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THE ROCK BLOWN FROM CHANNEL

John Roach, the Diver, Succeeds in Shattering Obstruction

WILL NOW HAVE OPEN STREAM

One of the greatest obstructions to the perfectness of the Bandon harbor was removed last Thursday afternoon, when John Roach, the celebrated diver from San Francisco, successfully blasted out the big rock in the Coquille River channel, near the bar. This rock has been an eyesore to steamboat traffic for years, and now it is so completely demolished that nothing is left of it to mar the smooth passage of boats up to the dock, after they have come in over the bar.

The blasting of the rock was not only a useful accomplishment, but was a picturesque scene as well. The powder was put onto the rock and the fuse lighted, and when the explosion came it sent the water gushing many feet in the air, reminding one of a great geyser.

The explosion was of such terrific force that it rattled the windows in the houses all over town, and thousands of fish in the river were killed by the shock, people going out in boats and hauling them in by the hundreds.

The blasting of this rock marks the beginning of a great campaign of work to be done on the bar and channel of the Bandon harbor. The pile jetty which has been spoken of a number of times in the RECORDER will be rushed to completion just as rapidly as arrangements can be made, and when this is done, according to good authority, there will be at least twenty feet of water on the bar and in the channel, which will permit very large vessels to come into this port.

There will be something definite to announce in this connection in the near future, as plans are being arranged at a rapid rate and the work will no doubt be commenced at an early date.

There is need of a little more money yet to complete the \$6,000

subscription list and there are some who have signified their intention to subscribe but as yet have not done so, but will no doubt turn in their pledge in a few days.

The RECORDER is in receipt of a letter from San Francisco parties who are interested in this project, which may prove of interest later on.

Concrete Contract for School House

The contract for the concrete and foundation work for Bandon's new \$25,000 school house was let at the meeting of the school board Wednesday evening. A. G. Erickson was given the contract, his bid being \$2775.00, this includes foundation, concrete work and window and door frames in the basement.

Mr. Erickson will begin the work at once and it will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The school board has worked very hard on the school house proposition and are entitled to much credit for their success in securing a bid so low on the concrete work, and yet with the assurance that the work will be properly done, as Mr. Erickson thoroughly understands the work and will give entire satisfaction.

The only other business of importance at the Wednesday evening meeting was the issuing of an order for \$300, to go toward paying for the excavation work which is already completed.

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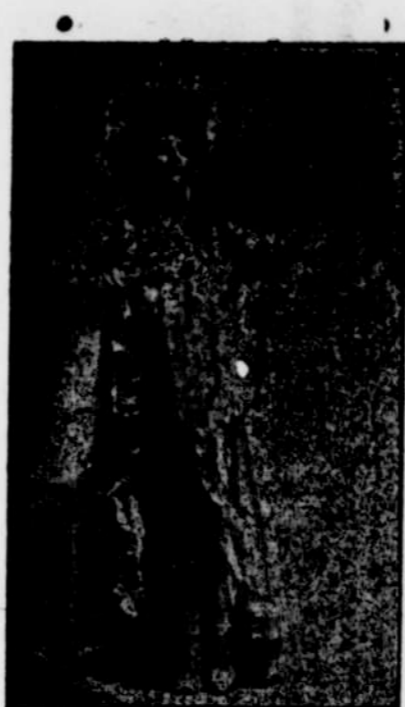
The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brandon was made sad Thursday morning as the result of the death of their two months old son, Walter Lawrence.

The little fellow was born in Pano Grande, Calif., and but very recently was brought here by his parents. He was ill only a few hours, during which time everything possible was done for him but all to no avail.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their hour of sadness.

Blumenrother is Fire Warden

Gol. C. T. Blumenrother of Bandon has been appointed fire warden for Coos county. Anyone desiring permits to burn slashings can obtain same by calling at his office in Bandon.



Georgia Harper

The favorite actress, Georgia Harper, will present Paul Kester's popular comedy drama "Nell Gynne" at the Opera House Sunday evening. This play is of the pleasant variety and has had long and successful runs in every city in the United States.

