

A TYPICAL AMERICAN

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When Blackburn when he went to Paris was recognized by every one as a typical American of that class whose motto is, "Every tub on its own bottom." He not only considered every one beneath him, but every one above him, his equal. No spirit of arrogance prompted him to set himself up above the former, nor did any false modesty lead him to shun the latter. He was as free with the one as with the other. The result was that he was popular with all.

Blackburn had risen in his own country from peddling farmers' household necessities in a big red wagon to managing director in a large manufacturing company. At thirty-five he had made money enough to enable him to see the world, and he saw it. He liked Paris and stayed there long enough to learn to converse, after a fashion, in the French language, and became interested in French society. Not being afraid of appearing at a disadvantage among the better classes, he walked in among them as if no one had a better right and remained there because they rather liked him. "What charming effrontery!" they exclaimed. "What droll humor!" No one but an American could thus disregard our conventionalities and be tolerated among us.

But one morning Blackburn left Paris, followed by the maledictions of a select circle of French men and women who had taken him up—that is, he would have been thus followed had they known where he had gone. There were others, who knew the cause of the reversal of feeling toward him, the corners of whose lips curved in a polite satirical French smile. This is the way it came about:

Blackburn gave a dinner to the set who had discovered in him such piquant American traits. Some evil minded persons hinted that the reason they fancied him was his dinners and his theater parties, but this never came to the ears of any of the circle. The French are too polite to impugn any one's motives to one's face. Blackburn had discovered in Paris an American scientist whom he had long before hired to make some investigations for him in a process of manufacture and invited him to the dinner. The scientist tried to beg off on the plea that he had no evening dress. Blackburn insisted, and the guest appeared in a pepper and salt suit.

Not even French politeness could keep the company from turning a cold shoulder to the scientist. The poor man endured the treatment till it became unbearable, then excused himself. For a few minutes after his departure there was an embarrassing silence, when Blackburn said:

"In passing your Hotel de Ville today I noticed the inscription, 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.' You talk of equality in France, but you don't know the world's meaning. In America we don't try to tackle any one of these words except liberty. We never prate about equality, but we don't judge a man by his clothes."

Having thus expressed himself, the host turned the topic of conversation and, instead of permitting them to fall into a bad humor with him, kept them well entertained and invited them to another dinner to be given two weeks hence, when he promised to present a friend whom he was sure they would like. All accepted, and the party broke up with much gaiety.

When a fortnight had passed they reassembled to admire the American's originality, eat his viands and drink his wines. He presented to them M. de Pierres, a Frenchman like themselves, who was faultlessly dressed, whose hair had been treated with curling tongs and whose mustache was carefully waxed. M. de Pierres was not a communicative man—indeed, his conversation was confined to "yes" and "no." But since his dress indicated that he was a gentleman he was treated by the other guests with scrupulous politeness.

The only time during the dinner that M. de Pierres used any words, excepting such as were monosyllables, was when the conversation turned upon soldiers meeting death on the field of battle. "That is not meeting death at all," said he. "It is being overtaken by death and cut down without realizing its presence. It is another matter when one's ending has been appointed to take place at a certain hour, of which he is cognizant, or when he is awakened at midnight from sleep and led to meet the antagonist whom he knows shall vanquish him."

There was something in the appearance of the speaker—no one could explain what it was—as he said this to send cold chills down the back of every one present. M. de Pierres did not pursue the subject. He took up his glass, touched it to his lips and set it down again.

"Wine, wine!" called the host. "Confound that waiter! I sent him ten minutes ago to bring it. I think he must have gone to sleep. I'll go myself. That's the way we do things in America—we do them ourselves."

Rising, he left the room. "Monsieur," said one of the guests to M. de Pierres. "I suspect your name has been changed in the spelling. If I mistake not, you are M. de Paris."

"I am," replied the man addressed. "M. de Paris!" gasped one of the ladies. "Why, he is the executioner!" The party broke up. The host did not return to see the effect of his introduction of a man in fine clothes to French society. In ten days he was snobbing with the khedive of Egypt.

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Ordinance No. 140

This is entitled "An ordinance to declare an emergency, and to provide for the repair of Spruce street, specify the kind of repair and appropriate money therefor."

