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RAILROAD WORK IS PROGRESSING

Supt. Dixon States 800 Men Are at Work—Finish Grade and Tunnels by March 1

Thomas Dixon, superintendent of the McArthur Perks Co., in general charge of the construction of the Coos Bay and Eugene line of the Southern Pacific arrived here last evening from Eugene after a trip down over the work. He came down from Gardiner by stage and left this morning for North Inlet and Lakeside but will return today or tomorrow and leave Sunday morning for Eugene.

"If everything goes all right, we will have the grading and tunnels completed by the latter part of February or early in March," said Mr. Dixon last evening. "There are about 800 men at work along the line now and they have been making good progress. If Houser & Houser are able to keep their steam shovels going, and it looks as though they will, the grading will be easily completed by March 1. Tunnels No. 7, the big one at Schofield and No. 8 will be the last tunnel work to be completed and that should be done about March 1. I think there remains about 350 feet of work on tunnel No. 7.

"There will then remain a large amount of bridge and trestle work. On the Houser & Houser contract at Ten Mile, there is one trestle or bridge over half a mile long. Along Tallcoos Lakes, between the Umpqua and Siuslaw, there is also a lot of bridge and trestle work, probably two or three miles all told. This will probably take most of the Spring and early Summer to complete.

"When this is done, the steel work and ballasting will remain. There are no indications of starting the bridge work at the Umpqua or Siuslaw and the big bridges will probably be the last of the work to be completed.

"Engineer Huey's estimate of a year from Christmas for the completion of all the work is probably as near accurate as can be made.

"It would surprise you the amount of traffic, or rather passenger business, there is on the new line. When we left Eugene the other morning, the two coaches were filled to capacity and Engineer Fontaine and myself had to stand up on the platform. Mr. Fontaine told me there were more passengers out of Eugene on the new line that morning than there were on the regular main line through Eugene the same morning."

Kenneth Houser and Wm. Kaiser were in from Ten Mile last evening and returned there with Mr. Dixon today. Mr. Houser will leave Sunday with him and will return to his home at St. Paul to spend Christmas.

NORTH BEND WON AT BASKETBALL

Junior Class Defeated Marshfield Junior Class 26 to 13 at North Bend Last Night

The basketball game between the Junior classes of Marshfield and North Bend high schools, played at North Bend high school Thursday evening, resulted in a score of 26 to 13 in favor of the home team. North Bend's brilliant showing was due entirely to the playing of Bowen, their big center, who made all but two of the points scored by North Bend.

A crowd of about thirty people went down with the Marshfield players and were enthusiastic in their applause in spite of their overwhelming defeat. Marshfield is planning to give the North Bend aggregation a return game as soon as possible, which will probably not be until the new gymnasium is ready for use.

The players on each side and the points scored by each, are as follows:

North Bend	Marshfield
Bowen, 24	McDonald, 4
Stevens, 2	Bradley, 5
Holmes	Watters, 3
Mende	Chapman
Russel	Dresser

Marshfield was awarded one point on a foul committed by Bowen. The officials of the game were Niles of Marshfield, referee, and Simpson, of North Bend, umpire.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FELLOWSHIP CLUB AT WORK

Prepare for Membership Campaign and Appoint Committee for the Purpose.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Fellowship Club held last evening in the office of the president, J. E. Kendall, plans were made for a membership campaign and a committee was appointed to carry on the work. Those who will serve in this capacity are W. A. Reid, chairman; John Motley, A. T. Haines, David Nelson, Rev. Robert Browning and Ben Fisher.

For the preparation of a program for each of the monthly banquets for the last Tuesday in December and January committees were appointed. Those who will serve for December are W. F. McKelowney, G. W. Kaufman, F. E. Allen and for January C. R. Peck, C. A. Schilbrede and Hugh Barsley.

All the members of the executive committee were present at the meeting last evening. The members are J. C. Kendall, president; M. C. Maloney, vice president; C. I. Reigard, secretary and John Ferguson, treasurer.