Nell is a character well worth the attention of any actress and has been played by some of our best actresses. Miss Harper's ability to act is so well known that it is not necessary to say that she will play the part.

The story of the play is interesting as well as entertaining, a short synopsis relates a few of the incidents as follows.

During the time of King Charles II, Nell Gynne is an orange girl on the streets of London, she is in love with a young nobleman, Sir Roger Fairfax, who is betrothed to one of the ladies of the English Court. Fairfax has an enemy in the person of Sir Jeffrys, one of the Kings prime ministers, on account of the latter's hatred for Fairfax's father, Nell saves him by the help of the King who falls in love with her, Fairfax wins his bride, Nell ascends the throne and all ends happily.

Each member of Miss Harper's supporting company will have a part well suited to him. Joseph Detrick will take the part of King Charles II and his past efforts in the leading roles has made him a prime favorite. George Barrell, one of the best character actors in the business will be seen as Percival, a strolling player.

Lord Lovelace will be in the capable hands of Harry C. Bradley.

In presenting this play the management has mounted it in thoroughly metropolitan style, the scenery for each act being carried especially for this piece, making a background gorgeous and beautiful to behold. The costumes are also a feature, each one being a counter part for the ones used during the time of King Charles II.

Other plays to be presented during Miss Harper's engagement will be "Lady of Quality," "Quo Vadis," "Mysterious Mr. Bugle," "Trilby," "Camille" and "The Little Minister."

Tickets 25 cents and 50 cents. For sale at Mar's Confectionery Store.

Art Club

Mrs. Dal Morse entertained the Art Club last Thursday afternoon at her cosy home on Abernathy St.

Mrs. Morse, assisted by her daughter and Mrs. P. C. Stephenson, served an appetizing lunch, consisting of ham sandwiches, potato salad, coffee and cake. In addition to the Club, Mrs. Morse entertained, Mrs. Mehl of Coquille and Mrs. C. B. Diggins of Finlay, Ohio.

This afternoon being their regular recreation afternoon they are planning to picnic in the Band Park.

Coos Co. Teacher's Institute

The opening exercises of the Annual Teacher's Institute were held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning August 18th at Myrtle Point.

Some of the ablest instructors in the state were present, including State Supt. J. H. Ackerman of Salem, Prof. Robinson of Portland, Prof. Alderman of Eugene, Prof. Raub of North Bend and Supt. Bunch of this county.

The time was divided between the instructors and during the three days very interesting lectures were given on the best methods of teaching the various branches, School Government, Hygiene, etc.

Mr. Chas. Jones of Salem, editor of the Oregon Teacher's Monthly was present in the interest of the Monthly. He conducted the singing thus contributing largely toward the pleasure of all.

Tuesday evening the local teachers and business men of Myrtle Point gave the teachers a reception in the hall. We enjoyed an interesting program of music, recitations, etc then repairing to the banquet room, proceeded to stow away large quantities of fried chicken, sandwiches, salads, pickles, olives, cake coffee, ice cream, etc., all of which we enjoyed to such a degree that most of us stayed awake the remainder of the night "just thinking" about those good things.

Wednesday evening session was held in the church and consisted of a short program given by the teachers after which Professor Robinson lectured on Soil Culture as applied to children. Professor Alderman followed with a talk on School and Home.

The session Thursday evening was similar to that of Wednesday evening in program. State Supt. Ackerman delivered an intensely interesting address in which he presented plans now in progress for remodeling up building and completing our State School System.

Mr. Ackerman is a very able speaker and is conducting a campaign of most insured interest to the tax payers as well as to the schools of Oregon.

On Thursday the Coos county teachers were presented a beautiful banner, from the Oregon State Teachers Association, in honor of Coos County having the highest percent of membership according to the number of teachers in the county.

The banner is about two feet by three feet and is made of blue silk trimmed in gold cord, tassels and fringe and is nicely mounted and framed. On the upper part of the banner are three pictures. Each picture is in colors and is bordered with gold.

On the left is the picture of an old log school house. On the right is a beautiful modern one. The center one is a bust picture of Horace Mann, surrounded by a laurel wreath. On the lower part of the wreath lies the crossed pen and sword, all emblem of success. A small white book lies on the crossed pen and sword on which is printed the following quotation from Horace Mann: "Let the future generation be my client."

