

### Many Improvements Made On Coquille River Harbor

COQUILLE river as a harbor has been improved to such an extent that it is reaching an importance it never before had on the Oregon coast. Work has been done by the port of Bandon and by the government as well.

For the government project there was an appropriation of \$90,000. When the present work is completed about \$70,000 to \$72,000 of this money will have been used and the port commission will ask for the further expenditure of the rest of the money, and will put up more money to be spent with it.

#### Jetty Was Built

The government project has been in charge of Engineer C. R. Wright who has been located at Bandon and has given the work his personal supervision. David Patterson has been forman of the work. There has been built on the north side of the river a new jetty which cuts off the side channel of water which, coming across the sand caused a shoal in the main channel of the river. This north jetty extends as it will in brief, cause the river to scour out and deepen the water on the bar. The improvement is a highly important one and greatly improves the entrance of the harbor.

To do this work a quarry was opened at the old Tupper rock, which same rock was used years ago in the jetty. The rock was transported on a tramway and used to build the jetty.

#### The Port Proposal

What the Port of Bandon now proposes is to have built inside the

bar more of the south jetty which would extend it almost a straight line in front of the city. This would prevent a flow of water over a certain territory of tide flats where the force of the tide is now lost, and would have a further tendency to keep the bar scoured out. It is also desired to extend the north jetty still farther.

The Port Commission is asking the government that the balance of the appropriation, probably in the neighborhood of \$20,000 be available for this purpose and will put up with it \$25,000 which will be authorized by a bond issue.

#### Good Work Done

The Port Commission of the Port of Bandon is composed of the following members; President, R. H. Ross; vice president, E. E. Johnson; treasurer, T. P. Hanley, secretary, J. E. Norton; Commissioner, A. McNair.

The port has done some highly beneficial work. The sum of \$46,000 has been expended in dredging. The money raised by taxes had accumulated for several years and with what will be coming in this year there will be enough to settle for the project. The work was done under contract with the dredge Seattle and has resulted in making the river navigable from the bar to Coquille.

Altogether there has been expended by the government and the Port of Bandon something in the neighborhood of \$120,000 resulting in making the Coquille river a much finer shipping point than it has ever been before.

### THE WATER CO. HAS PUT NEW SERVICE IN AT NORTH BEND

THIS has been a quiet year with the Coos Bay Water company, the greater part of their improvements being made over a year ago when a young fortune was spent in laying new mains and relaying the old ones, besides making other improvements. In 1915 about \$13,000 was spent in actual improvement, and this does not include the thousands of dollars spent for actual operating expenses.

The bulk of this year's work has been in North Bend where, because of the street improvements, much new pipe was laid. Since last April until sometime in September the company kept a crew of men, running from three to eight men, constantly at work on new construction.

Cast iron eight inch pipes were laid the entire length of the paving on Sherman, about 3,300 feet. There was laid 300 feet more on Washington, about 1,000 feet relaid on McPherson and new work on Virginia.

In Marshfield about 1,300 feet of new mains was laid and some 600 feet of replacement made.

### WOMEN AND GIRLS IN DEMAND FOR WORK

Practically Everyone Who Is Capable Can Easily Find Employment in London

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Owing to active recruiting, the shortage of men in the labor market has become more acute and has greatly increased the demand for women and young girls as subordinates. Practically everyone capable of working, says the Board of Trade Labor Gazette, and it is evident that still larger numbers of women and girls not previously employed in trade and industry are required in many occupations.

Compared with October 1914, there was a general improvement, especially marked in industries engaged in supplying the requirements of the forces.

War bonuses and increases in wages taking effect in October affecting 180,000 workpeople amounted to about \$115,000 a week.

There is a general scarcity of collar workers, farm hands and navvies, and the demand for work people is still greatly in excess of the supply in engineering and shipbuilding and metal trades, and with regard to women, the demand for textile workers is still unsatisfied.

### INDIGO INDUSTRY REVIVED IN CHINA

Great Demand for the Product and Record Prices Are Now Being Paid

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The absence of the usual supplies of German synthetic indigo from the leading markets of the world has led to an eager demand for the natural product and record prices are being paid for the small quantities of this indispensable blue dye which comes from India. India is the principal producing country but the expanding demand for indigo has led to a revival of the industry in China where interesting developments are expected.

An estimate from the Punjab district of India states that the area under indigo represents over 14 per cent of the total area planted in British India, but the condition of the standing crops is said to be below average, and the yield from all standing crops will probably be small.

