



SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Fifth Street Ordinance Repealed at Meeting Friday Night

OTHER BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE

A special session of the city council was held Tuesday night, at which time a large amount of important business was transacted among other things done, was the repealing of the ordinance to improve Fifth street at this time as a number of the property owners objected to the cost as outlined in the ordinance. This means that the improvement of this street will be postponed to a later date.

Owing to a misunderstanding in the arrangements for the moving of M. Breuer's building back the resolution concerning the improvement of First street at the west end, was laid on the table till the next meeting.

An ordinance was ordered drawn for the opening of Columbia Ave. from Fifth to Sixth street, Elbert Dyer was present and announced that he would open Columbia Ave. from Sixth street to the rock fill on the plank road. This would mean another entrance to the city and will be very beneficial. As this was a special meeting no bills were allowed.

The bids for moving the Breuer building ranged from \$800 to \$1300, but as the original resolution was laid on the table, nothing was done with the bids.

Inter High School Field Meet

The inter high school field meet of the various high schools of Coos county will be held at Marshfield this year, and although the arrangements are not yet complete, the Bandon boys have commenced work in earnest, and good progress is being made. For the past two weeks, spades and shovels have been applied energetically, and a fifteen foot race course now surrounds the new school building. C. Evan Lucas, seeing that the boys were in earnest, presented them with a small concrete roller which is designed to develop strength as well as to harden the track. A shower bath is being installed and every possible effort put forth to place the boys on an equal footing with the rest of the schools. Last year Bandon won second honors with less promising material than they have this year and if a coach can be secured who understands his business we will have no cause to fear the results of the meet.

A merry party of people went up so C. E. Lucas' ranch last Sunday for an outing and report the time of their lives. They cooked their dinner over a camp fire but we were not informed as to whether they had a war dance, but presume they did, one thing they did do, however was to assist a poor helpless cow, that had fallen into a pit, out of danger, which was, of course, a worthy act. Those present in the party were: C. E. Lucas and wife J. A. Johnston, Charles and Clyde Barrows, Lentner Gallier, Mrs. R. H. Hopson, Mrs. J. H. Johnston and Miss Edna Mills.

INSTITUTE FOR COOS COUNTY

The County Superintendent Arranges For a Training School

Coquille, Oregon, March 21—The Sentinel says: "County Superintendent Bunch came down to Coquille yesterday to be in attendance at the meeting of the special institute committee which has in charge the matter of a teacher's institute for this county this fall.

"This is the second meeting of the committee and already they have accomplished wonders, in the way of plans for the proposed institute. At their last meeting which was held about six weeks ago it was decided to petition the county court to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of partly defraying the expenses of an institute, and at the last meeting of the body the matter was placed before them with the result that they responded at once with the sum requested.

"This, together with the money already in the institute fund makes a total of \$210.00 and the plan of assessing each teacher of the county \$1.00 will swell the fund to nearly \$300.00 which will amply provide for the expenses of the year.

"Two instructors will be secured from the outside, one for the primary grades and one for the higher grades. The plan is that the session shall take the form of a school of methods rather than a cramming school as has previously been the case. No studies will be taken up, the whole time being consumed in teaching the teachers how to teach.

"The proposed school of teaching will be held from August 1 to 12 inclusive and the school boards of the county will be requested to close the schools of the county for this period of time. It will also be suggested that the teachers receive one week's pay for the time they are in attendance at the institute. The regular teachers' examination will take place during the last three days of the institute."

City Cuts \$2,000 Out of the Fight

Oakland, Cal., March 15—The preliminary legal requirements which were necessary to permit Jeffries and Johnson to fight at Emeryville, were cleared away today, following the action of the town trustees last night in fixing the license for the pugilistic encounter at \$2,000. In view of this action there will be no opposition to the fight on the part of the city.

Better Train Service

On April 1st the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railroad will establish a seven days a week train service between Myrtle Point and Marshfield, and on May 1st, a twice a day service, with the possible exception of Sunday. Mr. Miller, the agent, states that if the company is awarded the contract for carrying the mail in and out of Coos Bay, in other words, if the mail service is left on the Myrtle Point road, the twice-a-day service and seven-day-a-week services will be made permanent. If they do not get the mail contract, the time the service will be continued is problematical.

A chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was organized in North Bend last week with a large list of members.

