

THE NEWS OF NEAR-BY TOWNS

BOOST FOR CURRY BOOM FOR BANDON LOOK INTO DEATHS ECHO OF TRAGEDY DOG CASE RULING

FORMER CONGRESSMAN BINGER HERMANN ENTHUSIASTIC

Says That Coast Road Will Soon Bring Great Development—Not His Last Speech

(Special to The Times.)

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Aug. 27.—That there is great development promised for southwestern Oregon in the near future is the belief of Hon. Binger Hermann, who came to Port Orford to attend the Agate Carnival and to visit friends in the locality. Mr. Hermann, with members of his family, is leaving for his home in Roseburg, making the trip in auto to Myrtle Point and from there to Roseburg.

Probably no one in attendance at the carnival enjoyed the visit more than Mr. Hermann for the reason that it recalled for him old times and old friends.

"It was just 58 years ago when I first came to Port Orford," said Mr. Hermann in speaking of his present visit. "At that time Port Orford was the seaport for all of this part of Oregon. It was the first place in southern Oregon that I reached and I naturally have a very kindly feeling for the locality. I went from here with the colony to the Coquille Valley and then to Roseburg where I have since lived but I enjoy coming back to the first place that I reached in Oregon."

"I thought at that time that this place was to be an important one some day and I still hold that same belief. In fact I am very enthusiastic about the development of this part of the country. Southwestern Oregon is to be a great locality. A railroad is now building from the main line of the Southern Pacific into Coos Bay. I firmly believe that this road will extend on down the coast and develop Curry County. But I am convinced of still more railroad building. I think the next move will be a line from Roseburg to Coos Bay along the middle fork of the Coquille River. This, I think is a certainty because of the large amount of valuable timber in that locality which must be taken out by the owners and which can only be moved by a railroad.

"At Roseburg the Kendall Brothers of Pittsburg are to build a big lumber mill and a railroad thirty miles in length which will extend into the timber district. With these links of road completed the lines will be extended so as to reach across the state and connect with the Northwestern and then we will have a transcontinental road, and southern Oregon will see one of the greatest developments in the history of the west.

"I do not think that I am over-enthusiastic. I feel certain that this is what is to happen and although it was 58 years ago when I landed in Port Orford and was impressed with the possibilities of southwestern Oregon I am now more fully convinced than ever that my judgment about this part of the Pacific coast country was well founded.

"That is the reason it gives me such pleasure to be in Port Orford, and with its natural advantages as a harbor I fully expect one day to see it an important harbor of the southern Oregon coast."

Not Last Speech.
Previous to the Agate carnival, it was advertised that Mr. Hermann was to be one of the principal speakers of the carnival celebration but it had also been announced in some paper that this would be the last time that Mr. Hermann would appear before the public as a speaker. He was asked as to this point and as to why he had decided not to appear in public again, if such was the case.

"Goodness gracious, no," said Mr. Hermann. "I had no such idea. I must have been a joke on me. For many years I have lived at Roseburg and at Washington, D. C., and at both places I have done quite a good deal of public speaking and I have no idea of stopping now. A man can never say that he has spoken for the last time until he must answer the final call. I love to meet the people and talk to them and especially at a place for which I hold as cherished memory as I do for Port Orford. No, my address at the Port Orford carnival were by no means my last public appearance."

That Mr. Herman will be a public speaker for many years to come is quite evident if one may judge by his present appearance. He looks ten years younger than he did five years ago and one not acquainted with his long residence in Oregon could have scarcely believed that more than half a century ago he was one of the pioneers who helped build up the coast country.

MANY FINE BUILDINGS IN BURNED OVER DISTRICT

Presents Busy Appearance with \$25,000 Worth of Work—Fire Disaster Recalled

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Aug. 27.—Boulevard at the present time presents quite a busy appearance in the way of building and gradually the big vacancy in the center of the city caused by the disastrous fire is being filled up, and with better business buildings than the city had before the district was destroyed. Buildings just completed or in the course of construction represent an expenditure of about \$25,000.

The Johnson building was finished at a cost of about \$6,000 and the Stephens building will cost about \$6,000. The H. B. block is now being built and will cost \$12,000. It is a fine structure on one of the main corners. Down stairs will be store rooms and on the second floor will be office rooms which will be furnished to suit the needs of the tenants as they are rented.

Others who own property are contemplating the erection of buildings in the spring so that finally the big space in the center of the city which a few months ago showed the former buildings hurled to the ground, will be occupied by modern business blocks. There has been a new era in building at Bandon and everything that is being erected now is of a substantial nature.

The fire came at a time when it was difficult to secure money for investment and such a large territory was burned that the blow was a severe one for the city and for many individuals, but in spite of financial difficulties in many places Bandon is building up a finer city than before, and moreover it is stated that these improvements are being taken care of by local capital.

VETERAN TO RETIRE

PENSION JAMES LANGLOIS, KEEPER OF BLANCO LIGHT

Official Notice of Reward for Forty Years of Faithful Service—Due Next Spring

(Special to The Times.)

