



DEEP WATER ON THE BAR

Twenty-three Feet on Seven Foot Tide Thursday Night

SHOWS GREAT POSSIBILITIES OF HARBOR

Some of the croakers who say that the Coquille river is only a little slough and cannot be made a harbor will be compelled to pull in their horns when they are confronted with facts, and here are some of the facts.

The Fifield last Thursday night, went out carrying a full cargo of lumber, and soundings at that time showed 23 feet of water on the bar with only a seven foot tide; with a big tide the bar would thus have 24 or 25 feet, and this is not all; the water was from 16 to 20 feet deep on the inside channel, and it was found that the water was 50 feet deep between the jetties just outside the bar.

There are croakers who say that the bar cannot have over 15 feet of water under the most favorable circumstances, but they merely put up their opinions, and have never made actual soundings.

Another fact worthy of note is, that not a vessel has been bar bound in the Coquille river for over three months.

The excellent condition of the harbor under these favorable circumstances is only indicative of what might be accomplished if the proper effort were put forth.

For instance, the opponents of the port commission can hardly justify their opposition, in face of these facts, on the ground that this cannot be made a harbor, they must get some other excuse for their opposition. But some may say, if the harbor is so good why not let well enough alone? The answer is, we must keep working and progressing so as to make it still better, and in order to have conditions equally as favorable when the rough weather of the winter is in season, and then again comes the same argument that has formerly been put forth, that the greater development of the harbor, the better and greater will the community at large become. The government has given us \$56,000 to be used on the river, but we need to do something for ourselves, and then we can get more, and the Coquille river harbor will become one of the greatest on the Pacific coast, for it is evident that we have the possibilities.

Ferry Business

The business of the local ferry for the last month was much larger than usual and the present month promises to go far ahead of last month even. The need of a power ferry at this point is growing each week, and the business will soon be entirely beyond the capacity of the present show. However, the ferryman is doing his best and there is no complaint on anything except the quality of the equipment.

During the month of May, 2070 foot-passengers were ferried over the river, and the same office was performed for 1109 teams.

For the month of June, the records show 1667 footmen, 956 double teams, 753 single teams, 330 horsemen, 455 cattle and 167 automobiles. —Coquille Sentinel.

\$200,000 FOR GOOD ROADS

Co. Commissioners in Session Discuss Work Planned For This Year

Nearly \$200,000 will be expended on road building in Coos county this summer, and the matter of road building was one of the important features discussed by the County Commissioners who met in their regular session at Coquille last week. The Commissioners adjourned on July 27th, when some business is to be transacted and after that there will be no more meetings until September.

Bills were allowed new judges and clerks of election appointed, and other routine business transacted. The matter of having a county roadmaster was discussed, but County Judge Hall says that there will probably be nothing done this year. He has been investigating the plan by correspondence with other counties in the State with a view of ascertaining their experiences in having a county roadmaster.

The work which the Commissioners have been doing on the roads of the county is now beginning to show. There is in the general road fund about \$122,000, but the special taxes in different parts of the county will bring the aggregate sum to be expended on roads this year, up to about \$200,000, and by winter there will be a marked change in many of the roads. There has been a special tax assessment on the North Fork of Coos River, in all three districts of the Coos Bay wagon road, in Coquille city district, on the Middle Fork of the Coquille River, the Fishtrap district and on the South Fork of the Coquille River.

An improvement in which the general public is especially interested is the work on the Middle Fork of the Coquille River, which road is the stage route from Myrtle Point to Roseburg. With the general fund and the special assessments there is about \$50,000 to be spent on the road between Myrtle Point and the county line. The whole road has been re-surveyed and the bad places cut out, and when the work is finished there will be a good automobile road from Myrtle Point to the county line.

"The road work is beginning to make a showing now," said Judge Hall in discussing the work of the Commissioners. "The trouble has always been that the roads were not on the proper grade. There are in the county 793 miles of road and I think I am safe in saying that not over 150 miles is on the right grade. We are now getting the grades established so that the work done will be of a permanent nature. For example, the bad road at Bear Creek between Bandon and Coquille has been done away with. Instead of having to climb the mountain the road has been changed so that in a few weeks one can drive around the mountain and escape too hard a climb. I think that another year will show a great change in the roads of the county."

Card of Thanks

We, the undersigned, wish to express our thanks to those who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement.