Beneath these are three scrolls of gold on which is printed "Oregon State Teachers Association." Still farther below this are two smaller scrolls of gold containing the words "Western Division" and between these scrolls of gold is the seal of Oregon. Altogether it is a beautiful banner and something of which Coos county teachers are justly proud. It will remain in the office of Supt. Bunch as long as Coos county leads in membership.

At the close of the Institute the following telegram was sent to the Association: "500 teachers in at-

tendance, 91 members for the Association."

This Annual Institute is considered one of the most successful ever held in Coos and was enjoyed by many visitors as well as by the teachers present.

ROSA BINGAMAN.

Bandon Again Victorious

In one of the fastest games ever played in the Coos County League, the Bandon team took the boys of Marshfield into camp last Sunday on the Marshfield diamond by a score of 2 to 1.

Bandon outplayed Marshfield at every stage of the game and was entitled to a shut out game as the one score Marshfield did get was handed to them by the umpire who did everything in his power to help Marshfield win, but was not successful, owing to the superiority of the Bandon boys.

Jordan, for Bandon, pitched a good game, only allowing the Marshfield aggregation four hits and he was given gilt edged support throughout the game. Thiele pitched a good game for Marshfield but he was touched up for eight hits by the Bandon team.

The two scores made by the home team were made in the first and second innings, while Marshfield's lone score was handed them in the seventh.

Twice during the game the Bandon boys seemed to be in deep water. At one time there was a man on third and one on second with nobody out, but at these crucial periods Jordan stepped in and did whirlwind work in the box, and every man in the team stood behind his gun and each time they succeeded in pulling themselves out.

All bets were declared off before the game started as it was known that Goldie, the umpire, was inclined to favor Marshfield and would throw the game to them if possible.

The attack on Ralph Myers was only another evidence of the disgraceful stunts that Marshfield is capable of putting up, and shows the extreme cowardice of their whole bunch of fans.

There will be a special train from Marshfield to Coquille Sunday morning and a boat to Bandon for all who desire to remain over at the fair and return at that time.

SEES FUTURE FOR GOOS COUNTY

The Garden Spot of the Earth Says an Eastern Visitor

THE COUNTY WILL DEVELOP RAPIDLY

"Coos county is and always will be the garden spot of the earth," said an eastern man [the other day] who had been here a short time looking over the situation with a view of investing some money. "You certainly have the resources here, such as timber, mineral, grazing land, fruit land, and in fact everything that makes a country rich. I have visited Coos Bay and the Coquille River valley and find great indications of prosperity in both sections, regardless of the fact that there has been a stringency elsewhere."

"One thing I have noticed and that is the thrift of your people. Especially is this true of your little city of Bandon. The fact that you are making arrangements to better the condition of your harbor is evidence that you are determined to have connections with the outside world whether Mr. Harriman ever builds a railroad or not. It is a good thing to be independent and to go ahead and show your independence. I think this will do more to bring Mr. Harriman to time than anything that could be done. I have been in all the towns of the county and while Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point are all good towns and destined to increase at a rapid rate, yet I believe Bandon stands a better chance to become a city than any of them. You have the harbor here and you have the resources as well as the enterprise. Your pay roll is also a great boon to a town and with the new industries that are constantly coming in, there is every reason to believe that your pay roll will get larger every year, and that is what makes business."

"I have a little money to invest and I think I will put it into the Coquille valley, for land or property in some of your thriving towns, for I am sure a man cannot miss it wherever he may choose to invest in this section."

F. H. Van Norden

THE Jeweler & Watchmaker

Is now located in his new quarters in the Sellmer Building next to the Post Office and will carry a complete line of Solid Silverware, Jewelry, Watches and Clocks.

POST CARDS

One of the finest displays of Post Cards in Coos County is on exhibit in this store

Friends and the general public are invited to call and see the new store



What's
in
Your
Home?

Have you stopped to think how much nice, new furniture adds to the attractiveness of the home?

We have just what you want to make your home comfortable and at the same time beautiful.

See our fine line of Morris Chairs.
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