



PROPOSED CHARTER AND AREA EXTENSION

MR. WADE EXPLAINS FEATURES THEREOF

He Elucidates Certain Questions of Obscure Meaning to Some.

EDITOR RECORDER: I hear much comment, pro and con, relative to the proposed new charter, and of the mode of conducting the special election, from which discussion I find there are some who misunderstand the methods by which the election will be conducted, and also some of the provisions of the charter, and I beg to submit a brief explanation.

First, as to the extension of territory, the question will be submitted separately to the people of the town and to the people living within the territory so proposed to be annexed. Ballots of different form will be submitted to each district, deposited in separate ballot boxes, kept, counted and canvassed separately. First will be counted the ballots of those living in the territory so proposed to be annexed, and if it be found that a majority thereof be in favor of annexation (and only in such event) then the votes cast by the citizens of the town will be counted and canvassed, and, only in the event of a majority thereof in both districts, will the limits be extended. It must be by the mutual agreement of both districts, expressed by a majority vote of both districts. Upon the ballots of the town ticket will be presented two propositions, namely: "For or against the charter," and second, "For or against annexation." Let me say one further word, not as to the merits or demerits of the said charter, but upon one or two points upon which there is a misunderstanding.

Section 2713 of the Oregon Code reads: The Recorder "shall try all persons accused of violating the ordinances without a jury, unless the defendant on demanding a jury shall deposit in the court a sum sufficient to pay the per diem of such jury for one day. Such is the verbatim provision of the Oregon Code, the present law of Bandon, and of all other towns and cities within the State.

That there is no appeal from the Recorder's court from a judgment under \$25 has met opposition. The old English common law knew no appeal from one court to another, and the same can only be made where the same is specifically provided by the State Legislature (and the Oregon Legislature has made no such provision), unless the same be specified in the charter, and in numerous cases by the Oregon Supreme Court has it been held that in no such appeal lies. There is a limitation at the present time to appeal from the Recorder's court in Bandon and other Oregon towns and cities and the provisions of the new charter are no innovation with that respect, but in accordance with the laws of Oregon and other States, which limitation is made for the purpose of weeding out petty cases from the higher courts.

The 20 mill tax provision of the charter is not of itself an assessment, but is a limitation beyond which the council cannot go, but it remains within the discretion of the council to levy a tax to the extent of 10 mills or any sum thereunder. The councilmen must be owners of real

estate, and therefore subject to any tax by them levied, and at all times any tax they may levy is subject to a "called vote" by the people through the referendum petition, and the same may be defeated at any time by the people when by them deemed excessive.

On the other hand, if the charter only provided for a five mill tax, and it became necessary to vote a 7, 8 or 10 mill tax—for instance, in the case of a general fire, plague or other public calamity—the only method by which the 5 mill rate could be exceeded would be by the tedious method of the Initiative petition, not to mention the cost.

These statements are submitted, not with the view of supporting or of antagonizing the charter, but with the hope that it may remove a misunderstanding which seems to prevail, and possibly be of assistance to some in making a decision.

Very respectfully submitted,
C. R. WADE,
Recorder.

The Band Concert.

Last Saturday night one of the best concerts ever given in Southern Oregon was rendered at the opera house here. The Bandon Concert Band of 24 pieces presented the following program, every number a work of musical art of the highest order. They will entertain at Marshfield and North Bend in the near future:

1. March—"Imperator".....Vanderhook
2. Overture—"Post and Patent".....Ruppe
3. Concerto—"Fairland".....Hornbush
4. A Hunting We Will Go.....Hornbush
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The Lucky Quarter.

Is the one you pay out for a box of Dr King's New Life Pills. They bring you the health that's more precious than jewels. Try them for headache, biliousness, constipation and malaria. If they disappoint you the price will be cheerfully refunded at Clarence Lowe's drug store.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Varney & Tuttle, conducting the Bandon News Co., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Varney disposing of his interest therein to his partner, F. T. Tuttle. Notice is given that all accounts due said firm will be due and payable to Mr. Tuttle, who will also liquidate all accounts against said firm. Signed: A. W. VARNEY, F. T. TUTTLE.

For Sale.

5-room cottage and lot for sale. Plastered house, bath, and hot water connection. Close in. Will sell on reasonable terms. Inquire of J. S. Tilton, Bandon.

