



PORT COMMISSION WILL HELP VALLEY

Competent Engineer Says
This Can Be Made
a Fine Harbor

WHOLE VALLEY GREATLY BENEFITED

In conversation with a competent engineer, who is in position to know, a representative of the RECORDER was told recently that the Coquille river could be made a commercial stream of vast importance, "of course," he said, "it will take money," but by the establishment of a port commission and with the money that the government will give you on the strength of the commission you can easily cover all expenses at any time." This same man said that the bar was now in good condition and that it could easily be deepened so that vessels of a greater draught than are now coming here, could go and come at will, with little or no difficulty. The gentleman also said that one of the great needs at this time is to get the river dredged and that a nine foot channel could easily be secured to Parkersburg and an eight foot from there on up to Coquille. There are only four or five shoals in the 26 miles from here to Coquille and with the exception of these it would be easy sailing. Thus it can be seen that the port commission will greatly benefit people all along the valley, because it will furnish the means to keep the river in fine condition. It was also stated that a channel, sufficient to carry large river boats all the way to Myrtle Point could easily be secured by means of the Port Commission, because this would furnish sufficient money for all needs especially in this time, because the government will help us in accordance to the amount that we help ourselves.

Are Closely Linked

The Coquille Herald says: "Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg was up from Parkersburg yesterday to visit Mrs. John Kronenberg of this city, and celebrate her birthday with her. Mrs. Kronenberg's mother, the late Mrs. J. Parker, was an old-time friend of Mrs. Kronenberg Sr., and was born in the same country—Germany—the same day, and for many years they celebrated their birthdays together, and the young Mrs. Kronenberg came this time to, as nearly as possible, fill her mother's place. The two older ladies came to America about the same time and were early pioneers to Coos county. They had the same number of children, and Mrs. Kronenberg's eldest son became the husband of Mrs. Parker's eldest daughter, and it is hoped that Grandma Kronenberg may live to enjoy many more occasions with her daughter-in-law."

City Transfer

All kinds of draying and transferring. FOR SALE—mill wood from Cody's mill \$2.00 per load. Coal sold and delivered at lowest prices. J. Jenkins, Prop.

The Racket now has the greatest variety of hair novelties ever brought to Bandon.

Butter Wrappers for sale at this office.

PORT TAX IS PAYING INVESTMENT

Will Help to Adjust and
Equalize Values of All
Lands

Discussion of the projected Port Commission has simmered down to an informal taking of the ayes and nays on the taxing involved. The proposition set forth in the statute is simple. The Commission, duly appointed or elected, has power to set the amount of the tax for harbor and river improvement at any figure not exceeding ten mills, to be collected in the usual way. There is also a provision allowing a special tax if such be needed, to be levied under certain conditions. If the commission finds that the ten mill tax will not cover the immediate expenditure necessary for proper improvement (it being obvious that the greatest outlay of money comes in the first few years of the work, because the maintenance of improvements costs less than the improvements themselves) it can issue bonds for an amount not exceeding ten per cent of the total assessed valuation of the property within the watershed mapped out in the petition for a special election. These bonds provide the ready money in sufficient quantities where the ten mill tax could not. If the ten mill levy did suffice there would be no need of the bonds. But if bonds were issued interest payments and principal falling due would require attention. If such interest or due principal could not be cared for by the ten mills, then the commission would have power to levy the special tax to cover the interest and any portion of the principal falling due in the year of the levy. This gives to the commission right to levy one regular tax of ten mills at most and in cases of emergency such as outlined above, power to levy a special tax determined by the interest or due principal for the year on bonds limited in issue to a maximum of ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the property within the incorporated watershed, interest being statutorily limited to a maximum of six per cent. Gentle reader, if any one tells you that a port commission acting under Oregon laws has unlimited right to tax, you tell him he is another.

There has been expressed by some body a lack of confidence in the ability of five men on a Port Commission to tax honestly. That individual undoubtedly is, like these five would be, an upright citizen of a land called the U. S. A. whose eighty millions of people have the temerity to allow a handful of ordinary men just like this somebody to go to a town called Washington and levy taxes on the land and property of all those eighty millions. This peculiar proceeding has been going on for over a hundred years now and we are still doing it. It is a mistake to allow five of the same brand to exercise a limited power of taxation in our midst where we can get at them easily.

The matter of tax adjustment and equalization has entered into the discussion to some extent and has been treated in these columns before. Perhaps we can get at the matter in this way:

In the industrial world generally speaking activity means income and dormancy does not. Activity on account of the income, enjoys more fully the benefits which government confers upon industry and therefore owes more to the maintenance of government than dormancy does. The fair thing to do then is to tax activity higher than dormancy.

