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RESCUE THREE FISHERMEN FROM ROCK IN OCEAN

PORT ORFORD DEEP-SEA FISHERMEN GET CAUGHT IN NORTHWESTER AND ARE MAROONED OVER NIGHT

The Curry county boys again demonstrated their seamanship in rescuing from Island Rock three marooned sea fishermen, in the persons of Earl, Bates and Kincaid, who ventured too far out in the calm of early morning. A stiff nor'wester springing up before noon, making it unsafe to buck with their open power dory for some three miles to the shelter of the harbor, so they swung around to the south side of Island Rock and all three got off, taking with them a long line from their boat.

George Forty, who was working down the Highway from below Rocky Point, sighted their boat in the shelter of the great rock, which, at that point, is but a little more than a mile off shore.

Knowing the condition of the tide and what was likely to result from his years of experience in gathering the murr eggs from the rock in commercial quantities, the "old scout," on arriving in town, told Bob Smith, who is a chip off the old block in seamanship, who, with Harold Johnson, launched a small skiff and rowed out to the gas schooner, the Tramp, captained by Dave Colvin, who had anchored at the harbor buoy a few hours previously awaiting proper condition of the Rogus river bar, and to him conveyed the information concerning the men.

The Tramp left at once for the rock and found the men safe on the south side of the island, which is about five times the size of Battle Rock.

They had an anchor to their boat and a long line to the rock. A heavy sea was running and the boat was partly filled with water and the oars gone. With approaching darkness Captain Colvin yelled to them to cast the boat loose and he would tow it into Port Orford and he would return for them at daybreak. Robert Forty, who, for a couple of years, was skipper of the Tramp and other gas coasters, has a splendid surf boat known as an Otter boat and it is built in the line of a life boat but is smaller, and can be handled with three men. Summoning volunteer helpers the boat was carried from the cold storage plant to the beach and made ready for launching. At 4 o'clock Saturday morning Forty, Art Myers, Nick Marsh, Ed Malloy and Henry Axtell slid the boat into the water and rowed out to the Tramp, moored at the buoy. Here it was taken in tow and soon at the island.

By the aid of a small fire the boys had roosted fairly comfortably with the rest of the birds, who seemed in several ways to resent their visitors, and were unobtrusive enough to furnish them with no eggs for breakfast. Forty soon had the men aboard the Tramp, where they drank hot java and took to doughnuts like they were life-savers.

Some suggested that the Coast Guard at Bandon be called, but as no emergency existed, it was thought best for all not to put the Coast Guard to the trouble of coming around Cape Blanco in the heavy northwester. The Port Orford boys have on several occasions shown skilled seamanship and done some splendid rescue work when it was impossible for the Coast Guard to get out over the Coquille bar. On several occasions a surf boat has been hauled by team from the Coast Guard station at Bandon for use here.

Port Orford should in all fairness have a station or a power boat anchored in Nellie's Cove, where at all times it could put to sea and guard a long range of rugged coast that has taken a heavy toll of life and property.

* Calendar of Coming Events *

Ladies Aid—Wednesdays. Civic Improvement club—Thursdays. Port of Port Orford meeting Tuesday, May 5. Woodmen of the World Camp 605—Friday, May 1st.

DOES PORT ORFORD WANT U. S. W. V. MEET?

CONVENTION PROMISED FOR JULY MAY BE TAKEN TO MARSHFIELD UNLESS LOCAL PEOPLE SHOW INTEREST

Does Port Orford want and expect to entertain the annual state encampment of the United States War Veterans, which event was secured for the town by Frank B. Tichenor? If it does, then it hasn't any time to lose in so declaring and making its intentions known to the head officers of the organization. There appears to be a division of opinion for some unknown reason as to the advisability of Port Orford attempting to go through with its original idea of entertaining the big gathering, and the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, at its regular meeting next Tuesday night, will bring up the matter and definitely settle it one way or another. Every member of the Chamber as well as every citizen should be present, and not be backward about expressing his opinion.

It is a well known fact that Marshfield has expressed a desire to take this convention off the hands of Port Orford, and will get busy and put it through to a successful issue. The big event takes place in July, and while that is two months away, it is not too far ahead for any town to know in order to organize its forces and make a decent showing.

The editor of The Tribune has received the following self-explanatory letter from the person who was largely responsible for securing this convention for Port Orford, together with a letter to him from a comrade in California, showing that some in that state are interested in the forthcoming event:

Denver, Colo., March 16, 1925
Mr. W. E. Hassler,
Managing Editor,
Port Orford Tribune,
Gold Beach, Oregon.

