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Talks Electric Line to Prosper

Latest Seeker for Municipal Franchise Has Larger Plans in View.

The great majority of the many who are eager to see an electric franchise from the city of Bandon appeared in town last week. He formed the acquaintance of our law while here, as he remained but two days, claiming to have been suddenly called away and would not return in the near future.

The gentleman made known to one of our prominent citizens that he represented important interests, and if the city would give him an electric franchise he would not only install a lighting plant but would build an electric road from here to Prosper that would eventually lead over the coast.

Bandon and the lower Coquille have more genuine prosperity in sight than any other portion of Coos county, he said with emphasis. "The interests I represent are only too anxious to invest heavily in this section just as many others are doing and will do. You have assuredly the best part of the county, and a promising future is your store. Why? Look at your new mills, new shipyards and other manufacturing industries. Such things are bound to be attracted to the timber-producing localities when an avenue of market exists therein. And a railroad from San Francisco will but make that avenue more complete."

This is the sort of sentiment we hear daily from outsiders. But wouldn't it be nice to ride to Prosper on the horseless car?

Gus Hanson Succumbs.

C. A. Hanson, whose terrible accident early last week at Lampas was recorded in our columns last week, died of his injuries Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, the loss of blood having been so great and his condition so weakened that recovery was out of the question. Of the unfortunate man the Herald has this to say:

The deceased was born at Marshfield July 11, 1876, and was thus, in his 31st year. He leaves father and mother, M. and Mrs. C. A. Hanson, of Silverton, Oregon, 2 brothers and 5 sisters, a living wife and three little children to mourn his sad and sudden taking of. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Ellis.

The schooner C. T. Hill and gasoline schooner E. A. Newman, both lumber laden, were towed over Coquille bar this morning bound for S. F.

Doings at the Price Shipyard

Sheds Raised, One Vessel is Started, and a Second to Start.

There is a genuine state of activity at both the Price and Hueckendorff shipyards on the lower Coquille. At the former a huge new shed rises high over a vessel under construction. The shed will serve as a protection from both winter and summer weather. The vessel, for which the framework is now being made, will be the property of Mitchell & Freeman of San Francisco. Her length over all is 197 feet. Two more of like size—all steam schooners—are to be built for the same firm, but they will run to other ports.

Arriving from San Francisco, via Coos bay, last week was Mr. A. M. Greenough, the regular inspector of construction employed by Messrs. Mitchell & Freeman. Mr. Greenough came at once to Bandon where he will remain indefinitely as the agent of the building firm. He is a most pleasant gentleman, and is very much impressed with our busy locality.

Mr. Price, the shipyard owner, informs the Recorder that he expects to lay the keel for the Estabrook steamer about tomorrow. This vessel, along with the "Bandon," is to engage in the Coquille-San Francisco trade. It is understood that her skipper will be none other than Capt. Levi Snyder, the old-time pilot of this river and coast.

One of the greatest difficulties encountered by the shipyard men is that of procuring enough carpenters. They appear to be the scarcest labor just at present. Mr. Price has just wired to Eureka in the hope of obtaining six or eight No. 1 ship carpenters. The draughting room of the yard was moved last week Bandon to the Hambrook premises.

The barge Chinook, loaded, is still moored at Bandon waiting for a tug to take her in tow. Capt. Lovell says that the Wizard, which was recently burned at S. F., will not be ready to again handle his barge for ten days or more. Capt. Levi Snyder expects to go below to assume command of the Wizard. The Redondo, now in Coos bay, will probably tow the Chinook to San Francisco.

Remember that the Recorder's big voting contest comes to a close next Wednesday at 6 p. m. Bring in all votes before that hour. Sewing machine and bedroom set are the prizes.

Local Items.

Don't forget that Dr. Steele, dentist, is located in Bandon.

Cash paid for sacks by the Bandon Commercial Co.

T. W. Robison has been suffering from illness.

Mrs. H. A. Cox was reported quite ill this week.

Mrs. W. H. Button and her sister are both suffering considerably from tonsillitis.

O. P. Haugensen, the mine host of Langlois, made a flying trip to Bandon last Friday.

Deposit your votes in the Recorder's prize-giving contest before next Wednesday at 6 p. m.

