



GREAT INCREASE IN FREIGHT TONNAGE

The Year 1908 Shows Gains
Over 1907, and 1909 to
Date Still Larger

RATE OF INCREASE MOST RAPID

The constant growing importance of the Coquille river as a seaport is evidenced by the fact that there is a continuous increase in the freight tonnage both in and out, from year to year. This increase has gone on from year to year but the most noticeable has been that of recent years, the 1908 tonnage exceeded that of 1907 by a good round sum, and the increase for the first three months of 1909 has been more than correspondingly great, over the same period of 1908. During the year 1907 the tonnage coming into this port was 5770 tons, and going out was 54,734, making a total of 60,504 tons. For 1908 the incoming freight increased to 6020 tons, the outgoing amounted to 62,306, making a total of 68,326.

For the first three months of 1909 the in freight has amounted to 2,036 while the out freight has been 17,268 tons, making a total of 19,304 tons.

If the above rate is kept up for the year, it will bring the tonnage up close to the 80,000 mark, for 1909, and there is every reason to believe that these figures will be exceeded.

With a showing of this kind it ought to be easy to convince the authorities at Washington that the Coquille river is and always will be an important factor in the commerce of the Pacific coast and there should be but little difficulty in getting the necessary appropriations for the development of the bar and the river that is necessary to make this the great port that it is destined to become.

Four Mile Notes

Lloyd and Archie Rosa were Four Mile visitors last week.

Everyone is busy getting their plowing done and their crops in.

Mrs. E. L. Blumenrother and son Charley were Four Mile visitors last week.

Mrs. Jack Meir is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gardener on the Shaw place.

Mrs. Delois Gardner has been quite sick the past week but was some better at last report.

The Deputy County Surveyor Hadsell is surveying out some places, on Four Mile and is having some hard luck.

A number of Bandon business men were on Four Mile fishing the fore part of the week and one of the men was trying to go through the fence where all the neighbors' cattle had been going and could not make it. There are some big men in Bandon.

PETE

For Sale

Three milch cows, coming in this spring. Also bay mare, good for riding, buggy or draught. Apply to Thos. Ashton, near Lampa Creek.

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THE FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR

Realistic Production of This
Popular Opera to be Pre-
sented Next Week

Under the direction of M. E. Robinson and given for the benefit of the high school piano fund, the local singers are again preparing to produce the magnificent dramatic cantata or sacred opera "Belshazzar", to be given in the opera house the last of next week.

Mr. Robinson who recently staged the comic opera Pinafore furnishes the costumes and the rehearsals will be conducted each evening in the opera house and a short lesson given the high school students each afternoon. The opera will be staged and costumed to represent the rich oriental splendor of the court of Belshazzar and the electrical effects representing the "Handwriting-on-the-wall" will be something never before seen in Bandon.

The high school students will supply a very enthusiastic chorus and the solo parts will be selected from among the best singers of the city and a full cast and chorus published next week.

The music was written by that gifted composer Geo. F. Root and was originally published to be presented in ten scenes, but has been re-arranged by Mr. Robinson into five acts for the better presentation in the form of an opera. The music as compared with Queen Esther is more harmonious and some of the choruses are equal to the best oratorio choruses. The solos are also of a high order and all who take part in the production of this excellent opera may feel that they are fully repaid for their time and labor in learning such a fine class of music.

This should appeal to all lovers of music.

Margaret Iles Co.

As was announced in a recent issue of the RECORDER the Margaret Iles Co. will be here April 18th to open for a week's stand. The company will have all of the people with them who were here at the last end of their season, and will be re-enforced by several new ones, all of whom have excellent reputations on the stage.

Bandonians will be glad to see the Iles Co. once more.

Law Guards Shellfish

Salem, Or. April 1—House bill No. 145, passed by the recent regular session of the Oregon Legislature, makes it unlawful to fish for crabs in the state of Oregon during the months of July, August and September of any year. The same law prohibits the taking of clams during June, July and August and makes November, December, January and February of each year a closed season for the catching of crawfish, except as to the residents of Clatsop county.

The law says:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, or any person whatsoever, to take, or dig, clams from the sands on the ocean beach of the Pacific Ocean, in the State of Oregon, or to have in their possession after the same have been taken, for the purpose of canning or shipping out of the county in which they are taken between the first day of June and the 31 day of August of any year.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, firm or corporation, to kill, take, or fish from any of the waters of the State of Oregon any greater number than 50 crabs in one day.