Dear Friend:
I am convalescent after being confined to my bed for the past three weeks with flu and double quinsy. My family left several weeks ago for Portland, Oregon, as my wife could not stand the high altitude. On the train on her way back to Portland, she was taken with a nose-bleed and nearly passed away. They held the Union Pacific Limited train two hours at a small station in order that they might give her medical attention.

I will remain in Colorado until the first of June, at which time I will leave for the Coast, as I am not stuck on this mile-high stuff myself.

At the last State Encampment of the U. S. W. V. Port Orford was selected as the meeting place for 1925. This is a big thing for Curry county as it will be the first convention of like nature ever held in the county.

I haven't heard a word from anyone, not even the Commercial Club of Port Orford, whether they are preparing or arranging for the entertainment of delegates or not. If the local people do not show their appreciation then it will be the duty of the Department Officers to select a new place for holding of the Convention.

Bandon assures me that they would do everything they could, financially and otherwise, to make the Encampment a success, as they will reap as much benefit as Port Orford, as all delegates must pass through Bandon if there is anything that you can do to bring to the attention of the citizens of Port Orford the importance of this Encampment, I trust that you will lend a hand. If it is possible for me to be in Port Orford the latter part of June, I will take my coat off and do my share.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Your friend,
FRANK B. TICHENOR

Orinda Park, California,
via Berkeley, R. R. No. 1, Box 494-C,
March 31, 1925.

Mr. Frank B. Tichenor,
1447 Tremont Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir and Comrade:
On January 13, 1925, I wrote you at length about the coming Oregon State Encampment that is proposed to be held at Port Orford this summer, so far I have not been favored

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THACKER AGAIN FOUND GUILTY--IS FINED \$350.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUSTAINS VERDICT IN JUSTICE WRIGHT'S COURT—BEN S. FISHER OF COOS BAY PROSECUTES SUCCESSFULLY

Sustaining the verdict of a jury in Justice M. T. Wright's court in Port Orford, when the defendant was found guilty of possessing intoxicating liquor and fined \$500, a jury in the circuit court at Gold Beach Tuesday brought in a similar verdict against Frank Thacker of Mussel Creek on his appeal from the local court. Thacker was defended by John D. Goss of Marshfield, while in the justice court he was defended by C. H. Buffington of Gold Beach, who, because of being made district attorney on January 1, was disqualified from even prosecuting.

Ben S. Fisher, former district attorney of Coos county, was engaged by the state prohibition director to go to Gold Beach and prosecute Thacker. He had built up a strong case against the accused, with an array of convincing evidence from deputy sheriffs of unquestionable integrity and honesty, backed by the real goods—samples of the liquor captured in Thacker's house. The defense attempted to set up a line to the effect that the liquor had been "planted" in Thacker's home.

This is the second conviction of Thacker on a similar charge, the first in the federal court in Portland about three years ago, when he was fined several hundred dollars.

Thacker was sentenced Tuesday afternoon to six months in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$350. The jail sentence was suspended and Thacker given permission to pay the fine at the rate of \$50 per month.

FOUR TRUE BILLS RETURNED BY JURY

SPECIAL BODY OF INQUISITORS FIND WORK AND SAYS MORE COMING—RECOMMENDS STEEL FENCE AROUND JAIL

The grand jury sitting at Gold Beach this week returned four true bills as follows.

John Ray, charged with larceny in a dwelling; Rass Gardner, possessing intoxicating liquor; Jack Douthit, hunting for deer in closed season; A. E. Hart, Leroy Mehlforn and Theodore Weimer, larceny. Gardner's case was before the September, 1924, grand jury, but because the man had fled the state action at that time was deferred. He is reported to still be outside Oregon, but just where no one seems to know.

The grand jury, which was a special body, drawn from the regular venire, asked to be excused for the time, but to be kept active as it had some other matters to take up later. It recommended that the county court proceed with the plans of furnishing proper sewerage facilities for court house and jail, and that a sanitary toilet be placed in the jail; also that the grounds and buildings be kept clean and in condition, the county prisoners being used for this purpose.

Following criticism that has been directed against the plan of permitting people to converse with prisoners from the outside of the jail, and that children have been permitted to do likewise, the grand jury recommended that a high fence of strong structural steel be erected around the jail so that this practice could be done away with, and further that all means be taken to prevent children from having converse with prisoners. It is to be hoped that the county court will immediately comply with this recommendation.

