

LOCAL NEWS

B. W. Bates of Roseburg, editor of the Roseburg Review, spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. Anna Windsor Gauntlett of Bandon has been the guest of old friends in Port Orford for several days. Mrs. Gauntlett is the daughter of Wm. Windsor, who built the Windsor hotel.

R. W. Price was in Marshfield on business during the week.

Dewey Stutsman was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan motored up from Crescent City to attend the banquet Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jamieson of Sixes were shopping in Bandon Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beach of New York motored to Bandon on Tuesday afternoon.

John Adams, former game warden of Curry county, and his son, Dick, were in Bandon during the week. Dick Adams fractured his ankle several weeks ago and is still receiving medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Quellan motored to Bandon recently to spend some time as the guest of their niece, Mrs. Fred Scofield. Mr. Quellan's health has been quite poorly and they are hoping a change of climate will be beneficial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewin and granddaughter, Jean Atkinson, spent the week camping at Arizona Inn.

Mrs. Mary Tichenor Holt of Myrtle Point spent a few days in town the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie, Dona Joy, Donald and Mrs. Anna Dietrick left Tuesday night on their vacation, motoring as far south as Los Angeles.

Miss Lucinda Jennison of Milford, N. H., who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Maria Hayward, of the Inman mines for the past several weeks, left for New York Sunday afternoon.

George Wilson of the middle Elk was in town recently purchasing supplies.

Mrs. Christina Fromm is at home after spending the summer visiting her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Marks Jr. and two sons, Clayton and Stephen, of Chicago, passed through Port Orford the first of the week en route to Frankport where the Marks family have extensive tim-

ber holdings. Ed. Malloy was a Gold Beach business visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Bagley and her son, Wayne, of Arizona Inn attended the social and dance at Gold Beach last Saturday night.

T. J. Fromm of Mather's camp on the Sixes was in town on business the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Sparks of the middle Elk were business visitors in Gold Beach last Monday.

W. C. Purdin has completed his contract cutting brush on the Knapp ranch and returned to his mining property on the Elk.

Mrs. Davidson has been entertaining her granddaughters from Bandon and Myrtle Point.

Ray Zumwalt and family of Sixes have returned from a motor trip to California.

Harold Sauers is spending several days in Portland.

Frank Tichenor was a caller at Chetco River Auto park, at Harbor, last Thursday.

Carl Rasmussen of Elk river came in from his mining property recently.

Carl White motored to Roseburg Sunday, returning with a new Paige car.

Frank Dean has returned from Humboldt county where he has been employed for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames of Arizona Inn were business visitors in Coquille Thursday. Mrs. Ames operates the white cedar mill on the Fromm place.

Keeper Mablin of the Cape Blanco lighthouse was in town last Monday on business.

Lester Sauers was in Portland on business during the week.

Katherine Gardner of Seattle has been visiting Mrs. Keller of the Seaside hotel.

Mrs. Orris Knapp motored to town Friday for her afternoon dancing class.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hatton were in Bandon Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Talbot of Grants Pass and children, Beth and Marjorie, were in Port Orford for a couple of days the middle of the week visiting old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Soranson.

Wyman Eaton returned from Bandon Saturday night to spend the week end in Port Orford.

Ray Dean returned from Bandon Saturday night to spend the week end in town.

C. H. Pearce of the Elk river country was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boehr left Sunday for their home in Marshfield. They have been visiting Mrs. Boehr's sister, Mrs. H. G. Sauers Jr., for several weeks.

Fred Jamieson of Sixes made a business trip to Gold Beach Friday.

Mrs. Grover Tichenor returned Saturday from Portland where she had been called by the serious illness of her mother. Mrs. Tichenor's many friends will be glad to know that her mother is much improved in health.

S. P. Pierce, state representative, was in town Saturday from Sixes.

J. J. Tichenor of Portland has been visiting his brothers the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Boehr and Mrs. H. L. Sauers returned from Seattle Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jamieson of Sixes were shopping in Port Orford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jennison and Guy Stutsman of the Inman mines spent a couple of days in Bandon the latter part of the week.

