



Parkersburg in Ashes.

Coquille Mill and Tug Co. Property Burned Last Saturday.

The little town of Parkersburg, seven miles up the river, was practically destroyed by fire last Saturday, the Kronenberg and Gehlke residences and two of the company houses being all that remains of the busy little sawmill town. The sawmill, general store, warehouse, bar, boarding house, five bunk houses, five or six residences, more than a million feet of lumber and the wharf are in smoldering ruins. It was only by hard work that the few remaining buildings were saved. The loss is total as there was no insurance.

Friday the schoolhouse was burned. It is supposed that the fire was started by a spark from the old sawdust pile under the chute. As everything was dry as tinder water was used all afternoon and night to prevent the fire from breaking out afresh in other places, and Saturday morning it looked like there was no further danger. However at 12:15 the north end of the wharf was discovered to be a mass of seething flames and was gaining such headway that there was no hopes of extinguishing it and the efforts of all were confined to saving what they could from the buildings. The fire spread with such rapidity that the heat soon drove the workers away from the buildings and practically nothing was saved. Through the efforts of Miss Sadie Fahy, the bookkeeper, most of the valuable papers and record books of the company were saved. In the postoffice the postal funds and stamps were secured but the latter were badly damaged. Practically all of the records and supplies were burned. The men lost all their belongings and a number of families were burned out completely and had no place to go. The fire was first discovered at 12:15 and at 1:45 the entire place was in ashes.

The schooners *Advance* and *Oregon* were alongside the wharf when the fire broke out. The *Advance* cut off the headlines and sailed out into the river but the *Oregon* was not so fortunate. Her sails were burned off and one side badly scorched. The steamer *Liberty* put a line on the

Oregon and towed her into the river. The tug was just coming up the river and the two boats extinguished the fire on the schooner with their hose. The sawmill, store and practically all the property burned was owned by the Doe estate. The loss will probably be \$40,000 to 50,000. The estate has never been settled up so it is not as yet known what the plans for the future will be but it is certain that mill will be rebuilt at Parkersburg or some other site on the lower river as the Doe estate owns one of the finest tracts of timber in Coos county.

Another of the towns in Oregon that voted dry at the late election has voted a wet charter under the constitutional amendment, Freewater, Saturday, taking its place alongside Coquille. Freewater and Coquille are the only two places that have by the medium of special elections voted for saloons, but there are several others which are seriously considering the advisability of following suit.

Unless some legal action is taken by the temperance workers to prevent the exemption of dry towns from the local-option law under the provisions of the constitutional amendment, which permits cities to enact their own charters, special elections may soon become the order of the day all through the dry belts. Some other cities are holding off until the issue has been settled in the courts.

There is much significance attached to the Coquille and Freewater elections, as they show that unless the local-option law is a part of the criminal law, much of the effect of the last elections will be undone. Many of the cities which are now dry voted wet, but being linked with other districts could not overcome the heavy prohibition vote. They were voted dry against their will. Among the Oregon towns that may hold special elections to adopt new charters so that the sale of liquor may be licensed are: Enterprise, Lostine, Joseph, Wallowa County, Wasco, Sherman County, and Eugene, Albany and McMinnville.

If the pretty girl knew how tempting she looked when she clasped her hands behind her and leans back in her chair, she would do it, just the same.—Somerville Journal.

Mrs. T. Anderson was an up-river visitor Tuesday.

A. J. Hartman returned on the *Elizabeth* from San Francisco.

James Lamont returned from a trip to San Francisco last week.

Sept. 5th to 8th are the dates set for the Roseburg District Fair.

Mrs. S. R. Charleson has been visiting Myrtle Point friends the past week.

J. T. Mars is having his billiard emporium treated to a new coat of paint.

Capt. Ellingson and wife have returned from a month's visit on Puget Sound.

Capt. and Mrs. Staynes of the Salvation Army are in town holding meetings.

Mrs. A. Erickson returned Friday from a visit with relatives at Ferndale, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and son left yesterday for their home in San Francisco.

J. P. Tupper came down from Coquille last evening to look after business matters.

Tom Lewis returned last week from Nome where he has been employed for some time.