Lumber \$5 per M.

We have a quantity of No. 1 lumber, suitable for building sheds, walks, etc., which we offer in lots of 1000 feet and upward, at \$5 per M. CODY LUMBER CO.

Notice.

To fruit growers of Coos county, Ore.: You are hereby informed that I have received the appointment as Fruit Inspector of Coos County, Ore. The laws of the State demand the pruning and spraying of each and every fruit tree and other plants, such as berry bushes, etc. It has become my duty to see that such is done. M. G. FOHL, Fruit Inspector Coos County, Ore.

SCHOOLS AS AN INVESTMENT

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION DISCUSSED

Interesting Notes Concerning the Welfare of Bandon Students.

It is not easy for taxpayers to realize that the money put into the education of the common people comes back in increased taxpaying within fifteen years, and continues as a permanent income. A child who gets little out of the public schools will pay little or no tax through life, and will be liable to make a personal draft on the taxpayers as a pauper, criminal or weakling.

The more a child gets out of the public schools the more tax will he pay, and less liability is there that he will be a burden upon the taxpayers. When all exceptions are eliminated the fact stands that the taxpaying of the ordinary man is largely in proportion, directly and indirectly, to what is given him in the elementary school and to what he gets out of it.

The State Course of Study, which is prepared by the State Superintendent, lays out the work that must be followed by all the public schools of the State. This is not optional but mandatory, and must be followed by the schools of each and every district. Below the high school this work covers eight school years of nine months each, and is intended to cover the work that the average pupil is able to master in a reasonable way in eight years with nine months of school each year. Some schools in the State attempt to cover this nine months' work in an eight months' term. With this practice carried on for a few years there can be but one result: lack of thorough work, and, in the end, poorly equipped students. In order to keep the work up to the proper standard as the pupils pass on from grade to grade nine months' school each year is a necessity. If the school year is shortened there is only one course open if the work is to be thoroughly done in each grade from year to year; that is, to retain the pupils in the same grade at the opening of the following year until such time as they shall have finished the work mapped out for them the year before. The attempt to cover the eight years' work in eight years with an eight months' school each year means to the pupils the loss of one year's work; it means the crowding of eight years' work into seven years, and the result is that parts of the work must be poorly done.

NOTES (BY NORA GIBSON).

The high school colors of black and gold, in form of a pennant, have just been received and installed in a place of honor on the wall.

The ninth grade have finished their grammar and taken up the study of rhetoric.

Erma Crane has been absent from school for a few days on account of illness.

Roy Corson returned to school last week.

The high school pupils are receiving training by Prof. Ostien in oratorical, humorous and dramatic recitations. They will give a try-out contest either Friday or Saturday of this week. The best speakers will be chosen by judges, and will represent the Bandon high school in a contest against Coquille at a date.

date. Mr. Bunch, the County Superintendent, will be one of the judges in the try-out contest.

The attendance in Miss Collier's department was much increased last week.

The Bandon high school girls were greatly disappointed and not a little surprised at the outcome of the proposed basket ball game. The Coquille girls refused to play after the date was set.

The Lumber Situation.

Thus reads a telegram from Portland under date of Feb. 29th:

With liberal orders coming in from foreign countries and a fairly active local demand, lumbermen are not as badly off as a few weeks ago when rail shipments for points east of the Rockies were practically called off. At that time foreign business was very slack. The foreign business is relieving cargo mills, although the business has been and is being secured at low prices.

It is said to be a certainty that without relief from the foreign markets the new and advanced freight rate, coupled with the financial flurry throughout the country, would have meant that most of the mills in this district and on the Washington coast, too, would have had to remain closed for a long time. While a number of mills depending chiefly on rail business are still closed, most mills on navigable waters have resumed operations. Arrangements for the export of approximately 10,000,000 feet to the Orient from this port were made during the week.

While the business is being done at a small margin it is said to have a tendency to advertise the Oregon pine so that future business might result under more satisfactory conditions.

Local prices have shown no decline during the week, and while some predict that the bottom has not yet been reached, more optimistic dealers are of the opinion that the next change will be an advance. Logs are still being held at from \$7 to \$10 per thousand, which millmen declare precludes any possibility of further slashing in quotations.