Curry chapter No. 135, O. E. S., met Saturday night. Guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson of Occidental chapter No. 45 and Mr. and Mrs. R. Keefer of Calkator chapter 309, Herman, Calif.

Bert Hogatt of Rocky creek spent the week end in town.

County Assessor Fred S. Moore was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Orris Knapp, Mrs. Lloyd Knapp and Mrs. Louis Knapp Sr. motored to Marshfield Saturday to meet Lloyd Knapp of Reedsport, who had spent the week in Portland.

Miss Luetta Johnston is visiting

her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zumwalt, at Vancouver, B. C. She will return to Port Orford about September 1. She writes that she is having a wonderful trip.

Mrs. J. M. Beach motored to Bandon Saturday afternoon.

L. B. Hatton returned Saturday from his mining property on Elk river.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKenzie and Miss Ena McKenzie of Seaview ranch motored to town Saturday.

Frank Tichenor left Monday for California points in connection with the work of spreading the gospel of the fine condition of the Roosevelt highway.

John Baak of Marshfield, who formerly lived on the upper Sixes, was a Port Orford visitor Monday.

Rev. J. C. Whitsett and family who have been camping the past two weeks at Arizona Inn will return to town Wednesday. Rev. Whitsett reports that the change has benefited Mrs. Whitsett's health.

Mrs. Olsen and Miss Margaret Miller, who have spent the summer at the F. B. Tichenor summer home, returned to Portland and Seattle Monday. They will be greatly missed in the younger set of Port Orford.

Post Office Inspector Houck was in town on official business Monday.

Mrs. Alta Larson and Mrs. Sweet motored up from Arizona Inn on Thursday to attend the beach party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stewart.

Mrs. Roy B. Corson had charge of the postoffice Monday during Mrs. Rogatt's absence.

Rev. J. C. Whitsett and Mary Ann returned to Arizona Inn Monday morning.

"Thar's Gold in Them Hills"

Writing in the Sunday Oregonian under the above heading, Lawrence Barber, who recently made an investigation of the mining industry of southern and southwestern Oregon, gives an interesting account of the progress being made in the development of the mineral resources of those regions, well illustrated by many views of mining equipment, etc., and cites the new half-million dollar dredge on Foothills creek in Jackson county, the Esterly mine at Waldo and the fabulously rich Robertson mine in the Galice district as outstanding demonstrations of the forward movement now going on, and, further, gives the following description of beach mining in the Port Orford region:

Newest of all of the gold mining projects of southern Oregon is that of D. J. K. Zimmerman of Portland and his associates. They seek to take gold particles from the black sands where the mineral was deposited in prehistoric times. For 70 years or more man has unsuccessfully endeavored to recover this gold, but, due to a film of vegetable grease which keeps it from amalgamating with mercury-covered copper plates, miners big and small have been forced to leave it for the future. Now, however, comes Mr. Zimmerman, who claims to be a chemist instead of a miner, with a plan to use a combination of chemical and electrical processes to drive off the grease film before amalgamation is attempted.

Black sand deposits are four to seven feet deep and lie under an "overburden" of soil 10 to 15 feet deep in the vicinity of the Sixes river. Both the sand and overburden contain enough "values" to pay for working. Mr. Zimmerman believes. He expects to take about \$10 worth of mineral, four-fifths of which will be gold and one-fifth platinum, from each yard of sand.

200 Acres of Land Held. Title to 200 acres of land has been obtained by Mr. Zimmerman. Working at the rate of 500 cubic yards a day, he expects to have worked his entire holding within 10 years. Like in an ordinary placer mine, water will be employed to wash sand and soil into flumes and pipes which will carry the material through grizzlies, or gratings. Concentrates will be gathered and these will be treated in the recovery plant being erected this summer.

Mr. Zimmerman does not make public the processes he expects to use in his plant, nor has he patented them.

For a number of years he has been experimenting with a smelter plant at East Twenty-eighth and Holladay streets in Portland for the purpose of finding a better method of recovering gold from "rebellious" ores than is now employed in southern Oregon. He believes his plant will be practicable for southern Oregon because it will not emit fumes which will endanger plant life. In fact, he expects to move the plant to the Grants Pass district shortly.