S. C. 3 It shall be unlawful for any

ORGANIZE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE AND ARRANGE FOR BIG EXHIBIT

Delegates From the Various Commercial Bodies of Coos
County Held Enthusiastic Meeting at Coquille
City Tuesday April Sixth

WILL ADVERTISE COUNTY RESOURCES AT ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Delegates from the various commercial bodies, known as chambers of commerce and commercial clubs of Coos county, met in Coquille Tuesday and made arrangements for a big exhibit of the resources of this county at the Seattle fair, and incidentally organized a Coos County Chamber of Commerce which is to be composed of the various commercial organizations from the several towns of the county.

There were several present from Bandon, Coquille, Marshfield and Myrtle Point. The North Bend delegation was unable to be present but sent word with the Marshfield people that they were in for anything that would help to develop the county.

The first thing on the program after the delegates had all arrived was to call on the county court and ask that honorable body for an appropriation of \$2000 for the purpose of collecting and maintaining an exhibit at the Seattle fair. The court listened to the various addresses with marked attention and informed the gentlemen that their desires would have attention and the decision would be announced at 1:00 o'clock.

At the stated hour, J. C. Savage, editor of the Coquille Sentinel, was dispatched to receive the decision, when he was informed that the court had decided to grant \$1000 for the purpose.

At 1:30 p. m. the delegates met in the office of Judge E. D. Sperry, and proceeded to organize a Coos County Chamber of Commerce. Judge Sperry was elected president of the organization and C. E. Kopf, of Bandon, temporary secretary.

The temporary organization then proceeded to perfect a permanent organization.

Col. Grimes of Marshfield moved that an executive committee be chosen, one member from each commercial body of the county, the name to be suggested by the delegates present. The following men were recommended and elected: Steve Gallier, Bandon; A. T. Morrison, Coquille; Henry Sengstacken, Marshfield; J. O. Stemmler, Myrtle

person, or persons, firm or corporation, to take or have in their possession, for the purpose of sale or canning, where it is lawful to sell to take, fish for or have in their possession any crawfish taken from the waters of the State of Oregon during the months of November, December, January, or February of any year.

Section 4 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, or any person whatsoever, to take, or dig, clams from the sands on the ocean beach of the Pacific Ocean, in the State of Oregon, or to have in their possession after the same have been taken, for the purpose of canning or shipping out of the county in which they are taken between the first day of June and the 31 day of August of any year.

Section 5 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons or have in their possession after the same has been taken, for the

Point; M. G. Cleaver, North Bend.

The president and secretary of the temporary organization, were then declared elected to their respective positions in the permanent organization and L. H. Hazard, of Coquille was elected treasurer. The presidents of the various independent organizations were elected vice presidents of the county organization.

Orvil Dodge was recommended as a proper person to collect and arrange the exhibit at the Seattle fair, he offering to undertake the work for his actual expense. It was also ordered that each of the independent organizations be asked to select some one of their number to solicit funds for the publication of literature to accompany the exhibit.

A committee to draught constitution and by-laws was then elected and other preliminary business transacted after which adjournment was taken to meet again at the call of the president. The organization then called upon the county in a body and asked them to increase the appropriation of \$1000 to \$2000 as was first asked. Judge Hall informed them that the court would do all in its power to assist the work, and if it could see its way clear to make a larger appropriation, such appropriation will gladly be forth coming at a later date.

The main feature of the meeting was the good feeling existing between the delegates from both the Bay side and the Coquille valley, and the new organization will, no doubt, have the effect of getting the business men together in greater harmony and stamp out any feeling of rivalry that may have existed and seal the idea of mutual advantages and development for the entire county.

Advancement for Coos Bay means advancement for the Coquille valley and vice-versa and there now exists a general good feeling, which, if continued, will do more to advance the commercial interests of Coos county than anything else that has ever been done to date. Let us all pull together for a greater Coos county.

purpose of canning or shipping out of the county in which they are taken, any crabs, during the months of July, August and September of any year.

Section 6 Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 and the costs of the action. Said fines to be paid to the Master Fish Warden and by him deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the hatchery fund for the district in which the fine was imposed.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Chas. Richert and family desire to extend their sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during their recent bereavement, caused by the sickness and death of their little daughter.

TO FINISH EUREKA ROAD THIS YEAR

Harriman and Ripley Close
100 Mile Gap at a Cost
of \$6,000,000

A recent issue of the San Francisco Chronicle has the following to say on the railroad situation:

E. H. Harriman and F. P. Ripley have decided to complete the Northwestern Pacific Railroad this year. Harriman and Ripley represent respectively the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe roads. The two latter companies own the Northwestern Pacific. This company owns the Sausalito and Tiburon roads.