THE CITY OF BANDON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That whereas the property owners residing on or owning property upon Spruce street between its intersections with Second and Fourth streets, have spent considerable sums in improving the said portion of said street, and whereas the improvement so made will be lost, or entirely destroyed by the winter rains and accumulating waters, if the said portion of said street, together with the damage already done be not repaired before the winter rains commence; and whereas if the same be not repaired until after the winter is over the repair would cost in the opinion of this council much more, perhaps thousands of dollars, whereas, the estimated cost of repairs at this time five hundred (\$500) dollars, and by such additional cost if rebuilt next spring the same would greatly embarrass the city financially and thereby endanger the public peace, health and safety, therefore in the further opinion of this council an emergency exists and the same is hereby declared to be an emergency, and that this ordinance shall go into and become of full force and effect as soon as passed by the common council and approved by the mayor.

Sec. 2. That Spruce street in the city of Bandon, Oregon, between its intersections with Second and Fourth streets, be repaired according to the specifications hereafter provided in next section, and that the cost thereof be appropriated from and paid out of the treasury of the city of Bandon.

Sec. 3. That the said portion of Spruce street shall be covered through the middle thereof with a layer of coarse hard rock 16 feet wide to a depth of eight inches; that upon this rock and for the full width of the street between the outside edges of the gutters on the respective sides thereof, and for the full length of the portion above described, the said street shall be covered with a layer of fine gravel four inches deep at the sides where there is no under layer of coarse rock, and on the middle section where the said coarse rock is placed, the same shall be covered with gravel sufficient to fill up and to cover over the said heavy rock.

That at the edges of the said Street, there shall be a gutter on each side thereof, which gutter shall be constructed of two inch white cedar or fir lumber, two feet wide and one foot deep, which shall be set down in the ground or graveled to the top thereof.

Sec. 4. That the cost of the above improvement is hereby estimated to be the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars which sum is hereby appropriated and set aside from any funds that may be in the city treasury to carry on the work of such repair.

Sec. 5. That as soon as this ordinance shall become of full force and effect the recorder is hereby authorized and instructed to post advertisements, and give sufficient notice of the Council's intention to repair the said street and to solicit bids for such work.

Sec. 6. That as soon as the bids for the said work shall be accepted by the Council, then the mayor and recorder are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the construction of such repair immediately, the same to be completed, before the heavy rains begin this fall, being the season of 1909, and by such contract binding the City for the payment of such improvement in a sum equal to the amount of such bid, not exceeding however the sum of \$500 hereby appropriated therefor.

Passed Oct. 4th, 1909.
C. R. WADE, Recorder.
Approved this 4th day of October, 1909.
STEPHEN GALLIER, Mayor of Bandon.

Ordinance No. 141

This is an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance annexing and declaring 'West Bandon Addition to the Town of Bandon' to be a part of the City of Bandon, and within the jurisdiction of, and to be incorporated within the City of Bandon, Coos county, state of Oregon, pursuant to Section 3 of Charter of the said city of Bandon."

THE CITY OF BANDON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Whereas it appears that Eugene O'Connell, W. C. Parker, James Watson, R. S. Knowlton, A. Ellington, Annie Morrison, W. M. Hae, G. M. Hite, H. C. Adams, Chris Rasmussen, Nels Rasmussen, J. C. Woodruff, R. W. Boyle, R. M. Pessery, W. W. Dejeo, T. Anderson, A. O. Hite, Mary C. Gage, J. J. Stanley, O. R. Willard, W. A. Hoover, John Bush and A. M. Crawford have petitioned the city council of the city of Bandon, Oregon, to incorporate West Bandon within the City of Bandon, Oregon, and that the said council will establish and ordain the same with full force and effect, and it further appearing that the said petition signed by the above named persons has been duly filed with the City Recorder, and that furthermore, there is duly filed with the said city recorder a certificate that the above persons are the owners of more than one-half of all the real property within the said West Bandon addition, and that such certificate is signed by T. J. Thrift, the assessor duly acting and qualified in and for said Coos county, Oregon; it is therefore declared by Section Two.

Sec. 2. That West Bandon Addition to the Town of Bandon, Coos county, Oregon, according to the recorded and official plat thereof be annexed to the City of Bandon, be incorporated within the limits of, and be held under the jurisdiction of all the city laws, charters, ordinances, rules and regulations, including police, sanitary, street, and any and all powers which any officers may enforce in any other part of the city, and that the citizens of said addition be entitled to all the rights, privileges of suffrage or other privileges the same as the citizens of any other and all parts of this city.

Sec. 3. That in determining the location of the said West Bandon Addition, the initial point of the survey is the one-quarter section corner on the south boundary to section 25, township 28 south of range 15 west of the Willamette Meridian in Coos county, Oregon.

