess Ponting is registered as a freshman in music. Davis Ponting is a freshman in chemical engineering.