



## CITY COUNCIL MET LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

Considerable Business of Importance to the City Transacted.

### A NUMBER OF BILLS WERE ALLOWED

The city council met in regular session at the city hall last Thursday night and transacted considerable business of importance, among which was the allowing of a number of bills.

The proposition made by the Bandon Water Company, which was outlined in the RECORDER a few weeks ago, was rejected. In this proposition the Water Company asked the city to pay \$32.50 a month for water so long as the number of hydrants remained as they are now, and that a charge of \$2.00 per hydrant should be made for all new hydrants put in. This contract was to be for a period of five years.

After the proposition was rejected, Mr. Dyer, for the Water Company, notified the Council that the price of water for the city would again be \$56.00 per month.

A motion was carried to put up the proposition, at the next city election, of bonding the town for a municipal water system.

The extension of Pacific Ave. or Little St. was accepted, the work having been completed.

The proposition of opening First street by moving the K. of P. hall and the Ellingsen building was put up to the council and it was voted by that body to stand 50 per cent of the expense of opening the street. There may be a remonstrance against this movement as there seems to be considerable dissatisfaction among citizens of the town over the matter. Bills were allowed as follows: C. S. McCulloch, city engineer, \$96.25; Recorder Pub. Co., printing, \$14.55; Bandon Light & Power Co., \$15.50; C. R. Wade, salary, \$50.00; Bandon Light & Water Co., two months' service, \$65.00; Coquille River Trans Co., \$10.00; John Jenkins, hauling, \$12.75; J. Sydman, \$7.75; George Gage, coal, \$45.00; F. A. Holman, salary, \$75.00; Ira Tucker, salary, \$65.00; W. Matt Elmer, labor, \$27.50; Mr. Duncan, labor, \$10.00; W. H. Dibblee, salary, \$21.50; County Clerk, 80cts; E. B. Henry, salary, \$31.00; A. Haberly, wood, \$4.50; City Meat Market, \$1.45; Mrs. Jas Wakefield, milk, \$6.20; Bandon Cash Store, \$2.30; J. B. Moore, labor, \$8.75; B. L. Tracy, labor, \$5.45.

### Births During March

The stork was quite busy in and around Bandon during March, and babies have been reported as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Verne Garoutte, March 12th a girl; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foster, March 13th a girl. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Colgrove March 23rd a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Winsor a girl.

O. L. Hopson and C. E. Lucas, of the real estate firm of Lucas & Hopson, were Coos Bay business visitors the latter part of last week. This firm has moved their office into larger quarters over the Bandon Bar, and now have a very neat suite of office rooms.

## FAT ELK DRAINAGE A GREAT SUCCESS

Water Nearly All Out of Marsh. System Half Completed.

That the Fat Elk Drainage system of the Fat Elk marsh, near Coquille, is proving a success, is shown by the fact, that though the system is only a little over half complete, the water is nearly all out of the marsh. The contractor thinks he will have the entire system complete by July 1st. The board of directors are figuring at present on a concrete flood gate at the mouth of the main ditch, but nothing can be done along this line until the water gets lower. Wm. Russ, one of the large stockholders in the company, will be up from Humboldt about May 1st, and will assist in pushing the business to completion. This drainage proposition is one of the largest of the kind ever undertaken in this section of Oregon, and will be of incalculable value to a large area of excellent farming land.

### A Few Corrections.

In Mr. Perkins' article last week, we made him say, in quoting Mr. Haberly: "It is true that the burden of taxes is not equitably distributed, it would be a grave mistake" when it should have read, "If it is true" etc. Then, in speaking of the Southern Oregon Co.'s 85,000 acres, he stated that the valuation was about \$1,000,000, whereas we made him say \$100,000, and a third error was in regard to the mills on the river. He stated in his article that all four mills on the lower river paid less than \$1,300 taxes, and we got it "all four mills on the river," omitting the word lower.

We gladly make these corrections, and assure Mr. Perkins that the errors were not intentional, but only such as will creep into long articles like the one published last week, and cannot be helped.

### The Grand Theatre

The new Grand Theatre, which is to be operated by W. C. Sellmer, is now nearing completion and will be opened to the public Saturday eve. The opening play will be by home talent, and is entitled "Facing the Music." This play has had a big run in all the large cities and is one of the most popular plays on the road today. The play will be under the auspices of the Young People's Guild, of the Episcopal church.

The Grand Theatre will certainly be a credit to the city of Bandon, and will be modern in every respect. It will seat about 475 people, and will be equipped with elegant opera chairs, steam heat, electric lights and a large and commodious stage, together with well furnished dressing rooms. The stage will be equipped with various colored foot lights so as to give any effect desirable in a scene.

In fact, it will be an opera house of which Bandonians may well feel proud and one to which they need not be ashamed to take their friends.

