



## COOS COUNTY HISTORY TOLD

INTERESTING STORY OF EARLY DAYS IN THIS SECTION TOLD BY OLD COPY OF COOS BAY NEWS ORIGIN OF NAMES-GOLD RUSH

The following is taken from an ac-count of pioneer days in Coos county, which was furnished the Coos Bay News by one of the earliest settlers, and appeared in the issue of June

8. 1881.: "Previous to 1853, Coos county was inhabited entirely by Indians. The first white inhabitant was William Roland, who settled on the South Fork of the Coquille with an Indian woman for a companion. He moved here in 1853 and hunted, fished and trapped for a living.

"The same year a party of nineteen white men from Jackson county explored this portion of the coast country. They blazed their road in from Douglas and arrived at the junction of the Middle and South Forks on June 10th, remained there a week and then started down the river in cances. The first night they camped on a low place under the bank of the river at what is now known as Myrthe Point. The tide was out when they made their beds. (At that time the tide rose over three feet at the junction of the South and Middle Forks.) In the night the tide raised, rousing them from their slumbers as well as from their beds. Some of them who had never heard of tide-water commenced to holler and tried to elimb the bluff, thinking that the ocean had turned and was flowing ov-er the land. Those who had seen tide water finally succeeded in making them believe it was the tide ris-

ing." "They were delighted with the river as they proceeded towards the mouth. When they reached the entrance, where there was a large number of indians, they found them some-what hostile, and the Indians refused to permit them to pass up the beach. The white men had an Indian boy with them whom they brought from the Umpqua for an interpreter, and after a week spent in making peace with the Indians, they permitted them to pass on up the beach. "In the following August the black sand mines were discovered at Whis-

key Run. There was quite an immigration to the mines. The nearest trading posts for them were at Scottsburg, on the Umpqua, and Roseburg. The only means of traveling from the mines to Coos Bay was to paddle a cance up the Coquille River and up Beaver Slough, and haul it across the Isthmus to travel down the bay During the winter there was a trail built across from the mines to Coos Bay for the purpose of supply-ing the mines. This was the first road or trail built in Coos county. The same year a Mr. Rodgers set-tled at the mouth of Beaver Slough. "In 1854 the work in the mines at

Whiskey Run commenced. There was a large immigration at this time; from 100 to 150 men frequently crossed Coos Hoy at one time on their way to the mines.

"In the early part of the year two white men were killed at Dead Man's Slough (now lowa Slough) by the Indians. There were s'x Indians in the fray, one of whom was killed and another wounded. The other four en-caped but were afterwards hangedone at Port Orford, one at Coos Bay and the remaining two at Randolph. a drug store. He was very much "In February Mrs. Lockhart and pleased with the place and thinks Mrs. Dean, of Empire City, moved down to the Whiskey Run mines (now called Randolph in honor of the great statesman of Virginia.) They were the first white women to travel down Beaver Slough. "In the following June a man by the name of Johnson became disgust-ed with the fine gold of the Randolph beach and started in search of coarse gold, which he found near the head of the South Fork of the Coquille. of the South Fork of the Coquille. He always went by the name of "Coarse Gold Johnson" after that. Those mines are still being worked and are known as "Johnson's Dig-gins." It was not long after they were discovered until quite an excite-ment average up, and an average of ment sprang up, and an average of 125 people landed at Port Orford on their way to the mines every time a steamer called there. At that time Coos county extended down to the California line. In the same June that the mines were discovered, Capt. William Tichenor and others took possession of Port Orford, although the Captain had lived there since 1851. "Mr. Hoffman and family settled on the Coquelle at the junction of the South and Middle Forks; Messrs. Packwood, Abbott and Caldwell on Roland Prairie; Luke McDonald at the foot of Johnson's Mountain; Sam-pel Dement and family, John Hill, Minnie Jones and Henry Woodward on the South Fork of the Coquelle. "They derived the name "Coquelle" from the Indians on the North Fon Some white men were passing the indians were catching cels. white man pointed at the river and light.-Coquille Herald. asked its name. One of the Indians, thinking he was pointing at the cels, gave him the name Sequelle, which means sel in Jargon. The white men changed it to Coquelle, thinking it sounded better, and it has been pronounced Coquelle ever since.