Clothes cleaned and pressed in a workmanlike manner. Leave orders at P. B. Hoyt's barber shop.

Chas. McKillips of North Bend was over to the coming city Monday talking sewing machine to our people.

Jack Klein, traveling agent for Old Campo Rye, was in town again this week on his regular quarterly visit.

Mrs. Tuttle of Coquille spent Friday and Saturday as the guest of her daughter here, Mrs. Ed Gallier.

Albert Smith, a contractor by trade, has come to Bandon to locate. See his card in our columns this week.

Ed Ellingson returned Tuesday from his business trip to Portland. While there he invested in new goods for his furniture store.

Clarence Boice is tearing down the old house near the life savers' dwelling preparatory to putting up a new one of two stories in March.

J. P. Tapper's saloon, Ben Schuyler manager, has been given a coat of paint and a very pretty sign lettered on the front by artist Keene.

J. Waldvogel submitted to the amputation of his little finger last Monday on account of blood poisoning. Dr. Houston removed the digit.

Inadvertently we omitted to state last week that the home of Chas. Lorenz was blessed by the arrival of a new son Jan. 14th. Mother and child are both doing nicely.

Bandon has another addition to her musical fraternity in the person of Mr. Leo Dressler who arrived from below Monday evening. The young gentleman is an old friend of John Monroe, and is an expert cornetist.

Mrs. Geo. H. Baxter and Miss Dollie Skeels came down from Coquille Monday evening to get acquainted with their new nephew, Chas. Lorenz, Jr. The Recorder acknowledges a pleasant call from the ladies.

Mrs. Mary Russell, the lady who has long been a sufferer at her home in Prosper, and for whom a benefit was given two weeks ago, died last evening, aged 30 years. Further particulars of her life and death will be published next week.

C. Timmons, owner of the cannery wharf, intends applying for permission, it is said, to extend the wharf about 50 feet farther into the stream. We also learn that the Bandon Manufacturing Co. have in mind the building of a wharf just to the north of the woolen mill.

The new Prosper townsite, having been formally dedicated by order of the County Court, was placed upon the market Tuesday morning. There was an immediate rush for building lots, and the sales the first day were phenomenal, running up to exactly 48 transfers. The rush continues.

The ladies of the Robekah lodge are planning to put on a drama some time in March. Just what the play will be is not yet decided, but our readers have the assurance it will be something first class. There is some good dramatic talent among the members of this lodge. Particulars later.

Claud Tuttle, while working at Crane's Camp last Saturday, met with a very painful accident which might have been more serious in its consequences. He was struck in the face by a flying "cham shot," the blow being sufficient to knock out two or three teeth and break one of the bones of his jaw. He came to Bandon that evening, and has since been laying by for repairs.

Local Items.

For reliable watch repairing go to V. R. Wilson, Coquille, Ore.

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James E. Walstrom returned home from his trip to San Francisco per steamer Breakwater the first of the week.

When your watch needs repairing take or send it to V. R. Wilson, "The Watchmaker," over 20 years' experience. Office at Coquille.

Posters will be struck off Saturday for the fancy dress ball to be given Feb. 23rd by Bandon lodge of Odd Fellows. A big time is in preparation.

There are a few holes in our wharves which if repaired would be a great stroke for the protection of life and limb and improve the looks of things wonderfully.

Contractor A. M. Hitchcock is rushing forward the new dwelling of Mrs. F. E. Dyer opposite the Hotel Gallier. The house will be occupied by L. J. Radley and wife when completed.

B. F. Smith of the Riverport Lumber Co. was a returning passenger from San Francisco per Breakwater arriving Sunday. That vessel made the run up in the remarkably short time of 30 hours.

The small new building which will be the home of Smith & Rober, our new real estate firm, is about ready for occupancy. Mr. Rober expects to move his family down from Coquille early in the spring.

Word has been received that W. V. Cope submitted to a successful surgical operation at San Francisco several days ago, and is now on the highway to complete recovery. Mr. Cope recently rented his dairy ranch on Floras Creek to J. N. Langlois of Bandon.

H. J. Crippen, the newspaper man who has been conducting R. D. Hume's paper at Wedderburn, married in town Friday night on his way to Coquille, and paid the Recorder a pleasant call. The "Radium," the paper referred to, has been closed down for the winter.