LIGHT PLANT GOES TO THE RECEIVER

A. S. Elliott Formerly of
North Yakima, Wash.,
Is Receiver

WILL IMPROVE THE PLANT RAPIDLY

A. S. Elliott, formerly of North Yakima, Wash., has been appointed as receiver for the Bandon Light & Power Company and is now in charge of the plant here. C. E. Hoppeter, who has been manager of the plant since it started up here will continue to be with Mr. Elliott and assist in carrying on the work of the company.

The plant will undergo many changes and improvements just as rapidly as the work can be accomplished. The service will be extended into parts of the city that are now in darkness and all new customers will be put on to meters and meters will be installed for old patrons just as rapidly as possible.

Since the receivership has taken the plant, an all night service has been installed and a day service will also be put in just as soon as business will justify it, although that is a matter for future consideration.

It is the intention of the company to give the very best service that is possible to be obtained and the plant will be thoroughly overhauled and improved in many ways, so that in the near future Bandon will have as good an electric light service as can be found anywhere.

Mr. Elliott is a thoroughly competent electrical engineer and as he will have personal supervision of affairs, we are assured that everything will be well done.

Taxes Received

All those desiring to pay taxes without the trouble of going to Coquille can pay them at the Bank of Bandon. 8-21

because activity gets more out of government than dormancy. This is the idea which has led to all this uproar about proper taxation of corporations; a corporation ordinarily represents activity and great activity which does not pay its just dues to government is getting something for nothing. We hate to have any one doing that, hence the uproar. The farmer too, in this country, pays higher taxes on his improved property than the owner of unused timber land. This makes the farmer sore, which is a good thing because his outcry has resulted in a healthy movement toward a more and more proper adjustment of taxes on improved and unimproved property a process still going on and naturally hastening the opening up of hitherto unimproved country.

The function of the tax levied by the Port Commission would be to accelerate improvement of unused lands by making it just that much more expensive to leave them unused; and to collect the revenue due from improved property enjoying the prosperity incident to the bettering of transportation facilities. Improved and unimproved property alike will owe for the increase in opportunity for profit and the tax will be the proper payment of the just debt.

The RECORDER \$1.50 per year.

WILHELMINA TO LEAVE HERE

Gasoline Schooner Sold By
Thom to Capt. Tyler
of Yaquina

The gasoline schooner Wilhelmina has been sold by Chas. Thom, to Captain George Tyler of Yaquina and will be taken from Coos Bay to the northern port about March 15. The deal has been pending some time but was not closed until yesterday.

Associated with Capt. Tyler are a number of Yaquina Bay men who plan to operate the vessel between Portland, Astoria, Toledo, Alsea and the Siuslaw. The Wilhelmina was built a little over a year ago for Mr. Thom, but she was found not to be just the kind of craft he desired for the local run. It is understood that she was sold for about \$18,000.

It was stated that another vessel with a similar draught but of greater carrying capacity will shortly be secured to replace the Wilhelmina here. —Coos Bay Times.

Riverton Locals

Mrs. Welch of Lampa is reported as very ill.

C. T. Cessna has gone to California for a visit with his family.

Mr. Darnell son-in-law of Jos. Ferry is visiting relatives here.

J. F. Chaney had his hand badly cut while at work in the coal mine.

The estate of David Mathers, deceased was recently viewed and appraised.

Our school started up Monday, Mr. Harnden and Miss Belloni are the teachers.

Harry Peterson came in from Newberg recently and has been visiting his parents here.

J. M. Young and family will move to the Willamette Valley as soon as their lease expires on the Riverton hotel which will be about April 18.

Ward Gage met with a painful accident last week while working at the coal mine. He fell from the trestle and received a broken rib and was generally bruised up. This comes the harder on him as his wife has been under the constant attention of a physician for some time.

VERITAS

The regular meeting of the Commercial Club will be held Friday evening March 11th at 8:00 p. m. in the firemen's club room. All members and citizens interested in the development of Bandon are urged to be present.

Rooms for light house-keeping. Steam heat, electric lights, telephone convenient and cozy. Inquire at Bandon Steam Laundry. 9-11

The ladies of the Eastern Star gave a five hundred party and luncheon at the K. of P. hall Tuesday afternoon, which was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season. There were about 100 present and ten tables were filled with players and many who did not play were also present. The first prize, a beautiful china chocolate pot was won by Mrs. Beeson and the second prize, a beautiful pin tray was won by Mrs. Fritz. An elaborate luncheon was served which was greatly enjoyed by all. The halls and tables were superbly decorated with ferns, ivy and daffodils, all of which are native to Oregon, and the occasion taken as a whole was one that will long be remembered by those present.