BANDON PORT GETS MONEY

HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS RECORDED BY THE NEWSPAPERS AND SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Judge Coke issued a writ of mandamus Saturday directing the county treasurer to turn over to the Port of Bandon the money that has been raised by taxation for the Port. been raised by taxation for the Port. Trensurer Dimmick had declined to turn over this money while the status of the port was involved in a pending suit, unless directed by the court to do so; this for the pro-tection of himself and his bonds-men. District Attorney Liljeqvist made no objection to the turning over of the money, and Judge Coke took the view that, as the Port was a de facto corportation nutil was a de facto corportation until an adverse court decision should be reached, there was no reason for withholding the funds,-Coquille Herald.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRIP

The Misses Mabel Hansen, Pearl Guinn, Wanda Hibarger and Josie Ahern, who have been teachers in the Coquille schools during the year just closed, left on their vacations Ahern. Friday. Miss Hansen started for Duluth, Minnesota, where she ex-pects to visit during the summer before she returns to Coquille next fall to resume charge of her de-partment in the high school. Miss Guinn and Miss Hibarger returned to their homes at Des Moines, Iowa and Marshfield, respectively. Miss Ahern, who closed a most success-ful year's work in the eighth grade, went to Ellensburg, Washington, where she will attend summer school at the state normal. Miss Ahern de-clined an offer of a position as eighth grade teacher here next year. Coquille Herald.

## COLLINS BOUND OVER

Louis Collins was brought over from the Bay Saturday by Constable Cox and appeared before Justice J. J. Stanley to answer a charge of pointing a gun at G. W. Stewart, of North Bend. He waived examin-ation and was placed under \$250 bonds to appear before the next grand jury. A case of trouble be-tween the two men was to have come before Justice Shuster at North Bend a short time ago, and District. Attorney Liljeqvist went over to prosecute it. He was informed by Justice Shuster that Stewart had dropped the charge, so he took his foot in his hand and came home again. Later Stewart dealed that, he had withdrawn the charge, and it was tried out before Shuster, with attorneys employed by Stewart and Collins. The result of that round was that Collins was turned loose and Stewart was bound over. This did not exactly suit George Washington, who seems a bit hard to please, and he brought the charge that Louis had threatened to shoot him.—Coquille Herald.

NEWS OF GARDINER S. H. Morse, of Roseburg, Post-office inspector, was in Gardiner on Wednesday, looking over the mail routes in regard to the letting of contracts for carrying the mail between this point and North Bend. C. A. Everett, of Portland, was in

Reedsport looking for a location for that Reedsport has a great future before it, and that this whole section is bound to be one of the best on the coast. It is said that the manager of the Gardiner Hotel has set a bear trap at the entrance of the meat room. He has it baited with sea bass. He says the "varmints" have been giving him considerable trouble lately, and he takes this means of either catch-ing or frightening them away. A number of prominent citizens of Gardiner met in the parlors of the Gardiner Hotel Thursday evening and took the initiative step towards organizing a Chamber of Commerce. J. H. Austin was elected temporary chairman, and L. S. Weeks secretary of the meeting. Miss Maude Pratt was tendered a miscellaneous shower by the ladies of the Gardiner Women's Literary Club last Friday at the home of Mrs. and Miss Dumas. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, the living room in the club colors, orange and green, and the dining room in pink and white.

THREE

IDEAL FREE GROVE AND PICNIC GROUNDS

Bring your lunch baskets, kodak and fishing tackle for a few days' outing. Sunday few days' outing. Sunday School and all pienic crowds a specialty. Excursion to South Coos River every day. Marshfield Time Table

Launch Express, week days, leaves, 8 a. m.; Steamer Rain-bow leaves Marshfield at 8 a, m., every Sunday and 2 p. m, week days. For charter and picnic ar-

rangements, apply on board steamer Rainbow.

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LILIFQUIST REFERS CASE District Attorney Lilifequist has turned over to George M. Brown, who conducted the case in the lower court, the matter of applying for a re-hearing of the Barton appeal be-fore the Supreme Court. As one of the grounds on which the deof the grounds on which the de-son was reversed arose out of rown's address to the jury, it is likely that that gentleman would like a chance to show the thing to the higher court in a different

ESTABROOK LINE CHANGES Owing to the shutting down of the Moore mill, two of the Estabrook steamers have been taken off the Coquille run, and the company announces its withdrawal from the freight business. The Speedwell will still call at Bandon on her way to Coos Bay.—Coquille Herald.

PLANS NORWAY TRIP O. P. Ellington was up from Park-ersburg last week. Mr. Ellingson has made his home in the Coquille Valley for the past forty years. He left his native country of Norway forty-three years ngo in company with S. E. Assen and they came to a market for the sector of the sector of the sector. America together. He contemplates making a trip back to the old home this summer — Coquille Heraid.

WED IN COQUILLE. In this city, June 6, Justice of the Peace J. J. Stanley officiating, Joha Simpson and Nellie McCutcheon, both of Beaver Hill, were married,