

UMPQUA VIEW OF COUNTY MERGERS

Gardiner Paper Opposes Annexation of Lower Umpqua Region to Coos County

That some Gardiner people are opposed to the old suggestion about the lower Umpqua section being separated from Coos county and annexed to Douglas county is indicated by a strong article in the Umpqua Courier. The matter has been discussed many times during recent years, but never reached a definite stage. The last time it was brought up someone suggested a general change in the boundaries of the coast counties to meet changed conditions and make the geographical lines conform with the natural conveniences. It was suggested that this would mean a few new counties, probably dividing Coos county and making Coquille county and also dividing Lane and Douglas.

"That the editor of the Courier has misconstrued the feelings of Coos Bay generally is indicated in his article. To help and see the Umpqua region develop is the wish of all true Coos Bay boosters.

In his article discussing the annexation of the Umpqua district to Coos county, he says: "Those in Coos county, especially the Coos Bay crowd, who are promoting this move, know by the handwriting on the wall that the lower Umpqua country is the best section of country on the coast. They also know that the Port of Umpqua, without a dollar of expenditure, has the best natural harbors on the coast of Oregon, and they know, if they know anything at all, that with all the millions of dollars that have been expended on Coos Bay in an endeavor to make it a harbor of some importance, that with one-tenth of this amount expended on the Umpqua River and bay this will be the very best harbor on the Pacific coast. And it has been the object of certain interested persons of Coos Bay, also of Douglas county, to ignore and belittle this section of the state, fearing it as a rival. That day is over. The lower Umpqua is coming into its own, and no men, or set of men, here or in any other locality can prevent it. When people of this section of Douglas county want a division and wish to form a new county they will do so, but they are not ready and never will be, to annex themselves to Coos county, as long as they have the resources back of them which they now have. It would be a fine thing for Coos county and those around the Bay if they could get their fingers in to the pockets of the people of this section, to help pay their enormous tax and at the same time kill off all improvements of this bar and river, forcing those who have timber here and tributary to this port to send it to Coos Bay to be manufactured and shipped from that port, and they are working on that very proposition today from more than one angle, and it is up to the people of the Umpqua Valley to stop their bickering among themselves and get together and work for the common interest, or they will get up some fine morning and find that their opportunity has passed. The Port of Umpqua cannot expect much help from the outside. They must stop their squabbling, personalities, selfishness and all underhanded methods and work along well marked lines for the good of the whole valley if they wish to accomplish anything along the lines of progress, for 'United we stand, divided we fall.'"

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RAILROAD MEN INSPECT WORK

Messrs. Kerr and Nelson Come In Over Coos Bay-Eugene Line—Much Trestle

W. D. Kerr and J. E. Nelson, who have general supervision of Porter Brothers' contract on the Coos Bay-Eugene line south of the Siuslaw, arrived here last evening after a tour of inspection of the work. Wm. Kaiser, in charge of the Hauser & Hauser work, and P. J. Hahn of the same company, came in with them. Mr. Nelson said that good progress was being made on the work and the completion of the grading contracts is now in sight. Yesterday there remained 332 feet of the big Schofield tunnel to drive through. This is all being driven from the south end by Hauser & Hauser, who took the contract for this end of the big bore. This tunnel has not been pushed particularly as there was no necessity for it, the bridge work not being up with the rest of it.

Porter Brothers have started on the immense amount of trestle work that will be required between Coos Bay and the Siuslaw. This is rather slow work and if they are able to finish it by next fall, Mr. Nelson says they will be doing well. According to parties who are in close touch with the work, the Southern Pacific will not be able to have the Coos Bay-Eugene line in full operation in less than two years' time. It is declared that the big bridges, the large number of smaller bridges and the trestle work will require much time. Then there is the ballasting, depot work, etc. Today one of the men closely identified with the work offered to bet that the road would not be in operation inside of two years.

BOY'S SLAYER CONVICTED

Salem Man Who Shot Elmer Bacon Found Guilty.

The following from a Salem paper will be of interest on the Bay, as Elmer Bacon formerly lived in North Bend with his parents: "Blazius Grasser, who shot Elmer Bacon, a 16-year-old boy, on January 4, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury after a deliberation of six hours. The crime was committed on the farm of Grasser about six miles south of Salem. Grasser is alleged to have confessed to Sheriff Esch that he shot the boy because he was trespassing contrary to trespass signs. The courtroom was crowded at the hearing."

FINDS PIONEER RELIC

Jim Carpenter, while raising the anchor of his boat one day last week, brought to the surface an old bayonet which was probably lost years ago when soldiers were stationed at old Fort Umpqua. J. A. Janelle secured the bayonet and will keep it as a relic of olden times.—Gardiner Courier.

AFTER GAME VIOLATORS

It is said that three game wardens will or have been appointed to keep a watch over the territory of the Umpqua, Smith River and lakes for violators of the game laws, as it has been reported that the law is being violated every day by some one, and the first one caught will in all probability be made an example of.—Gardiner Courier.