M. McDonald, the Coquille barber, was down yesterday enjoying the ozone from the briny deep.

J. L. Kronenberg and A. J. Sherwood have purchased the interest of Messrs. Crites and Peddler in the Aberdeen mill.

Hundreds of strangers are now visiting Bandon every week. The hotels and rooming houses are taxed to their utmost capacity.

Don't forget that you can have your horse shod at the old Stand by Field, the Shoer, or any other work that you may need in this line.

Mrs. Nels Rasmussen, Mrs. Ada Simpson and Miss Mollie Fahy were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes at *Ospe Blanco* the latter part of last week.

Miss Irene Lamb of Coquille, graduate in music of Columbia College, Milton, Oregon, is prepared to give lessons on piano and mandolin in Bandon, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Terms 50 cents an hour. Inquiries of Mrs. Chas. Kime.

The following teachers from this vicinity attended the Institute at North Bend, last week: Misses Bertha Wilkins, Annie M. Waldvogel, Martha Blondell, Ida Gamble, Theresa Hanly, Beatrice McLeod, Mrs. E. M. Sackett.

The keel has been laid for another big steam schooner at the Henckendorff ship yard. The new vessel is being built for Hooper & Co. of San Francisco, and will carry a cargo of 850,000 feet of lumber. Capt. Lundquist is here to look after the building of the vessel.

Grand Chancellor M. F. Davis, of Union, Oregon, and F. S. Grant, of Portland, visited Bandon last Saturday and Sunday. A special meeting of the lodge was called for Saturday evening, and a most enjoyable social evening was reported. A splendid banquet was served to cap the festivities of the evening. Messrs. Davis and Grant were well pleased with the city by the sea.

Capt. Ablin of San Francisco was visiting his old shipmate, Capt. Johnson at the U. S. station a few days this week. Capt. Ablin will be the master of the new steam schooner *Casco* which will be launched at Marshfield Saturday night. This vessel will go on the Bandon-San Francisco run and load at the Aberdeen mill. She will carry 450,000 ft. of lumber and is said to be a fine vessel.

Florence West—

In order to get lumber to San Francisco, and other California cities, shippers are engaging tugs to tow old schooners from the lumber-cutting ports of the southern Oregon coast to San Francisco. It is figured that by this method the amount of lumber that can be handled by each vessel can be doubled. The *Portland Journal* states that freight rates have advanced about 80 per cent during the past year, the present rates from northern ports to San Francisco ranging from \$6.50 to \$7.00 per thousand feet.

H. A. Gross and wife returned last week from Cottage Grove.

R. C. Dement and family of Myrtle Point were beach visitors Friday.

J. E. Quick of Coquille was in town yesterday watching Bandon grow.

House and four lots in Bandon \$650, Bandon Real Estate & Loan Co.

Geo. P. Laird went to the Bay yesterday; will return this evening.

Large business block in Bandon, \$4000, Bandon Real Estate & Loan Co.

P. B. Hoyt returned the latter part of the week from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Tom White and children returned home from Coquille last Wednesday.

Mrs. B. N. Harrington has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in the northern part of the state.

Rev. Horsfall will hold services in St. John's church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:30.

Geo. Button's baby was quite seriously scalded one day last week by falling into a tub of hot water.

Stm. *Liberty* was running on the Dispatch schedule two days this week while the latter made special trips with freight to Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gallier left yesterday morning for Illinois and Iowa where they will spend two or three months visiting relatives. They took passage on *stm. Alliance* for Portland.

E. A. Barnett, of near Myrtle Point returned from the Bay yesterday and proceeded to Bandon where he will visit his motherless children who are being kept by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wandling.—Herald.

The loss of Oregon timber, resulting from the recent forest fires has been something enormous. It is roughly estimated that fully 5,000 square miles have been burned over, this season.

J. C. Corson of Java, South Dakota, J. B. Corson of Decatur, Indiana, and L. Corson of Kent, Wash., were here visiting their brothers. It was the first time that all have been together for fifty years.