COUNTY GRANGE WELL ATTENDED

Prominent Men of the Order
Assembled Here Last
Saturday

SUBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED

The Coos county grange convention was held in Bandon last Saturday and was well attended by members of the order from all over the county. Besides the regular convention, an open meeting was held to which the public was invited and subjects of general interest were discussed. A debate on the direct primary law and the initiative and referendum was held, in which A. Haberly took the affirmative, while C. B. Zeek defended the side of the negative. Both men had their subjects well in hand and presented a very strong argument. After this a general discussion followed which was participated in by a number of prominent men of the county. After the grange meeting adjourned a telephone meeting was held, representatives of the Coquille Valley Telephone Co. were present, and put their plans of extending free service throughout the valley before the people, and the probabilities are that this line will be extended to Bandon and on down the coast. The proposition is to sell stock at \$15 a share and each stockholder buying two shares is entitled to a phone and they guarantee good service. Mr. Langley of the Coos Bay Home Telephone Co. was also present and made a talk in behalf of that company.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church served dinner from 11 to 2 o'clock and were well patronized by the visitors and citizens.

Happy Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were in Bandon last week visiting their children, H. S. Miller, Mrs. F. Meinhardt, Mrs. Sidney Dean and Mrs. Van Valkenburgh. There are four generations of Millers in Coos county today.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have 7 children all of whom are living in Coos county, having made their home here within the last three years.

There are 43 grand children, 8 of whom are dead, and twelve great-grand children with one dead.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller's family are F. F. V. (First Families of Virginia.)

Mr. Miller is a staunch Presbyterian. He traces his parentage back to those who were expelled from Germany to Holland for their religion. From there the family went to Virginia locating in the Shenandoah Valley.

Mrs. Miller traces her ancestors back to Holland and "Dear Old Ireland," from there to Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miller is 78 years old and Mrs. Miller is 75. They celebrated their golden wedding 4 years ago. They were married in Richland county Wisconsin.

God has allotted to them a peaceful old age surrounded by all their children, living in the healthful, invigorating air of Coos county, they are gently jogging down the stream of life.

Advertise in the RECORDER and you will get results.

SEVEN CARS OF MACHINERY ARRIVE

Two More Cars are on the
Road For the Cody
Mill

The Bandon arrived in port Monday morning with seven cars of machinery for the Cody mill which is now being installed as rapidly as possible. Quite a large amount of machinery including the big band mill, the dynamo and other things had already arrived on a former trip of the Fifield and there are two carloads yet to come. These may be somewhat delayed as they were just behind the big railroad washout that occurred last week and it may be a few days before the road is sufficiently repaired for heavy traffic, but in all probability they will be here in plenty of time as it will take some little time to install the machinery that is already on hand.

Now that the machinery is about all here there will probably be no more delays in the work of constructing the mill and everything will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, so that the mill will be ready for operation in about sixty days.

Church Notes

The Presbyterian church has 137 members in its Sunday School and average attendance of 100 at preaching service. The Ladies' society has 22 members and meets each Wednesday. The C. E. society has 41 members and meets Sunday evening at 6:30. All are cordially invited to attend these services. You are urgently invited to attend the services next Sunday, March 13th. At 11:00 a. m. the minister will discuss the subject "What is a Christian?" At 7:30 How to make Bandon.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m.; preaching services 11 a. m.; Epworth League 7 p. m.; preaching services at 8 p. m. We will be glad to welcome you at these services.

The Methodist Episcopal church is making steady progress. Since the pastor returned from conference in September five members have been received. The Sunday School is growing, and there are rumors in the air of an addition to the church to accommodate it.

The Epworth League will hold their regular monthly business meeting at the parsonage on Saturday evening March 12. After the regular business session a social hour will be spent. All young people will be welcomed.

The Ladies Aid Society are busy these days. Their next meeting will be at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon March 15. All ladies interested in this work will find a cordial welcome.

You will have to put a move on you if you get any of that exquisite colored glassware at the Racket.

A very charming five o'clock tea was given at the Zeek home on last Friday afternoon by Mesdames Mehl, Robison and Zeek in honor of Mrs. Max Reugnitz, who is to leave soon for her home in Colorado. The house was prettily decorated with daffodils and violets and the table which was set for twelve bore artistic bouquets of the same sweet spring flowers. A dainty and appetizing luncheon was served. Those seated at the table were: Mesdames Mehl, Robison, Reugnitz, Cody, Rohn, Hoppeter, Morse, Stephenson, Reynolds, Rossiter, Mc Cinnis and Zeek.

Oregon Historical Society at Mill