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Aug. 27.—After serving as keeper for a light house at one point for about forty years, James Langlois, who is in charge of the light station at Cape Blanco, may be pensioned by the government next spring. There has been no official announcement of the kind but the report is that Mr. Langlois' long years of service at one of the important lights on the Oregon coast are to be thus recognized.

Several years ago the government had built a fine \$8,000 residence for Mr. Langlois and he and his family are quite comfortably located but he has put in a large portion of his life at Cape Blanco and raised his family there and it is understood on very good authority that his faithful performance of duty for so many years will be rewarded by a well deserved rest and pension.

Cape Blanco has always been regarded as an isolated spot. It is about five miles from the main county road and formerly there was only a trail from the road to the station. But now a good road has been built from the main county highway and it is possible for an automobile or wagon. This puts the cape in much closer connection with the rest of the county.

Keeper Langlois has two assistants. The second assistant, N. J. Nead, recently arrived to take the position. He comes from Destruction Island to Blanco and is a man with a good record in the light house service.

In addition to the light house the naval wireless station is located at the cape. The wireless boys have an automobile in which they can get about and this gives them a closer connection with the towns. On account of the expense of freighting supplies the government has under consideration the moving of the wireless station from Blanco to Coos Bay but if this plan is carried out it will probably not be before many months. The present crew in charge will likely be moved before there is any change in the location. The wireless boys came from a Mexico station and it is quite probable that they will be sent back to that part of the coast as the wireless men in the navy who speak Spanish and who are acquainted with the Spanish speaking people are in demand for those posts.

CURRY COUNTY GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CRIMES

Everything From Slaughter of Sheep Hogs, Dogs to Murders Before Them

(Special to The Times.)

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 27.—Killings of many kinds are being investigated by the grand jury and circuit court of Curry County. There has been considerable killing of a sheep, killing of a dog, killing of a deer, killing of a hog, and there was also to be taken up the killing of a man but the slayer in that case stopped proceedings by being found dead in Flores Lake where he had committed suicide.

The Man Killing.
The fact of the matter is that there might have been considerable difficulty in securing an indictment against R. B. Neff, for the murder of A. J. Wittmann at Lakeport. There were no eyewitnesses and nothing to connect Neff with the murder excepting the empty shell which fitted Neff's gun and found near the body and the notes which Neff left behind. But he could have been easily indicted for attempting to kill Charles Walker, the school teacher, whom he shot at but did not wound and who took his gun away from him.

However, Neff having been found dead in the lake where he had committed suicide the man killing case will not require a grand jury investigation.

The Sheep Killing.

The sheep killing case created much interest. It was alleged that Asa Carey killed and ate a pet sheep owned by Willis White. The case is one which has been hanging fire. It is said that Jeff Hayes was the chief witness and that he is not in the country any more. However, the grand jury apparently did not have sufficient evidence and returned not a true bill and the defendant was discharged and the bonds released.

The Hog Killing

The hog killing case it is said, will be quite interesting when it comes to trial. An indictment was returned against a man for killing one or more hogs and the hog killer will be arrested. One witness before the grand jury was brought many miles from back in the mountains to testify in the case. While the details of the charge in the indictment have not yet been made known, it is said that it will be alleged that the accused killed and butchered a hog owned by another man.

Other Killings.

The dog killing case was dropped on account of some technical errors. There were several deer killing cases where it was alleged that the accused slaughtered the game out of season. One man is in jail awaiting indictment on a charge of having deer meat in his possession illegally.

A Near Killing.

Coleman Roberts was one of the two prisoners who were waiting for the grand jury to act. He was arrested in the southern part of the county and it is alleged that he pounded another man with a hammer, so severely that his victim was badly hurt.

There are several other matters which may be investigated and which may develop highly sensational features.

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Loin Mutton Chops	15c
Loin Veal Chops	15c
Loin Lamb Chops	16c
Leg of Lamb	16c
Pork Chops	15c
Shoulder Pork	15c
Loin Pork	18c
Leg of Pork	18c
Corn Beef	12c
Veal Steaks	12c
Shoulder Veal	12 1/2 to 13c
Shoulder Veal Chops	14c

Enterprise Market

CURRY COUNTY GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES LAKEPORT SCHOOL

Worry Over Reported Shortage in District Funds Caused Neff-Wittmann Deaths

(Special to The Times.)

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 27.—While the body of R. B. Neff, murderer-suicide, and terrorizer of the Lakeport neighborhood, was being dragged from Flores Lake where the fugitive had ended his life, the grand jury of the Curry County circuit court was starting a probe into the financial affairs of the Lakeport district which are said to have led up to the killing.

It appears that there has been discovered a shortage in the school funds amounting to some \$500. Those acquainted with Neff say that the old man had worried about the school shortage and feared that he, as a property owner, would suffer financially when tax payers must make up the shortage.

It is explained that Neff lived alone and brooded over the matter. He was against Charles Walker, the teacher, and whose wife is clerk of the district. Neff attempted to kill Walker but did not succeed. It is supposed Neff killed Wittmann because he thought Wittmann was a sympathizer with Walker.

Then the grand jury started an investigation of the financial affairs of the school district. The money troubles of the school have caused a murder and a suicide and some one may be found guilty of causing the shortage.

