

# PORT ORFORD NEWS

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## Immediate Development of P. O.; Los Angeles Capital

(Special to Port Orford News)  
 Los Angeles, Calif., June 18.  
 Full development of the Port Orford district and its great wealth in natural resources will proceed without delay, directed and financed by those who have spent years in building and consolidating industries to benefit the district as a whole, despite the opposition and machinations of outside interests which are actuated by selfish motives and are determined to stifle competition in that region. That these efforts, directed at the welfare and prosperity of the people of Curry county, must fail is indicated by the expressions of officials of great banking interests here who are arranging the financing on a large scale of the varied industries centering at Port Orford. In these financial quarters, now fully advised of conditions there, it is deemed vital to the future of Port Orford and to the successful consummation of these plans that the town be incorporated without delay, thus securing the resulting benefits to the residents—enhanced value of real property, and improved living conditions—that could not otherwise be obtained. It was declared today by one official that failure to incorporate would result in a serious setback to the progress and prosperity of the community generally.

### ADDITIONAL CITIES REPORT OF COSTS

In last week's issue several typographical errors in the headings covering administration costs in the tabulation compiled by the Chamber of Commerce appeared, and in order that the information sought to be conveyed may be authentic the statement is reprinted in full below correctly:

Since this table was prepared additional cities have reported their administrative costs to the Chamber of Commerce and the data is given herewith as follows:

City No.	Population	Area	Assessed valuation	City Tax Levy	Recorder	Treasurer	Legal	Stationery	Police	Fire	Fines	Licenses	Rentals	Miscellaneous	Total			
City No. 10.	Population 400.	Area 1 square mile.	Assessed valuation \$163,000.	City tax levy .0683.	Recorder \$250 each meeting.	Legal \$25 per year.	Stationery \$15 per year.	Police protection \$250 per year.	Fire protection \$175 per year.	Revenue (other than taxes)—	Fines \$30.	Swimming pool \$100.	Pool balls \$38.	Movies \$10.	Dances \$2 each dance.	Traveling shows \$3 per day.	Tent shows \$5 per day with additional \$1.50 for each booth.	Administrative Costs—
City No. 11.	Population 1000.	Area 1 square mile.	Assessed valuation \$225,000.	City tax levy .067.	Recorder \$300 per year.	Legal \$50 per year.	Stationery \$15 per year.	Police protection \$180 per year.	Treasurer \$180 per year.	Fire protection, volunteer.	Revenue (other than taxes)—	Fines \$50.	Rentals \$300.					
City No. 12.	Population 800.	Area 1 square mile.	Assessed valuation \$282,000.	City tax levy .0208.	Administrative Costs—	Recorder, \$300.	Stationery \$10.											
City No. 13.	Population 700.	Area 1-2 square mile.	Assessed valuation \$227,000.	City tax levy .028.	Administrative Costs—	Recorder \$300.	Legal \$200.	Stationery \$50.	Police protection \$600.	Fire protection \$300.	Miscellaneous \$400.	Revenue (other than taxes)—	Fines \$100.	Miscellaneous \$100.				

### Local News

Mrs. Sarah McPhillamy has leased her house on Jefferson street to H. M. Axtell for two years, and Mr. Axtell has moved his family there so it will be more convenient to his place of business.

Sidney Croft and wife motored to Port Orford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sweet of the Arizona Inn entertained Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie at dinner Sunday evening.

The Stankavitch brothers of Bandon made a \$75 catch of salmon off the Coquille bar one day last week.

Albert Rebel of the new magazine, "Oregon," published in Eugene, was in Port Orford Friday.

Mrs. N. P. Grant motored to Port Orford Thursday afternoon. The Welcome West theatre opened Wednesday night to a well filled house, and also showed Thursday and Friday nights.

Mrs. Laws of Langlois, Mrs. Mabel Gillings, Theo. Gentry, J. Gillispie and John Vail returned from Portland Saturday night in the Leutwyler car.

John E. Slovey of Sixes was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sparks came to Port Orford Saturday to hear W. C. Hawley speak at the W. O. W. hall, and to patronize the Civic club's sale and luncheon.

J. C. Fredericks was attending to business matters in town Saturday.

**Bridge Work Progressing Rapidly**

The Montag Construction Co., which has the contract for the Pistol river bridge, is pushing the work rapidly and now has most of the piling driven and has the concrete poured in some of the piers. The last piling in the river itself is completed and they are more than half way across the river with the false work. It is expected that the highway will be opened so that they can bring in the steel from Brookings by the middle of July.