The base line is on the center line of 'A'

street and a 995.90 feet in length. Its north end is at the intersection of the center lines of 'C' and 'A' streets. Its south end is 161.77 feet west and 10 feet north of the initial point of survey.

The base line is marked at its ends by an iron rod one inch in diameter driven below the level of the ground. Bearing of the base line north 0 degrees, 05' minutes east. All streets are 60 feet wide except 'C' street on the east side of block three (3) which is 51 feet. The sizes and numbers of the blocks and lots are as stated upon the ground and shown by the official plat and survey thereof filed with the Clerk in and for Coos county, Oregon, and the boundary of said addition is the same as the boundary thereof recorded by the original plat thereof made and filed with said county clerk, which record shall be prima facie correct in determining the boundary of such territory so annexed.

Sec. 3. This addition shall hereafter be known and designated as the West Bandon Addition to the City of Bandon, Oregon.

This ordinance will become of full force and effect November 5th, 1909.
Passed Oct. 4th, 1909, at a regular quarterly meeting.
C. R. WADE, City Recorder.
Approved this 4th day of October, 1909.
STEPHEN GALLIER, Mayor.

Ordinance No. 142

This is an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for, regulating and requiring cement sidewalks on certain parts of First street in the city of Bandon, giving specifications therefor, and regulating the same."

THE CITY OF BANDON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That after this ordinance shall go into full force and effect, no sidewalk between the limits hereafter described shall be rebuilt, replaced, repaired or constructed of any lumber or materials, or in any manner other than as follows, to-wit:

All sidewalks shall be 8 feet in width, and shall be at the established grade at the inside edge and shall have a slant of two inches toward the outer edge.

Cement Specifications

The facing next to the curb shall be six inches thick and extend to a depth of one foot below the surface of the sidewalk. The foundation of the walks shall be earth well tamped, upon which a course of grouting five inches thick and consisting of gravel and cement paste, in the ratio of one and one, and shall be also tamped, until brought to a smooth surface. Upon the grouting shall be laid a course of cement paste, one inch in thickness. The facing next to the curb shall be built in the same manner. The inner five inches of grouting and the outer one inch of cement paste, as shown in the cross-sectional drawing made by City Engineer C. S. McCulloch, and filed with the city recorder October 4th, 1909. All cement paste used in this walk shall consist of one part Portland cement, thoroughly mixed with three parts of sharp sand and shall be applied while in a liquid state.

Asphalt Sidewalk Specifications

All asphalt sidewalks shall be built in the same manner, and of the same materials as the cement sidewalks except all paste used in their construction shall consist of 40 per cent asphalt and sixty per cent sharp sand and shall be applied while in a liquid state.

Sec. 2. That the portion of streets upon and to which the foregoing provisions apply are as follows: On the extension to First street, beginning at the west end of the plank bridge thereon and extending westward to the intersection of the walks on both sides thereof with the walks upon First street. Beginning also at the east line of intersection of First street with Wharf street and continuing westward along First street to the east end of the plank bridge thereon at or near the present city hall, and upon both sides thereof, and all walks contained therein between the termini named, except only crosswalks, which may at this time be constructed of lumber until otherwise provided for by this council.

Sec. 3. That any person violating the provisions of this act, rebuilding such walks of lumber or material other than as specified above, shall upon conviction thereof before the municipal court be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

Sec. 4. While enforcing the repair of sidewalks on the portions of the street above named it shall be the duty of the city marshal to require all repairs to be made in accordance with the above specifications and prevent repairs of any different nature.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the city engineer to have charge and general supervision of the walks when so constructed, and to see that all dimensions and specifications herein ordained shall be complied with.

Passed Oct. 15th, 1909.
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Said lands are situated in Coos county, Oregon, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the meander line of the Coquille river at the northwest corner of lot 6, which said point is 1320 feet east and 1965 feet north from corners sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, running thence along meander line as follows, to-wit:

- S 84° e 130 feet.
- S 74° e 45' e 492 feet.
- North 36 feet to low water line.
- N 75° 15' w 257 feet along low water line.
- N 73° 10' w 232 feet.
- N 80° w 137 feet.
- S 100 feet to place of beginning, containing 1.31 acres, being tide land fronting on west half of lot 6, sec. 17, T. 28, S. R. 14 W. of W. M.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase tide lands."

G. G. BROWN, Clerk State Land Board.
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Dated this Sept. 28, 1909.

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