Otto Ismert, Pistol River, was foreman of the jury, and the other members were W. H. Moore, Brookings; W. R. Coy, Euchre Creek; N. L. Dean, Port Orford; Henry Colvin, Gold Beach; Ira Edwards, Wedderburn, and F. W. Blondell, Agness.

COUNTY TRACK MEET CALLED OFF FOR 1925

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTES ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST HOLDING CONTESTS FOR SEVERAL REASONS

Following out the almost unanimous vote as expressed by the executive committee of the Curry County School Track Meet and Declamatory contest, Mrs. Jennie M. B. Cope, county superintendent, announces that the 1925 events will be annulled. The vote was by referendum after there had been more or less agitation looking to this end by Port Orford and other localities, even before it was known that Brookings had extended an invitation to hold the meet there.

The prevalence of colds, flu and a general apathy among certain schools led to this action, which, it is generally believed, will be for the best. It is also thought that renewed interest will result for next year, and that the 1926 meet can be made bigger and better than ever.

TWO MORE HIGHWAY PROJECTS TO BE LET

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO HAVE BUSY SESSION IN MAY—SURFACING CONTRACT AWARDED

According to the announcement forthcoming from Portland last Saturday, the state highway commission, at its May meeting will accept bids on two Roosevelt Highway projects in Curry county, the stretch from Hunter's Creek to Rogue River, through Gold Beach, on the route of the main street, and from Chetco River to Winchuck River. It is thought that at this meeting the commission will likewise announce that bids will be received at the June meeting for the remainder of the Highway through the county, this being the section from Pistol River to Chetco River through the town of Brookings.

Simonsen & Hefty, of Portland, who have the contract for surfacing the Highway from Bandon to Sixes, river, have also been awarded the contract for surfacing the Mussel Creek-Euchre Creek section, at their bid of \$40,443, which is nearly \$6,000 lower than the next highest, submitted by John Haakanson.

The commission has also announced that it would receive estimates on the building of a new steel bridge across the Chetco River, the old bridge having been declared unsafe for travel. It is understood that the present piers if widened out will be ample to hold a larger structure.

WHITE CEDAR LOGGERS TO DISCUSS MATTERS

State forestry officials have called a meeting with white cedar operators of this district for an open discussion of the question of slash disposal in selective logging areas. The meeting will be held in Coquille hotel, in Coquille, at 7 p. m. Friday. A full attendance is asked.

W. A. Langille, field inspector, will meet with the operators and discuss the matter, inform them as to the law's requirements and seek the fullest co-operation so that no hardship will be imposed upon any one and the fire loss danger reduced to a minimum.

Fire hazards are constantly increasing in the forests of Coos, Curry and Douglas counties as a result of the selective logging methods. F. A. Elliott, state forester, has caused to be published an order of the state board of forestry, requiring that slash in selective logging districts be removed.

One proposal to be offered at the meeting is that white cedar operators charge \$1 per thousand feet more for their product, the extra money to be used in removing slash to a suitable clearance for burning. It is impossible to burn slashing where it falls as neighboring fir trees would be injured or destroyed.

DEPOSITORS ARE STILL HOPEFUL FOR RE-OPENING

DELVE INTO MESSED-UP AFFAIRS OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BANDON—NEW RECEIVER IS ON JOB

The depositors of the First National bank of Bandon, at least, are mighty optimistic over the final outcome of the closing of that institution a few weeks ago, declaring that they have every reason to believe that the affairs of the bank are in such shape as will permit of a reorganization without too great an effort, and that the bank will be stronger and better than ever.

The depositors' committee met last Sunday and as far as was possible and permissible went into the affairs of the bank, checking up on the notes held by the concern, and the members expressed themselves as confident that matters could be straightened out, and that outside capital could be interested in a reorganization.

Something of a complication entered again into the affairs last week when T. C. Smith, Salem, appointed receiver, resigned because of ill health, and returned to his home. He has been succeeded by H. S. Schilling, former cashier of a Condon, Ore., bank, appointed by the comptroller of the currency, who has arrived here and taken charge of affairs.

Receiver Schilling has announced that as soon as he can go thoroughly into the bank's affairs that he will aid the depositors in every way to bring about a reorganization. Whatever plan the depositors, stockholders and directors may decide upon will have to be submitted to the comptroller of the currency at Washington, D. C., for final acceptance or rejection and this means that it will be a matter of some weeks before any definite word can be given out.

The next meeting of the depositors' committee will be held subject to the call of the chairman, D. R. Norton.