According to reports the highway will be open for travel by the middle of July though it will not be gravelled all the way until sometime in August. The Hillstrom brothers are constructing a temporary bridge across Pistol river which will probably be used as a detour while the main bridge over the river is being completed.—Reporter.

### ACTUAL WORK SOON TO START

C. C. Inman Reports Satisfactory Progress in Connection With Financing of Project.

Word received at the local offices of the Inman Lumber & Development company, Monday from C. C. Inman, president of the company, who is in Los Angeles in connection with the financing of the project, is that satisfactory progress is being made and that the details of the financing will be completed shortly, after which he will return to Oregon and push actual construction work. Mr. Inman stated that he hoped to reach Port Orford in time to register his vote at the coming special election and was bending every effort toward that end.



C. C. INMAN

### Former P. O. Girl Weds

Miss Dorothy Jean Stewart, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy T. Stewart of this city, became the bride of Asa Leon Perdue, also of San Jose, at a beautifully arranged ceremony which was performed in the Stewart home on North Twelfth street. A canopy of ferns and pink roses had been arranged in the spacious living room, and there the contracting parties took their places for the service which was read by the Rev. J. A. Stevenson of the First Presbyterian church, at 1 o'clock. A wedding breakfast was served at a U-shaped table, which was decorated with delicate flowers.

A serious auto wreck occurred Sunday on the highway north of Port Orford. Mr. and Mrs. Gittlesohn of Marshfield and a sister of Mr. Gittlesohn of Seattle, driving a Dodge sedan, went over the grade, practically demolishing the car, and rendering it necessary to take the sister to the emergency hospital in Bandon for treatment of a severed artery of the leg.

The bride is a graduate of the San Jose state teachers' college, where she was popular socially. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph S. Perdue of Salinas. The young couple received many lovely gifts, and after a wedding trip to Yosemite they will make their home in San Jose.—San Jose Mercury.

### Hawley Favors Coast Outlet for All Southern Oregon

While in Port Orford Saturday Congressman Hawley, in answer to a question as to progress made in harbor improvements at Crescent City, stated that the situation was slow, due to the action of those directly interested in the present docks wanting the extension of the Jetty—which congress has been asked to carry on alone instead of on the 50-50 basis as heretofore worked on—deflected at an angle of 35 degrees from a straight line sea wall as proposed, thus making a completed but small shallow harbor with limited capacity and facilities, and not providing for a deep water harbor with adequate facilities for which the aid of southern Oregon was sought and given. It seems that those interested in having a small completed harbor have the inside track at the present time, much to the chagrin and disappointment of the loyal workers in Oregon who gave unstintingly of their time and effort to assist their California neighbors.

Congressman Hawley expressed the belief that the logical and least expensive sea outlet for all southern Oregon and eastern Oregon was a 38-mile line of rails from the Southern Pacific at Wolf Creek to Powers, where it would connect with a logging road to Coos Bay, and from which point a short line would give all southern Oregon access to the natural deep water harbor at Port Orford.

### To Enforce Stock Law

Sheriff Huntley visited Port Orford last Tuesday in the interest of enforcement of the recently enacted stock law, and stated to The News that it was the intention of his office to secure a complete compliance with the provisions of the act.

The law was enacted to keep stock from running at large on the highway and as a measure to prevent accidents. The sheriff states that burden rests on the owner of stock illegally on the highway if an accident takes place, and, therefore, it is in the interest of owners of stock to keep them up. He asks the cooperation of all owners of stock in the enforcement of the law.

History has demonstrated that the opening of these great highways is as equally advantageous, if not more so, in the opening up and development of a new section as a railroad; hence, the Roosevelt highway, to be opened for through travel in July, will force the development of the Curry country—its immense natural resources as well as its wonderful recreational opportunities. However, to receive the full advantage of this development, Port Orford must do the things necessary to place itself in position to receive the full advantage to be derived, else it will be left in the lurch with more aggressive communities taking the benefits. The future of the town hinges on the action of the voters at this time, and they alone must decide the question and accept responsibility for their action. Sentiment and prejudice should play no part in the matter.

The highway will be open to through travel during next month and will be completely surfaced yet this year. The volume of travel for the coming year is as sure as any business venture can be, and the resultant benefits will materialize prior to the time any tax is required to be paid for city government.