LOCATE IN BANDON

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mast, Jr., returned from Eureka on the Elder and will make their home in Bandon, where Mr. Mast has a job.—Coquille Herald.

TREADGOLD ON SIMPSON CASE

Bandon City Attorney Tells of Developments and Causes Leading Up to Arrests

"I see my enemies have been busy while I was away," was the first statement of G. T. Treadgold, City Attorney of Bandon, as he arrived in on the stage Wednesday from Salem where he has been arguing the case of the Port of Bandon before the Supreme Court. He had read the newspaper accounts accusing him of a prominent part in Bandon disclosures which followed on the arrest of two detectives last week on the charge of kidnaping Lolita and Ruby Simpson.

"I had no part in arresting this party," he said in the Chandler lobby. "M. A. Simpson, the father of the girls, found out where they were and in whose hands and he simply came after them, the same as any father would have done. I have no part in this case outside of the original liquor charges which put Joe Coach and his outfit out of business. The attempt to mix me into it I charge to be an infamous attack on me because of personal enmity aroused against me because of my work in Bandon."

Mr. Treadgold hinted at evidence which will be produced in the Circuit Court next week that he claims will throw a different light on the subject. That the entire case is so involved that he knows but part of it, is the statement of the Bandon lawyer.

Alleges Detectives to Blame.

"Coach knows that I put him out of business down there and that he can never engage in it again as long as I am City Attorney for Bandon. He was convicted in the Municipal Court of giving liquor to minors and also contributing to the delinquency of minors. The case is appealed and right now he is afraid of being sent to the penitentiary. With this staring him in the face and this detective Mitchell to draw him on for the money there is in it, with all this to face, Joe Coach is scared. He has a right to be scared.

"But when he picked me as the 'goat' he failed to figure that I am no quitter. The entire outfit is playing for high stakes. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain. This is going to be a long case."

Mr. Treadgold evinced no enmity toward Joe Coach. "Being in the business that he has and leading the life that he has, there is no wonder that he stoops to these charges. I have a feeling of pity for him rather than one of hatred." And the attorney reiterated several times that he is willing to give every one a square deal and that he has told Joe Coach that if ever he will engage in a legitimate business in Bandon that he, Treadgold, will support him and give him the same aid that he would his best friend.

The attorney spoke of the trip of Mitchell and Nosler with the two girls. "If Nosler wanted to marry Ruby why did he have to start for Portland? Couldn't he have done it just as well in Coquille? And here is another point, why did the party leave here under assumed names. At Gardiner they registered at the hotel under different names and evidently becoming afraid then of capture, forged on ahead to Mapleton without stopping there over night. At this place Nosler registered in the hotel under the name of Kelly and the two girls as his sisters, Ruth and Leona Kelly. If they were going to Portland on innocent business, why did they use these underhanded tactics?" he asked.

When asked regarding the subpoenas issued on the two girls in Coquille three weeks ago, Mr. Treadgold flashed up. "Why? Here is this appeal case coming up in the Circuit Court. Already the Coach outfit has got one of my star witnesses, Jennie Holland, out of the state. If they had got these other two, meaning the Simpson girls, we would have had no witnesses and the case would have gone by default.

"The girls wanted to return to their home. Several times Lolita wrote to her older sister Mae that if "she couldn't get loose any other way she would run away."

A new phase in the Bandon case was taken yesterday afternoon when Ruby Simpson, the elder of the two girls, became the wife of P. T. Nosler in Coquille. Nosler was arrested with Ruby Simpson at Salem last week and at the time claimed that at the time they were going to Portland to get married.

Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist this morning declared his belief that the case, as it will come before the grand jury, will prove one of the most sensational and involved that has ever been tried in Coos county.