WHAT PORT COM- MISSION WILL DO

Means Deeper Harbor and Dredged River and Lower Freight Rates

BIG BOATS FROM SEA TO MYRTLE POINT

There seems to be a lack of understanding among many people in this watershed as to just what the financial benefits of a port commission will be and with this idea in view we will here undertake to give a few detailed ideas as to the real question.

We have stated a number of times that it would mean a cheaper freight rate, both in and out of this harbor but some do not understand just how much that would amount to, and for the benefit of those we will say that the boat companies have said that with two or three feet more water on the bar, they would give us the same freight rate from here that other competitive ports have. At present our saw mills are paying \$1.00 a thousand more for transporting lumber to San Francisco than they are paying from Coos Bay and other freight is proportionately high, both in and out of this port. The freight rate from Coquille and Myrtle Point, by way of Coos Bay, is the same as it is from Bandon at present, and with the port commission and the deepened bar and channel to Myrtle Point, the rate from Bandon would be much less as we have stated and the rate from the up river towns would be correspondingly less, and then freight would go out over this bar, which is its natural outlet, instead of going out over the Coos Bay bar. We do not say this to antagonize Coos Bay, but merely state the facts as they actually exist and would exist under a port commission. The up freight from San Francisco and the down freight from Portland would of course be correspondingly lowered with deeper bar and river.

Farmers, as we have many times stated would get a lower freight rate than they are now getting, merchants could sell goods cheaper, because of the lower freight rates and in fact every department of business in the valley would be stimulated in a degree that cannot be comprehended until it is given a trial. The benefits in cheapened transportation would far outweigh the tax every year besides the value of the property would be greatly enhanced as the result of the better transportation facilities.

Still Popular in the West

One Teddy Roosevelt seems to look pretty good to the newspaper editors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, in fact most of them west of the Mississippi River. A Chicago newspaper conducted a canvass of the editors west of the Alleghenies recently to find out their choice for President. The move was made to ascertain if Taft is still a favorite with the people. The canvass showed that Roosevelt was the favorite with 3060 editors while Taft trails with 1093. In Oregon Taft got 14 votes and Roosevelt 32; in Washington Roosevelt 51, Taft 31; in Idaho Roosevelt fell behind Taft, the latter receiving 17 votes and Roosevelt 14.—Coos Bay Harbor.

RUN DOWN ON LOGGING TRAIN

Chas. Hayter Instantly Killed at Craine's Logging Camp

Chas. Hayter well known in Bandon, and who was in the employ of Alvin Munk at the Eagle Bar all winter, only resigning his position on February 22d, was run over by a logging train at Craine's camp last Thursday afternoon and instantly killed.

"Hayter was employed as a loader and also performed the duties of brakeman when the train was en route to the river with logs. He had just completed loading four sets of logging trucks with logs, and before the train pulled out, threw on a butt chain to be repaired at the blacksmith shop two or three hundred yards from the landing. Hayter was standing on the tender and as the train passed the shop he threw the chain off, losing his balance and falling between the tender and first car of logs. Before the train could be stopped eight wheels passed over his body.

Hayter was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and two small children. This sudden death came as a great shock to Bandon people for the young man had many friends here, who learned of his death with regret, and who will extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Interment took place in the Coquille cemetery last Saturday.

"Facing the Music"

On the opening night of the Grand Theatre in this city Apr. 2d, St. Mary's Guild of the St. John's Episcopal church will present the pleasing comedy "Facing the Music." Cast of characters as follows:

Rev. John Smith, Lentner Gallier
John Smith, J. H. Johnston
Dick Desmond, C. R. Moore
Col. Duncan Smith, R. A. Felter
Sergeant Duffell, Robt. Blackerby
Mabel, Miss Edna Mills
Nora, Mrs. R. A. Felter
Miss Fotheringay, Mrs. J. H. Johnston.
Mrs. Ponting, Miss Aura Conger

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ACT I Breakfast room in John Smith's flat; morning.
Act II Same as act I; ten minutes later.
Act III The same, ten minutes later. 11 21

Beautiful America Club

Over at North Bend they have a Beautiful America Club, composed of a number of the ladies of the town. The object of the club is to help beautify the city. This is a noble work and one to be commended. Such a club might be a good thing for Bandon, as the ladies are all interested in beautifying and bettering the conditions of the city. This fact was very apparent, by the action of the Ladies' Art Club, who gave \$100 toward building a sidewalk to the beach. Other acts of interest are being expressed from time to time by the various ladies and ladies' clubs of the city, all of which go toward making a better and more beautiful Bandon.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McDaniel, of the Coos Bay Harbor, died last week after a short illness. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the newspaper fraternity of Coos county in their great sadness.