By the election of conservative men for mayor and councilmen—all of whom must serve without pay as provided by Section 3702 Oregon Laws—the administrative costs of Port Orford, when incorporated, can be kept well within this average levy of .0176, and the increase in property values by reason of the opening up of the Roosevelt highway for through travel, provided the town places itself in position to take advantage of the benefits to be derived from tourist traffic, will be such that the tax will appear insignificant in comparison.

Administrative Costs—Per Year

City	Recorder	Treasurer	Legal	Stationery	Police	Fire	Fines	Licenses	Rentals	Miscellaneous	Total
No. 1	\$60	\$20	\$150	\$25	\$1080	\$200	\$25	\$15	\$300	\$240	
No. 2	75	150	25	50	500						
No. 3	75	100	150	15	120						
No. 4	360	300	225	10	360		50	40			30
No. 5	300	5	125	15	948						600
No. 6	180	120	50	900		250	400				650
No. 7	240	100	720	800	150	100	\$150				400
No. 8	300	250	100	250	150						
No. 9	1500	200	100	720	200						

### THROUGH TRAVEL ASSURED SOON

Highway Commission Meets This Week to Let Contracts for Two Bridges.

At the next meeting of the state highway commission to be held this week in Portland it is understood contracts will be awarded on the Euchre creek and Meyers creek bridges.

The work of removing the slides from the grade on the Pistol river-Chetco section is moving rapidly and those in position to know estimate that that phase of the work will be done about July 1. The graveling contracts on the Meyers creek-Chetco section and the Euchre creek-Rogue river section are progressing satisfactorily.

Work starts this week on the approaches and slips for the Rogue river ferry, and the ferry itself is about ready for towing to Rogue river from the shipyards on the Columbia. The ferry should be ready for operation by July 15.

While the highway will not be completely gravelled, through travel will start with the clearing of the slides on the Pistol river-Chetco section, and by the time the ferry is ready to function travel experts figure the volume will pick up greatly and that August, September and October will show a steady increase.

### Hawley Urges Incorporation

Representative W. C. Hawley of Salem left early today for Port Orford, en route to Gold Beach, where he will be present at the initiation of some 60 candidates into the Woodmen of the World at the Curry county seat this evening. He was taken down by F. C. Tichenor.

It is understood here today that Mr. Hawley would urge the incorporation of Port Orford, which proposition will come to a vote June 29, as being a move in keeping with the expected growth of the community.

In speaking at a luncheon at the North Bend hotel yesterday Representative Hawley urged that Coos county people move to interest the Josephine and Jackson county people in the advantages of Coos Bay as a shipping port for southern Oregon products.

He explained that the possibilities for enlargement of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal., to which the people of these counties have hitherto turned for an outlet, are limited.

They are seeking the building of 71 miles of S. P. road to connect the country directly with Crescent City, he said, yet by building 28 miles from Wolf Creek to Powers a better outlet on Coos Bay could be realized.—Times.

### Curry Crabs Wanted

A Portland dealer has written the chamber of commerce that beginning July 1 and extending for three months, the deep-sea fishing for crabs will be closed in Washington and Oregon, save Curry county, and asks that he be advised of names of crab fishermen seeking a market.

Name of dealer will be furnished on request at News office.

### C. of C. Head Resigns

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held last Tuesday night President A. B. Funk tendered his resignation, stating that owing to the fact that he was away from Port Orford the greater portion of the time, and not in intimate contact with daily affairs which the chamber is called upon to meet, that it was his wish to be relieved in order that someone located in town could be selected to head the chamber for the balance of the year.

Mr. Funk's resignation was accepted and the matter of selecting a successor was deferred until the July meeting.

### Former Residents Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Paige, former residents of Port Orford during the time Mr. Paige was located here as an employe of the forest service, now living in Medford, accompanied by Roy Feldenhelmer, a mining engineer, visited Port Orford over Sunday and Monday, returning to the Rogue valley via Crescent City.

## Hawley Lauds Roosevelt Highway; Will Bring Improvements

### Election Information

At the special election to be held next Tuesday, June 28, the question of incorporating Port Orford will appear on a separate ballot, and a sample copy of this ballot is given below for the information of voters:

SPECIAL ELECTION, INCORPORATION OF CITY OF PORT ORFORD, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON, JUNE 28, 1927.

(Mark a cross "X" after the number and answer voted for.)