BANDON CASE IS TAKEN UP TODAY

PRELIMINARY HEARING OF DETECTIVE MITCHELL AND PUD NOSLER BEGUN — SIMPSON GIRL AND NOSLER MARRIED — LILJEQVIST HANDLES CASE WELL

The preliminary hearing of Detective Mitchell and Pud Nosler on the charge of kidnaping Ruby and Lolita Simpson of Bandon was begun in Justice Shuster's court at North Bend this afternoon.

There was some talk of trying to get the matter put over until the grand jury meets next week but it was finally decided to go ahead with the preliminary and thrash out some phases of the case.

The case will be a most difficult one on account of the mass of conflicting evidence but District Attorney Liljeqvist, in his usual careful manner, is going into its every phase. The kidnaping charges, people familiar with the case say, will be most difficult to prove and while Mr. Liljeqvist may not be able to do this, he will see that the case is thoroughly tried out, the charges made by both sides being gone into fully.

The marriage of Pud Nosler and Ruby Simpson at Coquille yesterday put a new phase on the kidnaping charges.

Today, M. A. Simpson and his three daughters are at the hearing. In court, the three girls sat alongside of Mrs. Joe Coach. Joe Coach, whose name has been dragged into it and who, it was charged, feared the evidence of the Simpson girls before the grand jury on the Bandon liquor charges. Detective Mitchell and Nosler sat with J. D. Goss, their attorney.

In the hearing this afternoon, District Attorney Liljeqvist got Lolita Simpson, in a corner where she made the same admissions that are believed to have strengthened the state's case materially. In response to a question as to who gave her the money to come to Marshfield, she said mother did. As to the amount of rent they paid here, she said she did not know, as her sister, Ruby, paid it. She was slow in answering and she giggled considerably when questioned about the money.

Another phase of the case was that she went to Coquille to make affidavits incriminating Attorney Treadgold. These affidavits were made before Mitchell, Nosler and Ed Murray and Attorney McInturf acknowledged them. She said that she signed these affidavits against Treadgold because he did not do what he said he would do. She said that she was not sore, but when he did not keep his word, she turned against him. She declared that there was no frameup but that she was telling the truth and did not expect anything for signing the affidavits.

M. A. Simpson, the father, was on the stand for half an hour. He said that Ruby Simpson told her mother in October that she was going to marry Nosler. In speaking of Nosler he said his daughter showed poor judgment. In regard to the kidnaping charges which he preferred, Simpson said that he knew "they" got away with some other witnesses and he was afraid that his girls might be used for immoral purposes. He said that he found the girls left Coos Bay under assumed names and that since leaving home they had not received any money.

Arrests Treadgold.