PORT ORFORD BOY MAKING GOOD IN 'VARSITY TRACK WORK'

The following from the Oregon Carnation for April refers to a Port Orford boy, a son of Ames Johnston, former postmaster of this place:

"Tiny" Shows Up Well in Weights
Lowell "Tiny," 27, who returned to school this spring term, has made a very good showing in track at the University. Johnston is a member of the varsity cinder artists and specializes in the discus and the shot put. Although he has trained less than a month "Tiny" has heaved the discus over the 135 foot mark and the shot nearly 40 feet. He was a member of the frosh team last year and won every event that he entered.

"Tiny" was one of the tracksters who made the trip to Stanford on April 11. Although he did not win a place "Tiny" made a good showing considering the fact that he has not yet rounded into mid-season form."

MARSHFIELD EDUCATOR MAY BE HEAD OF STATE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

A Marshfield report is to the effect that Supt. C. A. Howard of the Marshfield public schools is being considered by Gov. Pierce among those from whom he will appoint a successor to State Superintendent Churchill who retires the first of next year to head the new Ashland Normal School.

DORRIS' DISMISSAL MAY MEAN RECALL OF GOVERNOR PIERCE

KLAMATH FALLS, April 22.—Failure of Governor Pierce to reappoint Ben Dorris of Eugene to the state game commission will result in the recall proceeding against the executive according to J. Kirkwood, president of the state sportsmen's association.

He asserted late yesterday that the association and allied organizations were ready to start recall proceedings at any time. He indicated a group of men would appear before the governor, urge Dorris' reappointment, and that if the request was refused recall petitions would be started immediately.

TREASURER CAN'T CASH CURRENT CO. WARRANTS

JUDGE KENDALL, AT GOLD BEACH, RULES AGAINST DEMURRER OF DEFENDANT GEO. D. WOOD VS. H. BACKENSTO

In Gold Beach last Saturday, Judge John C. Kendall in the circuit court ruled against the claims in the demurrer of the defense in the Curry county case of George D. Wood versus H. Backensto, county treasurer, to enjoin the payment of county warrants except in the order of their priority. The demurrer declared that the 1921 state budget law gave the county treasurer authority to pay out of order, or, in other words, to pay 1925 expenses with 1925 tax money. Judge Kendall ruled that the law did not give that right; that the budget law provided merely for the funds to be raised and how expended, and had no bearing upon the payment of warrants, past or current.

The defense asked leave to consider, which was granted. The answer was filed Tuesday, but was in reality a sham, merely reciting incidents in connection with the banking situation as relates to Geo. D. Wood and his refusal to cash past due warrants.

Attorney T. T. Bennett of Marshfield is representing Geo. D. Wood, while District Attorney Buffington was counsel for the county treasurer. The district attorney has served notice of appeal to the supreme court, and another Curry county case will be tied up in court for a year with our warrants marked "N. G."

FIRE SEASON OPENS EARLIER THIS YEAR

Curry county state fire wardens have been advised that annual inspections of logging camps are now in order.

Official fire season now opens May 15 instead of June 1, and all burning after May 15 will have to be under special permit from the fire warden. All fire prevention equipment in logging camps will have to be in place by May 1 instead of June 1 as under the old law.

Affects Selective Logging
One of the new laws requires that all logging operators, woodcutters, ranchers and others operating in the forest must clean up all slashings and debris on the tracts on which they are operating.

This applies especially to the selective loggers, who have not hitherto been absolutely required to dispose of the debris. A reasonable amount of time is allowed for this and the operator is held responsible for the hazard and is required to do the work in accordance with the regulations of the fire wardens.

Prosecute Offenders

All violations of the forest law, both as to burning and failure to comply with the prevention regulations, will be prosecuted by Chief Warden Walsh.

An entire new code of forest laws will govern the situation this year as a result of measures enacted by the last legislatures, and those interested should familiarize themselves with them.

E. L. White of Port Orford has been re-appointed county fire warden for Curry, and his assistants or deputies will be about the same as last year, with Henry Colvin patrolling the Gold Beach vicinity.

DEMAND FOR OAK AND HEMLOCK BARK

A report from Coos Bay is to the effect that there is quite a demand for oak and hemlock bark. One buyer is paying \$10.75 per cord for hemlock bark delivered at any shipping point on the Southern Pacific. The rapidly diminishing supply of oak bark and hemlock has also created a demand for alder bark. This year's shipments are expected to exceed those of 1924.

Send us your Job Work orders.