Logging camps along the lower Columbia river have been resuming operations gradually, but there are still a few that will probably not begin felling trees before the first of April. Those in operation have been favored with exceptionally fine weather.

Shingle manufacturers report noticing a healthier tone in the market, although prices are still down. Most of the mills in this vicinity are cutting.

The steamer Mortlake left for Port Adelaide with two million feet, and the American bark Acme is there loading for New York. She will take away two million feet.

Rev. W. S. Gordon's subject next Sunday morning at the Methodist church will be: "What we owe and how to pay it." Evening theme: "Saving the Pieces." A cordial welcome to all.

No Use to Die.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds is grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness is sold under guarantee at Lowe's drug store; 50c and \$1; with bottle free.

HARK DUNHAM'S THRILLING NIGHT

SHARES A DEAD MAN'S BED BY ACCIDENT

Interesting Story of an Experience Had in Bandon Many Years Ago.

Our old friend, Hark W. Dunham, was a visitor to Bandon Saturday. Everybody knows Hark, the grizzled brunette who for so many years handled the throttle on the river steamers, and who bears the distinction of being the only man who can smoke a corncob pipe and whistle "Turkey in the Straw" simultaneously. Hark is now the guardian angel of peace during the nocturnal hours at the county seat, and every roaming bovine and barking canine in the town have discovered the fact to their sorrow.

Away back in his younger and better looking days Hark had an experience in Bandon that he will not forget. He actually turned deathly pale when he related the circumstance Saturday, and as it has never been published we are going to give our readers the benefit of it now. It is best told in Hark's own language. Here it is:

"Dear me (or something similar), I never look at you corner room of the hotel but I think of a hair-raising experience I had there twenty-five years ago. Well, I'll tell you fellows the whole story. I had that room rented, for I stayed here nights then.

"Well, one night I got in pretty late with the boat, and when I went to the hotel the clerk told me there was a man in my room to share the bed with me. I didn't

care a bit about that, so I just mounted the stairs to turn in. There was no lamp in the room and I didn't have a match, so I just peeled off in the dark and rolled under the covers. The other feller was in the middle of the bed as still as a mouse, and I ordered him to shift a little and make room, as a part of my carcass had to hang over the lee side of the bunk.

"Hey, partner, do you want the whole bed?" I asked.

"He never answered, so I spoke a little louder next time, giving him a good jolt in the ribs to boot. Still he was as mum as an oyster. Then I just reached over to move him with my hands, and Lord bless me if I didn't touch a face that was as cold as a Klondike icicle. He was dead—dead as a mackerel, by gosh.

"Well, I just had to lay there with that corpse for fully five minutes plum paralyzed with terror before I could bump the ceiling and let a whoop out of me that raised the whole house. The clerk came rushing in with a lantern, followed by other lodgers, and I went rushing out three steps at a jump for the street. I just lingered long enough to get a squint at his wide open glassy eyes, and didn't stop for clothes nor nothin'.

"No, sir, by gosh, you couldn't hire me for fun, money or marbles to go into that—room again," concluded Hark as he lighted the furnace of his corncob and whistled "Turkey in the Straw" with about the expression of one who whistles in a graveyard at the midnight hour.

The heaviest boiler ever brought into the bay arrived on the Alliance, the only boat running in here at present able to handle a 14-ton article. The boiler was for the steamer Dispatch of the Caquille Transportation Co. It was of the tubular type with the fire box attached.—North Bend Harbor.



WHY DOES ONE PLACE IN A TOWN BECOME THE "BEST PLACE?" WHY DOES EVERYBODY GO THERE? BECAUSE THEY GET TREATED WELL. ARE YOU NOT NOW SAYING IN YOUR MIND: "I NEED A NEW SPRING SUIT?" TO THOSE WHO HAVE DEALT WITH US WE ONLY SAY: "WE ARE DOING BUSINESS AT THE SAME OLD STAND." TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT WE SUGGEST THAT YOU COME, GIVE US A TRIAL. IN SHIRTWAISTS FOR LADIES WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL LINES. WE BOUGHT MANY. WE CAN GIVE YOU A SHIRTWAIST FOR FROM \$1.00 TO \$6.00.

RESPECTFULLY,
O. A. Trowbridge