The Tag Day social, given by the W. R. C., a week ago Saturday, was a decided success in every particular, and a neat sum of money was realized, which will go toward the erection of a monument in the G. A. R. cemetery of this city. We were unable to get just the amount taken in by the ladies, but as nearly everybody around town was wearing from one to ten tags, we judge that there was a pretty neat sum realized.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT

Will Discuss Cow Question At Their Next Meeting.

### OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE ALSO

The meeting of the Commercial Club was not very largely attended last Friday night, there being only about fifteen or twenty present, but it is thought that there will be a large attendance next Friday evening as a number of important subjects are coming up for discussion, among which will be that of allowing cows to run at large inside of the city limits. This question is being taken up by other towns in the county. The Coos Bay cities have already "put out the cows;" it is being agitated at Coquille, and at an election some time ago, the bovine tribe won out by a single vote. At Myrtle Point the question is being agitated, and, in fact, is the source of the greatest contention in the municipal campaign that is being carried on in that city at present.

Members of the Commercial Club present at the meeting last Friday night urged that the question should be agitated here and brought up for vote at the coming June election. This matter will be further discussed at the meeting Friday night, and it is likely that a large attendance will be present, as there are many people in town who have cows, and will, no doubt, object to having their range in town cut off.

The matter of a public library and reading room was also mentioned at the last meeting, and will be further discussed Friday night.

Everybody who is interested in conditions of general welfare to the town is urged to attend the meetings of this club every Friday night.

### Mr. Haberly's Reply.

In reply to Mr. Perkins' article of last week, on the Port Commission and Taxation question, I would just say IF A. HABERLY.

The Ruby, Oregon and Advance are all in port loading lumber at the various mills along the lower river.

Mrs. Perkins, mother of Mrs. A. D. Morse, has been on the sick list for a week or ten days, but her friends hope that she may soon recover.

Each day sees the work of reconstructing the Cody Mill a little nearer completion, and the mill will probably be in operation in the course of a month or six weeks.

Mrs. Corrie C. Hubbard, of Independence, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, is expected here Saturday, April 16th, on an official visit to Ocean Rebekah Lodge.

The tug Robarts, which was here from the Siuslaw to take over the government machinery which will be used in the work over there, sailed last evening about eight o'clock with a scow load in tow. Bert Patterson and Ralph Holman, of this city, accompanied the vessel.

Mr. A. Huber and wife, of San Francisco, arrived on the last trip of the Fifield, and will make their home here for the present, having gone to housekeeping over R. H. Rosa Co's store. Mr. Huber takes charge of the tailoring department of Smith Bros. & Sidwell.

## HILL COMING THIS WAY

Sale of Land Grant May Mean New Hill Railroad

Portland, Or., April 5.—The sale of the big land grant of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road company during the past week to capitalists said to represent the Hill interests, indicate to many that the reported Pacific Coast outlet for the Burlington will become a reality. It is believed Hill will build west from Billings, the present terminus, to Boise, and thence westward through Ontario and across Oregon to Coos county. The purchase price of this big land grant will run up into the millions. If its purchase by Hill can be confirmed, and this railway is built, it will mean a great development for Oregon, for it will open up the most isolated sections to settlement.

### Clark-Conger.

One of the happiest weddings of the season was solemnized in Coquille, Tuesday, when J. E. Clark, chief engineer for the Estabrook Co., of San Francisco, and Miss Aura Conger, of this city, were united in marriage.

As is known by all, the bride has been a faithful employee in the RECORDER office for about three years, and though we were suspecting that something would happen soon, yet we did not think it would be "so sudden" and consequently were greatly surprised, when, on Sunday morning she came to the home of the writer and tendered her resignation, announcing that there was "nothing doing" in the type line for her any more.

On Tuesday morning the happy pair, accompanied by a few friends, embarked on the steamer Dispatch for Coquille, and were given the fire salute by the Estabrook boats, and though it was pretty noisy, it wasn't a circumstance to what occurred on their return in the evening, when the Fifield, Bandon, Elizabeth and Klihyam all turned loose with a noise that was sufficient to wake the dead. But the end was not yet; when the pair stepped ashore they were greeted with showers of rice, and were then hurled into a go cart, especially prepared for the occasion, being decorated in red, white and blue, and hurried off to the hotel, the cart being pulled by friends who were deeply interested in the affair.

Mr. Clark and his bride will sail on the Bandon, for San Pedro, for a wedding trip, and will probably locate in San Francisco later.

They are both excellent young people, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Conger, of this city, and we can speak personally for her owing to her associations with this office for so long a period. Mr. Clark is a young man of sterling worth and is holding down a very lucrative position as chief engineer for the Estabrook Co.'s boats. The entire community will join in wishing them all the pleasures that life can afford.

Wm. Candlin, the Coquille traveling man, is in Bandon on business.

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh and Miss Blanche Van Valkenburgh went to Myrtle Point last Saturday to meet the latter's two brothers who have been at Camas Valley for the past month on business. They all returned to Bandon Monday.