"Shall that portion of Curry County described as: 'Beginning at low water line of the Pacific Ocean in Twp. 33 S. R. 15 W. W. M., at the point where it is intersected by the East boundary line (extending Southward) of the 1865 plat of Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon; thence North along the East boundary of said plat to a point 200 feet North of the North line of 20th Street; thence West to the North-west corner of Block No. 174 of said plat; thence South to said low water line of the Pacific Ocean; thence along said low water line in a general easterly direction to the point of beginning' be incorporated as a municipal corporation to be known as The City of Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon, in accordance with the provisions of that certain act of the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, passed at its regular session held in 1913, entitled 'An act to provide for the organization and incorporation of cities and towns, and to legalize such corporations as heretofore have attempted to be incorporated under Chapter 1 of title XXVI of the Oregon Laws, (Oregon Laws Title XXVII, Chapter 1) and are now exercising the functions of incorporated cities and towns under such attempted incorporation.'"

300 Yes.

301 No.

Pronouncing the Roosevelt highway from Port Orford south as probably the greatest scenic highway in the world, certainly the greatest scenic highway in the United States, Congressman W. C. Hawley spoke to a fair sized audience at the Woodman hall at noon Saturday.

Mr. Hawley commented favorably on the question of the federal government taking up the improvement of the natural deep water harbor here, which has been favorably reported on by army engineers on various occasions in the past, and informed his audience that as soon as a mill is assured that will provide a permanent tonnage to flow through the harbor the entire Oregon delegation in congress will get behind the proposition; further, that the reason the government had not acted before was that the great natural resources of the tributary country were undeveloped and represented only potential tonnage, but that with the development of this section assured by reason of the opening of the highway, and the assurance of an actual tonnage, there was every reason to look forward to the government making the harbor a harbor of refuge, and the installing of a life saving station nearby, this location furnishing the farthest west harbor in the United States.

The question of the government constructing a road from the Roosevelt highway to the Cape Blanco lighthouse was favorably discussed and Mr. Hawley stated that as soon as the lighthouse service made the request, which he stated he understood would be made in the near future, the matter would be pressed forward to favorable action.

Referring to the proposed memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelt, which the Spanish-American war veterans propose to erect on historic Battle Rock and for which a bill is now pending in the United States senate appropriating \$50,000, Congressman Hawley assured the citizens of Port Orford that same would have the support of the Oregon delegation, as it was eminently fitting that such a monument should be erected on Battle Rock to perpetuate the memory of the great American after whom the highway is named.

### Port Orford Girl Causes Arrest

Oakland, Cal., June 19.—All detectives don't wear smoked glasses and false whiskers.

Witness Margaret White, 12, daughter of Lillian White, beauty parlor operator living at 627 Thirteenth street, Margaret, who goes to Lincoln grammar school, today bears a record of resourcefulness that would make Sherlock Holmes proud.

This is the bit of detective work that the girl accomplished: A man, claiming to be a state inspector, walked into her mother's beauty parlor yesterday. To establish his identity, he flashed a license before the women.

Then he demanded a \$5 fee. Margaret noticed that the license lacked the governor's signature. So, unobserved, she crept out of the house and ran to the police station.

She returned with Patrolman E. H. Philbrick, who arrested the intruder.

At the police station today the "state inspector" gave the name of Harry Munson, alias R. E. Mooney, alias H. C. Callahan, who police say has already victimized many beauty specialists in this city.

Mr. Hawley spoke at length on the Chinese question, telling his audience the causes that have led up to the present trouble in that country and showing the logical position the United States has heretofore and is now taking in connection with the matter. The speaker exhibited a comprehensive knowledge of the Chinese situation and the talk was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Frank Tichenor accompanied Mr. Hawley and introduced him in a few well-chosen words. After lunch the party left for Gold Beach to attend the initiation of some 50 candidates in the W. O. W. Saturday night.

### State Takes Over District

The Brookings district, which heretofore has been patrolled by the C. & O. Lumber company, has been taken over by the state fire warden whose office will care for the fire work this season. E. L. White, Curry county fire warden, will have supervision of this district along with the balance of the county.

### School Election

Elementary school district No. 1 yesterday elected S. J. Spoerl director to succeed Louis Knapp, and Mrs. E. A. Lindberg, clerk, to succeed Mrs. Louise Schofield.



CONGRESSMAN W. C. HAWLEY