These large-scale operations may well be contrasted with the one-man operations of the hill billies of the mountains and the beachcombers of the coast. Nor are the mountaineers any the more colorful than are the prospectors of the beaches. For three-quarters of a century men have been panning beach sands from Coos bay south-

ward and to a lesser extent north of the bay. During the past winter season, it is said, 30 men worked over the sand about the mouth of Elk river, just south of Cape Blanco. They found their greatest friends were ocean storms which "panned" the beaches for them, turning the sand over and over and concentrating the minerals so that a minimum of sand might be worked to produce "colors."

When prospectors of the beaches cannot take \$5 worth of gold from the sand in a day they do not work. They wait for another storm to concentrate minerals or move on. Sometimes they take as much as \$30 worth, which is not unusual, yet not ordinary.

The prospector of the beaches who cannot afford a car, be it ever so dingy and noisy, is frowned upon by his brothers, for good beach miners earn enough from their efforts to pay fair livings. And beachcombers possessing wives and families are almost unheard of, for this type of man is one desiring either solitude or the company of men instead of women and children.

Prospectors of the beaches and mountains alike are but forerunners, like echoes from a locomotive's whistle, of something greater to come. The beginning of that day in southern Oregon is at hand, it would appear, with men of great capital and broad scientific knowledge, like George Esterly and D. H. Ferry, directing large-scale production and with new processes, like that of D. J. K. Zimmerman, being introduced into the mineral belt. Yet, southern Oregon does not forget the Robertson family, which takes its wealth from a veritable mother lode.

"Yes, thar's gold in them hills!"

Former Editor Leaves

H. T. Stewart and family of San Jose, California, who have been visiting friends in Port Orford for some time past, left Saturday for Powers and North Bend for a few days after which they will return home via Crater Lake. Mr. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Laura E. Stewart, aged 75, who was the first girl born in Port Orford, will go to San Jose with the family. Mrs. Stewart was the daughter of former Sheriff and County Judge Michael Riley, who participated in making the early history of Curry county, and who landed at Battle Rock in 1853. He was sheriff at the time of the Indian outbreak on the Rogue river and also when the Indian Enos was hung on Battle Rock.

Mr. Stewart was editor of the Port Orford Tribune for a number of years, and takes a great interest in the progress of the development of this region.

Tourists Like Coast Highway

Bandon, Aug. 15.—A party of tourists composed of Mrs. S. O. Cressler, Mrs. C. H. Featheroff and daughter Mary, Mrs. Bernard McGruth, Mrs. W. R. Elliott, Miss Ellen Cobb and Mrs. D. H. Cobb of Lakeview have been touring California and Oregon. While in Oregon they visited Crater lake and the Oregon caves, driving to Grants Pass, thence to Crescent City and from there to Bandon via Roosevelt highway.

Mrs. S. O. Cressler, who has seen the Palisades of the Hudson river and also the Columbia highway, does not think they compare for scenic beauty with the Roosevelt highway. They returned via Roseburg.

High School Student Cost

The per capita cost of educating high school students in Curry county has been computed. Gold Beach with the largest enrollment has the lowest per capita and Brookings, which had the smallest enrollment last year, shows the highest cost per capita. The per capita cost of each of the four high schools in Curry county are given below:

Union high No. 1, Gold Beach, \$150.54; union high No. 2, Port Orford, \$195.01; union high No. 3, Langlois, \$182.89; Brookings district high school, \$232.76.

Summer School Examinations

Eighth grade final examinations for eighth grade diplomas will be given on September 6 and 7, 1928. This examination is for the benefit of summer schools whose term began in early spring and for applicants who failed in not more than two subjects in the May examination and did not have the opportunity to take the examination again in June.

Grants Pass Hearing

Salem, Or., Aug. 17.—The public service commission has been requested to hold a hearing on the complaint of the City of Grants Pass against the Rogue River Water company. The municipality alleges that the water company's facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of its patrons.

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