Walter Nelson is expecting a brother to arrive from New York some time next month. The brother who is single, suffered injuries in a recent accident at Detroit, and is only barely able to travel. He will likely make his home in Bandon and engage in some kind of business.

J. S. Barton, manager of the Coquille office of the Title Guarantee and Abstract Co., was a visitor to Bandon last Sunday. This is one of the foremost abstract concerns of the county, Henry Sengstacken being its head and chief manager. See their ad appearing in today's issue of the Recorder.

Harry Wilson of Denmark visited Bandon and the bay since our last. He is still looking for the man who misappropriated his overcoat from the local livery stable some time ago. The loss of the coat is not so much regretted as is that of valuable papers which were contained in the pockets. It was a contemptible case of petty thievery, to say the least.

Next Saturday evening, Jan. 26th, occurs the eleventh annual ball of the Foresters of America. All arrangements for a splendid affair are practically completed, and a good time is assured. The Foresters know how to entertain. The music will be first class, and the hall artistically decorated. Everybody invited to come and share in the festivities.

News reaches the Recorder that Miss Mona Lambert became a bride in Portland on Sunday last, Jan. 20th. The one of her choice is Mr. Clark Jackson, a well-to-do Portlandite, who holds a lucrative position with Wells, Fargo & Co. Miss Lambert left Bandon about six months ago. She is a sister of Mrs. Bert Walker, and has many friends who will congratulate her upon the matrimonial venture.

Old Jess' Bones Do Rise Ag'in.

Discovery of a Mysterious Grave Has a Rather Humorous Ending.

Marshal Ed Henry and E. M. Blackerby were the two brave citizens who solved the mystery concerning the grave found in West Bandon addition ten days ago by C. S. McCulloch et al.

With picks and shovels, and a curious throng at their heels the officer and his assistant betook themselves to the scene of the unexplained mound, last Friday afternoon. Someone suggested that the investigation be deferred until the midnight hour, but at the mention of this Blackerby's molars rattled like the dry bones which he later uncovered, and his pipe fell unconsciously from unsteady lips. "My dear Henry, you begin first," quoth Blackerby when the desolate spot had been reached.

"No, my dear Blackerby, you begin first," retorted the better looking inquisitor.

"I implore and insist that you begin first, my very dear Henry."

"Let us both begin first" was the ultimate compromise effected, and then the dirt began to fly.

A few minutes later the ribs of the unoffending dead were laid bare in the sunlight, and loomed very much as do those of a schooner under construction at a near-by shipyard. Then the long peaceful face of old Jess, Col. Rosa's erstwhile pet, was uncovered to view, and the air became kindled with suffocating fumes and the justified wrath of the exhumers simultaneously.

No crime had been committed!

Blackerby emitted a piteous groan that resembled that of the piledriver, and then the sound of hurrying feet told that all hands were scurrying for more salubrious climes.

Jess, the Col.'s well known mare, was buried there a year or more ago, and some one placed a head board over the grave as a joke presumably. Whoever knew the identity of the grave failed to make known the fact and thus save the trouble of an investigation which was but natural under the circumstances.

Some Realty Changes.

There is always something doing in Bandon real estate. This week we have to record the following sales:

John Anderson sold his place south of town to Chris and Nels Rasmussen. John Long buys the Bates place on Two-mile.

Col. Rosa sells 160 acres this side of his mill to Henry Sengstacken of Marshfield, J. S. Barton effecting the purchase last Monday. The land is considered valuable for its coal deposits.

Two lots by Nels Rasmussen, two by Walter Nelson and one by Howard Culver, all known as the Crawford lots on the hill, were purchased this week.

Our New Charter.

Attorney George P. Topping, who is still at work on the new charter for the city of Bandon, informs us that the document will cover no less than 100 type-written pages. He is devoting as much time as possible to its preparation, and hopes to have it finished during the latter days of the Legislative session when it will be forwarded to Salem for the consideration of our law-making body. Mr. Topping feels convinced that the old course of submitting to the Legislature is the best to follow, and it is to be hoped his judgment is correct, as the urgent need of a new charter would make a serious matter of any mistakes at this time.

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