FOR SURVEY OF UMPQUA RIVER

The commissioners of the Port of Umpqua have received the following letter from Representative W. C. Hawley, which is self explanatory: "I take pleasure in advising you that the rivers and harbors bill passed the House of Representatives last night, and contained a provision for a regular survey by the United States engineers, War Department, of the Umpqua River, Oregon, bar and entrance."—Gardiner Courier.

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CAPT. HALD WINS DISTRICT HONOR

Keeper of Umpqua Lighthouse Awarded Pennant for Most Efficient Station

Capt. A. P. C. Hald, tender of the Umpqua River lighthouse, has been awarded the official pennant by the U. S. lighthouse inspectors for maintaining the most efficient station the past year. The honor is a marked one, as the district includes all the light houses along the Oregon and Washington coast.

Capt. Hald has long been stationed at the Umpqua and has been one of the most faithful keepers. He is an uncle of Mrs. John Kooz of Marshfield. Mrs. Kooz made her home with Capt. Hald and his wife from early girlhood until she became a bride.

In addition to this, Capt. Hald may also have the honor of taking care of the U. S. Light House Service exhibit at the San Francisco Fair part of the season.

Word from Gardiner is that work is progressing on the buildings at the station, the Fatsy on her last trip bringing in material to finish the work. The breakers during the winter have made great inroads on the old camping grounds on the beach, which will force those who come to camp next summer to go farther from their camping ground. The top of the rock near the landing point on the beach is being blown off, and a boat house will be built on this foundation 18 by 25 feet to house the boats of the station.

BUCK'S HORN EMBEDDED IN TREE FOR 100 YEARS

Remarkable Discovery Made by Charles Hayden While Making Posts From an Old Oak Log.

DONNA, Or., Feb. 3.—While making some posts a few weeks ago from an old oak tree which had been felled for at least 50 years, Chas. Hayden accidentally discovered a buck's horn imbedded in the center of the log.

The horn was completely incased and from all appearances had been in its place for at least 100 years. Just how it ever happened it would be hard to say.

It may be some Indian placed the horn on a limb of the tree when it was small and the limb dying the horn held fast to the tree and became encircled by the growth, or it may be, as there is a fork in the tree about five feet above where the horn was found, that some buck got his head fast in the fork and died, and as the years went by the horn was encircled. The growth on both sides of it are equal and sound.

NEW BILLS ARE ADOPTED

Senate Passes Two of Senator Smith's Measures—Cut Sheriff's Pay.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—The Senate passed the following bills: S. B. 96, by Smith (Coos and Curry)—To pass to bona fide purchasers of state lands the title acquired afterward thereto in cases where the state had no legal title at the time of sale.

S. B. 17, by Smith (Coos and Curry)—Amending the law relative to fixing the terms of the Circuit Court in the Second Judicial District.

Among the new bills are: H. B. 431, by Barrow—Cutting salary of Coos county sheriff.

S. B. 159, by Smith (Coos and Curry)—Authorizing the leasing of kelp beds along the Oregon coast and providing for certain experimental work as basis for prescribing suitable rules for conserving kelp supply.

DISGUISED WOMEN ENLIST.

Russians Don Boys' Garb and Join Army—Many Run Away.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 3.—The war has an unbelievable fascination for the Russian school girl, hundreds of whom have run away in boys' clothing and tried to enlist as volunteers. Not a few of them have got into the lines, too, as the medical examination is only a negligible formality in many places.

Among the wounded in the battle of Nieman was a broad shouldered girl from one of the country districts, whose disguise was not discovered until she reached the field hospital.

In all the larger cities and towns the authorities are trying to provide employment of a war-time nature for women and girls. In Moscow there is a war hospital attached to each school house and the school girls are assigned work in connection with this. Each girl is made responsible for the clothing of one wounded patient, and the children collect the money necessary for the support of the hospital.

ODD RELIC OF WRECK.

Letter Sunk on Empress of Ireland Recovered by Diver.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A strange miscolored envelope arrived a few days ago at the home of Miss L. Rudge, Gower street, London. It was stamped "Recovered by divers from the wreck of the steamship Empress of Ireland," and had come from the dead letter office at Ottawa.

Posted at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on May 25 of last year, the letter had gone down with the big vessel, the wreck of which in the St. Lawrence cost more than a thousand lives, and though under water for months, it reached London in surprisingly good condition. The envelope which held down the flap of the envelope was gone, the stamp was missing and in place the ink of the address had run. The letter itself, however, was perfectly legible.

JUDGE E. B. WATSON DEAD.

James Watson received a telegram today announcing the death of his uncle, E. B. Watson, which occurred yesterday noon at Portland, from heart trouble. Judge Watson was about 69 years of age. He had served on the Oregon Supreme Bench, and was for many years one of the state's legal lights.—Coquille Herald.

GOLD OUTPUT LESS.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

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