### CITY OF SAXONY HAS TAXED THE UNMARRIED

In First of the German Municipalities to Take Action of This Nature

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The city of Oschatz in Saxony is the first German municipality to impose an extra tax upon the unmarried. Two or three other German towns have a tax on bachelors, but the new Oschatz law applies alike to male and female. Only Catholic priests are exempt. Other unmarried persons above 21 must pay above their regular municipal tax: On incomes from 1,800 to 2,400 marks yearly, five percent; 2,400 to 4,000 marks, ten percent; 4,000 to 6,300 marks, fifteen percent; 6,300 to 10,000 marks, twenty percent and above 10,000 marks, twenty-five percent.

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### FIRE LOSSES OF YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN VERY BIG

FIRES occurring in the city limits of Marshfield in the past 12 months caused a total property loss of approximately \$7,200. The volunteer fire department answered something like 22 calls.

The worst of the fires were outside the actual city limits where the department rendered help. Of the total alarms responded to, three calls were in North Bend at fires in which the property losses amounted to about \$12,000, and a fourth outside call, at the Skerrett garage fire, and a fifth call to Bunker Hill in February when seven lives were lost in the Craig boarding house fire at the Smith mill and a loss of \$10,000 incurred.

Work is Efficient Tabulation of results at the end of the year show the work of the fire department and the up-to-the-minute fire fighting apparatus to have been satisfactorily efficient. To the methods of the volunteer firemen and the work of the auto fire truck is due the fortunate fact that that many of the fires did not amount into losses of thousands of dollars. The fire truck was purchased in October, 1914, and since that time has saved property many times its entire cost of \$9,500.

Date	Location	Loss
Jan 30	Squires bldg., Bunker Hill	\$1,500
Feb. 2	Oregon Power Co., Porter Mill	6,000
Feb. 17	The Craig Boarding House, Bunker Hill, seven lives lost	10,000
Feb. 23	H. Wells' residence	100
March 10	Loggie Hall, North Bend	3,000
April 3	LeMieux Paint Store	1,100
April 26	False Alarm	
June 14	W. A. Reid residence	75
June 22	Nelson Iron Works	100
July 25	F. P. Norton residence	50
July 29	Matlock bldg.	25
August 11	Pugsley Candy Company	25
August 24	Hilyer Cigar Store	75
Sept. 13	Rev. Gregg's residence	4,500
Sept. 19	Brush Fire, North Bend	3,000
Nov. 20	Lloyd Hotel	1,000
Nov. 24	Rev. Thorpe's residence	50
Nov. 24	O. M. Johnson Home	75
Nov. 28	Over Coos Bay News office	25
December 4	Odd Fellows' Hall	10
Total		\$30,710

### CAMBRIDGE MEN ARE FIGHTING FOR ENGLAND

Over Eleven Thousand of Them Are At the Front With the British Armies

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Over 11,000 Cambridge men are now fighting with the colors, according to the university's latest war list. Of these men, 14 have been killed, 900 wounded and 123 missing or prisoners of war. Three have won the Victoria Cross and others have received medals for distinguished conduct. Trinity heads the colleges with 2,500 soldiers and Pembroke with 1,052.

### QUANTITIES OF FRUIT ARE BEING PRESERVED

Germans Are Retaining All that is Not Eaten Fresh by the People

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The unusually large crop of fruit throughout Germany this fall has made unnecessary the existence of a conservation organization known as the "War Committee of the Fruit Manufacturing Industry." This, composed of manufacturers of preserves and marmalades, was formed when it was feared that large quantities of fruit would go to waste unless some step was taken to make it into substitutes for butter and fat.

Individual manufacturers all over Germany have taken the initiative themselves, however, and report that because of the good season they have produced twice as much marmalade as usual. Virtually all the rest of the crop not so used has been eaten as fresh fruit. No less than 200 German cities have imported carloads of apples, pears and the like for their population. Germany not only has eaten an unprecedented amount of fruit this season, but has also a record amount of preserved fruit on hand for future needs.

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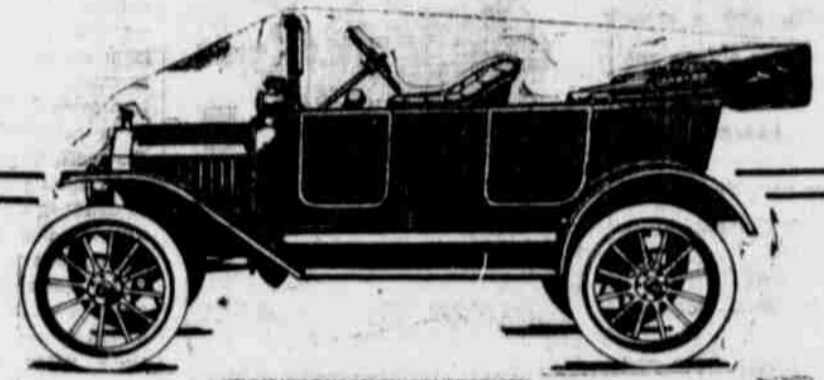


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