SIDEWALK TO BEACH BUILT AT ONCE

Commercial Club Decides to Go Ahead With the Work at Once

MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTED

At the meeting of the Commercial Club last Friday evening it was decided to go ahead at once with the work of building the sidewalk to the beach, as there was sufficient money in hand to make a good start and it is thought that more will be forthcoming as soon as the work is commenced so that people can see that the work is really to be done. With a sidewalk to the beach, so as to have easy access to that beautiful resort, there will be much more attraction for people to come to Bandon for an outing, and it will also be much more convenient for Bandonians who desire to spend a day on the beach, or to take a walk for a little outing.

Other matters of importance were taken up and a most interesting meeting was held. A number of other propositions were discussed among which was the debate on the manner of raising funds for street improvement and the port commission question was discussed very exhaustively, nearly every phase of the subject was taken up, and it was decided to make an active campaign showing the benefits to be derived in the entire valley and the excellent investment on the money so far as the tax is concerned.

The opinion of those present, was unanimous that it would greatly benefit the commercial interests of the entire valley, and that the upper river would be benefitted more extensively than would Bandon, but that all would receive a great share in the advancement of business in industry.

Mother Deserts Her Boy.

Vancouver, Wash., March 16.—(Special.)—Deserted by his mother, whose whereabouts are unknown, little John Schlandorf, 8 years old, was taken in charge by a member of the Episcopal Church, of this city.

The little fellow's maternal grandmother was written to, and she at once telegraphed that she would take the child and care for him. She lives in Iowa, and telegraphed the necessary ticket for his travel, so tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, Johnny will begin his 2000 mile journey alone.

The ticket agent, S. J. Miller, will give the conductor in charge of the train a letter to be turned over to the conductor on the next run, explaining the circumstances, and requesting him to take the child under his especial care. The child's mother has married again.

Davenport Likes Oregon

It is authoritatively stated that Homer Davenport, the cartoonist of world wide reputation is on his way to Oregon and will launch into the weekly newspaper business in Portland. He intends to publish a highly illustrated newspaper carrying with it a class of news which would make demand a wide circulation. Portland is his old home town and where the artist's first sketches made their appearance.

OREGON LAND GRANTS LARGE

Special Report on Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant and Litigation

Washington, D. C., March 18—The Department of Justice has sent to the Senate a report concerning the suits against the land-grant railroads, in response to the Chamberlain resolution of January 24th. The report recites that the lands involved aggregated under the acts of July 25th, 1866, and May 4th, 1870, 3,137,000 acres granted, of which 820,000 acres have been sold, the remaining 2,317,000 acres being claimed by the Oregon and California Railroad Company as successors to the original grants, the report states that a suit was instituted September 24, 1908, against the Oregon and California Company, the issues in the case being complicated by a large number of interventions, and that the case is now pending on demurrers, interposed by principal defendants. In addition to the main suit forty-five other suits, instituted against large purchasers of the rights of the United States to the forfeiture of lands in regard to suits to set aside the Coos Bay and Roseburg Wagon Road grant, made under the act of March 3, 1869. The report says the results of an investigation on the condition of the lands under this grant have recently been presented to the Attorney General, the subject considered, and a plan of procedure adopted, and a discussion of the future plans of the Government at this time would be inadvisable.

Ballinger on Conservation

St. Paul, March 16—"As ardent an advocate of wise conservation as the most radical" was the way in which Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department, in a speech today before the Minnesota State Conservation Convention, expressed his policy in regard to the public land question. But it must be wise conservation to appeal to me, he declared.

Ballinger declared himself out of sympathy with those radicals who fear all natural resources are being used up without any consideration for future generations. He said that the coal supply, if the present rate of consumption continued, would last eleven thousand years. He said a speedy survey of all available areas for settlement and the classification of the remainder of the public lands and proper legislation is what is needed to properly handle the situation.

The Chaney Mill

The Coos Bay Times of last Thursday, says: "Unless there is a hitch in present plans, another lumber mill will be erected on the Coquille river, between the Cody mill and Johnson's mill, by the Chaney Logging Company this season. Chaney brothers have announced their determination to build, but are seeking to interest the Menasha Woodware Company and make the mill much larger than if it is built by the Chaney's alone." We have been unable to verify this statement, although we have talked with some of the parties interested. We sincerely hope, however, that the Times is right.

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