The Tiburon line runs north via San Rafael and Santa Rosa to Ukiah, with several branches. There is also a branch from Eureka south to a place called Shiveley and a branch north from Eureka via Arcata to Trinidad.

Between Shiveley and Ukiah there is a gap of 100 miles. It is this gap which Harriman and Ripley are to fill in this year. It will cost \$60,000 a mile to close this gap, and Harriman and Ripley have provided the necessary \$6,000,000 for this purpose.

By building this through line to Eureka and Trinidad, Harriman and Ripley will tap the greatest redwood forest district in the world. Both the Government forest experts and the experts of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe have made reports to the effect that there are more than four billion feet of marketable lumber in that redwood forest region. They have also made reports that under scientific forestation methods the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe can obtain 200 cars of lumber a day to the East from that region for a period of 200 years.

This is one of the biggest traffic plums on the Pacific Coast, and rather than fight over it the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe have agreed to divide the business in a peaceful manner. It was on this account that they formed the Northwestern Pacific Company in 1906 with \$35,000,000 of capital stock and a bond issue of \$35,000,000.

Part of the latter is to take care of the old outstanding bonds of the Sausalito and Tiburon lines. Six millions will go to fill in the 100 mile gap. The remainder of the bonds will be used for branch lines in the country south from Trinidad and Eureka when population requirements justify such improvements.

North from Trinidad to Marshfield, in Oregon, and thence to Drain an Oregon station on Harriman's & Shasta trunk line between this city and Portland, Harriman is arranging a new piece of road. When that link is built by him, Harriman will have another trunk line between this city and Portland, part of which will be owned by the Santa Fe.

Harriman wants this new trunk line to protect the Pacific Coast counties of California and Oregon against any possible invasion from Portland south by the "Jim Hill Great Northern and Northern Pacific combine."

The Regal Players

The great vaudeville company, The Regal Players will be at the Bandon opera house Sunday evening April 11 for a one night stand. This company is composed of seven people, all of whom come recommended as artists in their line. Prof. Waldemar Bierce, the "Prince

CURRY COUNTY MAK- ING RAPID STRIDES

Dairying and Fruit Growing
Moving to Front With All
Possible Speed

RANCHERS EXCEEDINGLY PROSPEROUS

That Curry county, our neighbor on the South, is rapidly developing and destined to become one of the leading counties of Oregon in the near future is the opinion of many who have made a tour of the state and have seen the developments.

A prominent business man of Bandon, who made a trip down through the county recently informed the writer that the dairy ranchers down there were second to none, and that such rapid development was being made that there was no possibility of judging the amount of work that would be accomplished within the next few years.

He mentioned the names of several ranchers that are of particular note and remarked that there were others springing up that mean great things for the county.

As to fruit growing, it is also well known that Curry county is a winner and there are many fine fruit ranches in different parts of the county. All these industries are being carried on and yet it may be said that the resources of Curry county have never been really touched, and that it is capable of wonderful development is beyond all question of doubt.

Curry county will give an account of itself and will be one of the great factors in the development of the whole of southwestern Oregon, in which all who are acquainted with the situation, have great faith.

of the Realm of Mysteries"; Buck Ryan, great buck and wing dancer; Tony Riley, versatile comedian; Brodaldi Bros., wire artists and Mornio the juggler.

Those who attend Sunday night are promised a rare treat, such as they have never before received. Their great substitution-release act, introducing trunks, hand-cuffs, ropes and padlocks is guaranteed to be the greatest act of its kind ever given in this country and the company offers \$500 reward to anyone who will solve the mystery. This ought to be an inducement for someone to try it.

Ship Yards Busy

Wm. McKay has about closed the contract for building a gasoline boat for C. H. Deane & Co., of Warrenton, Ore. The boat will be 95 feet over all with a 24-foot beam, and will be equipped with two 100 horsepower engines. She will ply between Astoria, Umpqua, Tillamook, Nehalem and other coast points.

Mr. McKay is also figuring on a barge 110 feet long with a carrying capacity of 200,000 feet, for the Estabrook Co. to carry lumber from up-river points so their boats can finish loading on the dock here. He is also repairing the Favorite for the Coquille River Transportation company, and altogether prospects are bright for something doing in the shipbuilding line here.

Fine job work a specialty at the RECORDER office. "Work done while you wait."