PORT ORFORD BRASS BAND IS A FINE ONE

Leader R. W. Buffon Has Good Musical Organization—One of Attractions There

(Special to The Times.)

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Aug. 27.—One feature of public entertainment in Port Orford which attracts more attention than anything else is the brass band. It is known as the Port Orford Band and it is a musical organization which would do credit to any locality and which furnishes much enjoyment for the people of the place. The band plays for local dances and on other occasions and at the Agate Carnival was one of the big drawing cards, furnishing music through the day and for the dances every night. In an enormous dance hall which was erected for the occasion the band allured hundreds to the dance floor.

The band has only been playing for the past four months but the members have taken hold of the work with much enthusiasm. They decided that a good band was one of the best advertisements for the place and they set about to make their band a really good one and succeeded.

The leader of the band is R. W. Buffon who came from Arago. Mr. Buffon has been leader of eight different bands in the state and had given up band work but when he came to Port Orford he found the band boys making a struggle to organize so agreed to take them in hand. His efforts have been rewarded by a splendidly trained musical body which will do much to advertise Port Orford.

The following are the members of the band: N. H. Larson, Jack Zumwalt, Louis Knapp, Win Cope, Robert Thom, Andrew Spurgeon, Lynn Woodcock, Merl Woodcock, Weston Zumwalt, Clyde Davidson, Lowell Johnson, Delmar Wright, E. J. Loney, Eugene White, Herbert Uclean, Bernil Forty, John Stone, N. E. Woodcock.

BAD RIVER INDIANS NOW RICHEST TRIBE

Nearly Million Dollars Worth of Pine Timber Near Ashland, Wis., to be Sold

ASHLAND, Wis., Aug. 27.—Pine timber valued at \$820,000 on the Bad River reservation, near Ashland, will be distributed among 547 Indians, many of whom are children, according to official notice received by the Indian office from the secretary of the interior. In addition to the timber, each Indian will have title to the land on which the timber stands, averaging about 80 acres for each person.

It is claimed by government experts that the Chippewa Indians of the Bad River reservation are the richest tribe in America, with one exception. They have more than a million and a half dollars to their credit in the vaults of Ashland and Duluth from the sale of pine from former allotments.

Have your programs printed at The Times office.

JUDGE CALKINS HOLDS THAT LOSS IS WITHOUT ANGUISH

Even Though the Canine is Worth \$750, Owner Does Not Suffer Serious Pain

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 27.—Loss of a dog, although the animal may be valued at \$750, cannot cause the owner any mental anguish, according to the decision of Circuit Court Judge Calkins in an interesting damage case which came up at their term of the Curry County circuit court. The case did not come to trial but it went far enough to bring out some unusual details.

A man named Fox owned a fine Airedale terrier which was killed by two other men. It is understood that the defense did not intend to deny the fact that the dog was killed but intended to allege that the dog had killed a hog and in retaliation the dog was killed.

Asked Big Damages.
The owner of the dog brought suit for \$750 for the value of the dog and \$400 further damages because of the mental anguish caused by the untimely death of the dog. The defense filed a demurrer. It was alleged by the owner in his bill that the dog was worth \$750 because it had been trained to kill varmints upon which large bounties are paid and that consequently the dog was capable of earning the owner large sums of money and was therefore worth \$750 and that loss to that amount was sustained by reason of his being killed.

Might Not be Good

The defendants in the demurrer claimed that while the dog may have been trained to kill wild animals it was not shown that the animals had ever killed any and therefore was not shown to be of any great value.

On this point the judge decided that the plaintiff should not have introduced evidence in the complaint, and that it would have been proper to have stated the value of the dog but that the reason of such value should have been proved later by evidence.

No Mental Anguish.

On the point of wanting \$400 for easing of the mental anguish the defense claimed in the demurrer that the owner could not feel anguish for the loss of a dog but could only experience such feeling as in relation to a human being.

Upheld by Judge.

Judge Calkins sustained this contention. He held that the loss of personal property could not bring about mental anguish in a human being, and a dog in the eyes of the law is personal property. The owner of the dog therefore cannot get \$400 on that score and there is now on record a circuit court decision in Curry County that the death of a dog cannot cause the owner any pain, however valuable or faithful the dog may be.

In Wrong Form.

Judge Calkins held that the objection to the complaint should not have been brought in the shape of a demurrer unless against the whole complaint. He said it should have been asked to strike each separate paragraph from the complaint but he allowed the change to be made in order that the points at issue could be brought out.

The case in its present state was thus dropped which was disappointing to many dog owners in the court room who were anxious to see what would be the final issue.

Dogs Valuable.

Dogs in Curry County are highly important personal property because they are used for hunting purposes and for handling horses and cattle and also because all dogs are assessed at a valuation of \$100 each so they must be worth while keeping and sufficiently busy to earn their taxes.

STONES FLY AT QUARRY

A blast at the quarry raised a 500 pound stone which in its fall came through the roof that covers the hoisting engine to the south of the cut. The stone hit the boiler of the engine and made a large dent in it. On a recent occasion a large stone was sent down in the region of the Queen Anne cottage. Bandon Recorder.

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