Martin Peterson, a 15-year old boy employed at the Deau Co. sawmill had an arm caught in the rollers of the planer and horribly mangled last Monday. The arm was amputated just below the shoulder.

The *Recorder* has a communication from Drain stating that 200 mules and grading outfit for the new railroad was unloaded there Sunday and five or six hundred men were expected within a few days.

A farewell party was given Miss Blanche Stitt by the young people at her home last Monday evening. She left Tuesday morning for Myrtle Point where she spent a day with friends and joined her parents Wednesday on their way to the Willamette valley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stitt left yesterday morning for Springfield, Yaquina Bay and other points where they will visit relatives and also look for a new location. Their many friends here regret to see them leave but wish them health and prosperity wherever they may choose to make their future home.

Both the Coquille and Johnson sawmills are scenes of activity just at present, owing to the loading of vessels now in Coos Bay. The Coquille mill has been running five quarter time since Tuesday to finish out cargoes, and car loaders have also worked overtime while trains have moved steadily backward and forward. The Johnson mill is also supplying cargoes, and would run night and day were the labor to be had.—Sentinel.

The announcement that work has actually commenced on the railroad is sure to create an increased activity in Bandon realty. Even at the present time is probably more building being done here than in any town in the county and the prospect for securing several big enterprises employing hundreds of people was never brighter. Bandon, with the railroad, will have excellent shipping facilities and manufacturing enterprises look with favor upon places that have an outlet by both rail and water.

Spreckels Paid His Million.

Southern Pacific Hands Over Fortune for Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern.

Payment was made yesterday by the Southern Pacific to the Spreckels interests for the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railway, recently purchased by the Harriman company. The amount of money transferred was something over \$1,000,000. What- over consideration passed aside from this sum is not known.

The transaction is said to have been the largest single deal affecting San Francisco capitalists since the earthquake and fire. It is believed to precede immediate development of the Harriman plan to have two trunk lines between Portland and San Francisco, the coast line diverging at Drain and running south via Coos Bay and Eureka.

Contracts for the first 20 miles of the line from Drain westward have been let to the C. E. Loss company of Portland and San Francisco, and men horses and materials are being assembled for the beginning of grading September 1. The line will connect at Marshfield with the Coos Bay road purchased from the Spreckels, and about 25 miles of this road southward will be used. The purchase includes the Beaver Hill coal mines, south of Marshfield, and other coal lands in the vicinity; also bunkers at Marshfield and two steamships.

Southern Pacific engineers are making surveys for continuing the road south to Eureka. The section for which contracts have already been let, from Drain westward, amount to about \$2,500,000. This will, it is said be the most expensive part of the road. It will include three tunnels, one of them 3000 feet long, and much rock work on the route through the

Coast range and down the Umpqua river to the Ten Mile lakes, where the road turns toward North Bend and Marshfield.—Journal.

House and lot on First St., Bandon, \$775, Bandon Real Estate & Loan Co.

Mr. Delong and wife of Spokane are new arrivals and have taken up a homestead on Fourmile.

Geo. Henry sends word to direct his *Recorder* to Klamath Falls as he is located there for the present.

Rube Gardner returned last Tuesday from Klamath Falls, where he has been working the past six months.

A. S. Emerson of Multnomah county has purchased two lots in Woolen Mill addition, of E. Dyer. Consideration \$175.

The Wheeler Real Estate Co. has purchased the Snook tract of 34 acres in the south part of town and will have same platted and put on the market at once. They have sold an interest to I. S. Kaufman & Co. This is a very desirable residence section and we predict that lots will go like hot cakes.

The Yaquina Bay life saving station will soon be changed from its present location to the old light-house reserve on the north side of the bay. The old light-house will be used for quarters for the crew and the captain will reside in the old dwelling-house, while the tower will be a look-out station. It has not been decided what to do with the present station building down the coast, but the boathouse will be used to keep an extra boat and beach gear for convenience in case of a wreck in that vicinity.

Susie had tried the teachers patience sorely, and when the latter looked up and saw the girl chewing gum, with her feet sprawling into the aisle, she said:

"Susie Jones, take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

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