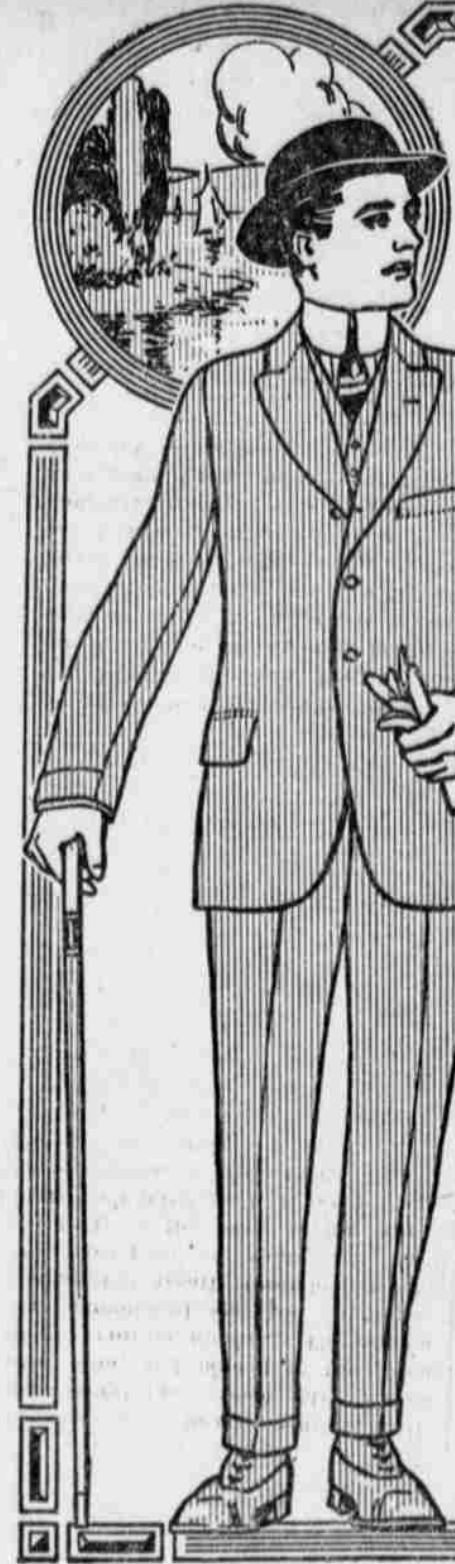
When Ruby Simpson, or rather Ruby Nosler now, was called to the stand this afternoon, she swore that she testified to a lie when she swore in Bandon that Joe Coach gave her liquor. District Attorney Liljeqvist told her that she had better be careful or she would face a more serious charge than the one of delinquency which she will have to answer to before Justice Stanley in Coquille. She said that Treadgold threatened her if she did not testify that Coach gave her liquor. Relative to Treadgold, she said she would rather tell the story before the grand jury.

On examination by Attorney Goss she denied that they had been forced to come to Marshfield or go to Portland. She said they went willingly and that she intended to come back on the next boat. She said that she went under the name of Mrs. Kelly because she was going to marry Nosler and wanted to surprise the folks on her return.

Liljeqvist wanted to know where Nosler got the money to pay the expenses of the trip and she said that Nosler got some money from Sheriff Gage for cinching Mrs. Fannie O'Donnell. At times she was rather flip in her testimony.

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Bandon Paper Says Equines Are Committing Suicide There.

The Bandon Recorder says: "Dependancy because of old age and suicide as an alleviator of misery, appear to be gaining in popularity among the four-footed citizens of Bandon.

"Saturday, the blind horse, which has been faithfully hauling J. S. Hayes, the laundry wagon and numerous parcels of laundry around the city, jumped over the bluff near the Life Saving Station, pulling everything except Mr. Hayes after him, and landed in the ditch at the bottom unhurt. The wagon was demolished and the surrounding ground greatly resembled mother's back-yard on wash day.

"Early in the week an old white horse belonging to J. H. Jones was more successful and succeeded in ending his career on earth. Mr. Jones had the horse staked out on the bluff near his home on Ocean Drive, Napoleon Bonaparte, or whatever other might have been the quadruped's cognomen, was evidently cogitating on the ups and downs of life, when a passing automobile scared him to such an extent that he jumped over the bluff, as far as the rope with which he was tied would let him thereby hanging himself."

COLORS FOR BATTLES.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 4.—The commemoration of Belgian heroism has gone so far as to include a new range of color names, such as "Liege brown" and "Louvain blue." The Manchester Guardian protests that though these names were well meant, "they are not the kind of commemoration one wants for such events."

DEBATE AT EASTSIDE.

Public Discussion of Private and Municipal Ownership There. A debate will be held in the city hall at Eastside on Wednesday evening, December 9. The subject will be "Private Ownership vs. Municipal Ownership. The judges will be the whole audience by rising vote. The boys and girls will vote on the subject too. Local charter members are to be present at 7:30.

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CHILDREN ARE HURT Mrs. T. N. Boone of Fairview, came to town Friday afternoon seeking surgical aid for her 12-year-old son, Claude, who had fractured an arm by falling from a horse. The boy's 8-year-old sister suffered a like misfortune from the same cause during the Summer—Coquille Herald.

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