Closing out wall paper and paint stock at cost. S. McCutchan, next to Bijou theatre. 13tf

## MUCH SHIPPING FROM THIS PORT

Many Boats Arrive and Depart During Past Week.

### BUSINESS CONSTANTLY ON THE INCREASE

That the Coquille river is becoming a greater shipping port all the time is evidenced from the number of boats that are arriving and departing; last Sunday, especially, this port looked like business, as the Fifield, Elizabeth and Bandon, steam schooners, and the Oregon and Advance, sail vessels, were all tied up at the dock, and there were also, the tug Klihyam, and the tug Robarts, which is here for the purpose of taking the government material up to the Siuslaw, and together with the river boats, the entire outfit made quite a showing.

The Fifield arrived Friday afternoon with 111 tons of freight and the following passengers. A. Huber and wife, Mrs. J. W. Cochran, W. A. Fray, W. J. Gunn, W. W. Sicknar, A. M. Sedgby, H. Vore, Mrs. E. Peterson and G. W. Weber. She sailed again Wednesday with a large cargo of lumber and shingles, and a big list of passengers. Among those sailing were: Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Wilcox, A. Garfield, wife and child, R. C. Armsted, F. E. Volmer, W. D. Lewallen, Lucy Langlois, E. R. Menstedt, Albert Kinley, F. Lehr, C. S. Lowman, J. O. Goodwill, George Shay, W. Brown, Tony Lowder, H. J. Peterson, Colby White and H. B. Kaiser.

The Elizabeth arrived Saturday with 95 tons of freight and two passengers. She sailed again Wednesday with 182,000 feet of lumber, 31 cords of matchwood, 8 cases of woolen goods, one bale of woolen goods, two tons of miscellaneous, and a fair list of passengers.

The Bandon also arrived Sunday morning and sails today via Coos Bay for San Pedro. The Bandon will make regular trips here again as soon as the Cody mill starts operation.

### Gormand-Ford Co.

The Gormand-Ford Co. which is holding forth at the opera house this week in a repertoire of comedy and drama, are being greeted each evening with large audiences and are pleasing the people to the highest degree. The troupe is composed of eleven persons, all of whom are artists in their line. They will be here all the rest of the week, and each night will put on a play of the highest class. One great feature of this troupe is their specialties between acts, and they keep something going on every minute, so there is not the long, tiresome wait between acts that often characterizes troupes of this kind.

The normal school question is fairly before the voters by the initiative bill for Monmouth framed by her Alumni. This separates it wholly from politics, and gives the voters a fair chance to express their choice. Schools are a necessity—we must educate the boys and girls—and we must have teachers, the normal school is the place to train and prepare these. Vote, Yes for Monmouth. J. B. V. Butler Sec. Com. 13tf

## TRY TO END MINE STRIKE

Conferences Between Union and Operators are Now in Progress

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. April 4.—The operators and miners in the bituminous coal fields of the United States began with renewed activity their negotiations looking to the signing of a new two-year contract that will mean a resumption of work in the mines. Similar conferences have been appointed for this week in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and the Southwestern districts.

### Increased Bank Deposits.

Reports of bank deposits in Oregon and Washington on January 31st, when state and national bank examiners made their regular examinations, show a total increase in Oregon of 30 per cent in savings deposits, and in Washington of 28 per cent. This branch of the banking business is one which most closely reflects the general prosperity of the mass of the population. There are now more than forty-seven millions in savings deposits in the two states, divided into thousands of comparatively small accounts. They speak of general and wide prosperity.

### Fourmile Notes

A ten pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis, April 2nd, and Chas is wearing that smile that won't come off.

Mrs. Wilcox and brother, Harry Funk entertained a few friends last Sunday. A lovely dinner was served to which all did ample justice. Those present were: Delos Gardner and family and Robert Hunt and family. The day was greatly enjoyed by all.

R. P. Hunt has accepted a position at Clarence Foster's mill, better known as Clayton's mill.

Everybody is taking advantage of the fishing season and are out with hook and line and several good catches have been reported.

Mesdames Cope and Palmer were Bandon visitors the fore part of the week.

Miss Connie Robison is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cope.

Will Winner and family have moved to Port Orford, where they will spend the summer. PETE.

The Rebekahs gave a Progressive Whist Party at the new I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening, which was well attended. This was the first gathering in the new hall and everybody expressed themselves as well pleased with the hall and as having passed a very enjoyable evening. The formal opening of this beautiful hall will take place on the 26th of the present month, when it will be dedicated with appropriate exercises. It is expected that a great many Odd Fellows belonging to the several lodges throughout the county will be present on that occasion. A full description of the hall will be given later.

FOR SALE—A lot of two and three year old heifers. All coming in this spring. W. S. Marshall, Langlois. 9 7t.

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