MRS. C. F. LOCKWOOD,
MRS. G. E. EDWARDS.

GOVERNMENT WORK FOR COQUILLE RIVER

What The Appropriation of \$56,000.00 Will Do For The Bar And How Far it Will go on The River

The \$56,000 recently appropriated by Congress for the improvement of the Coquille river, was all given to improve the inside channel, there being no allowance, whatever, made for the further improvement of the bar at this time.

The estimated cost of the work proposed is as follows:

Construction and equipment of snag scow.....	\$ 7,000
Operation of scow 2 seasons, 4 months each season.....	6,000
Removal of mid-channel rock at Rocky Point.....	500
Strangs' Shoal, dredging 15,000 cubic yds, at 15 cts.....	2,250
Walstrom's landing shoal, dredging 14,000 cubic yds, at 15 cts. . .	2,100
Randolph mill shoal, dredging 4,000 cubic yds, at 15 cts.....	600
Contingencies, engineering and office expenses.....	3,710
Total.....	22,160
Estimated cost of work proposed in House Document 399, Sixtieth Congress, first session.....	27,840
Grand total.....	\$50,000

It is estimated that the sum of \$6,000 would be required annually for maintenance of the proposed channels between the mouth of the river and Coquille for the removal of dangerous snags as far up as the mouth of the North Fork, and for the care of the plant.

To show something of the importance of the Coquille river as a shipping point, it need only be noted that the tonnage crossing in and out over the bar during the year 1908 was 70,000 tons, in round numbers, with a value of about \$1,500,000, and with the inside commerce of the river it would bring the total shipping valuation up to \$2,000,000. This would indicate that the river is worthy of all the aid that Uncle Sam can give us. The tonnage increased in the ten years from 1898 to 1908, from 24,556 tons to 68,426 1/2 tons, or practically three fold. Probably no port along the coast can show such an increase as this, and the increase each year from now on will be infinitely greater, so that within the next ten years the marine business from this port will be something immense, and the thing we must do is to prepare for it by getting the port into the very best condition possible. This can be done only by the people working with the government.

Let's get busy and establish the Port Commission and do our share of the work.

Gross Misrepresentation

Report has it that some of the up-river towns have circulated the report that there is a great epidemic of infantile paralysis at Bandon, and that scores of people who had intended coming here on the Fourth, were detained on account of this report. The fact is that there have been a few cases of this disease here, but no more than in other places, and strict quarantine is being adhered to whenever one of these cases is found. If the other towns are taking the same precautions that are being taken in Bandon, they will have nothing to fear from any reading of the disease from this point. Such reports, when they are given out without foundation, as this one was, are malicious, to say the least, and the people who circulated them should be more sure of their grounds.

A Knopp brought a box of berries to this office Tuesday morning, known as the "Phenomenal" berry, and they were certainly phenomenal so far as size and flavor are concerned. One of the berries, which was about an average size, measured four inches in circumference one way and three and one-fourth inches the other way. Mr. Knopp has three rows of these berries on his place in Portland addition, which he set out last year, and is having a fair yield of berries this year, and by next year they will be in full bearing. They are certainly fine and will prove a great money maker in the way of fruit.

Mrs. Sarah Swift, returned from the Bay side, Wednesday, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Nels Rasmussen and Mrs. Lottie Keeler.

Births and Deaths

During the month of June just closed the records show over twice as many births as deaths in the county, and that had there been one more marriage they would also have numbered twice as many as there were deaths. This shows the climate and general conditions of the county to be far ahead of those obtaining in almost any other part of the world. During the entire month there were but fifteen deaths in the county, and there were thirty-five births during the same period. The marriages numbered but twenty-nine, which is a very small number for the month of June. However, quite a number have been solemnized this month so the two months will no doubt come well up to the usual average as compared with other years.—Coquille Sentinel.

Frank Burkholder, manager of the Pacific Real Estate Company this week moved into his new office on the ground floor next door to J. A. Lamb and Co., and to say that he has a neat office is expressing it too mildly by far. He has instituted an innovation in real estate offices in the way of a reading room for his friends and patrons as well as for any strangers who may be visiting the city or stopping over between trains. On his tables Mr. B. has all the county papers, many from other points in Southern Oregon, as well as many of the larger daily papers. At the rear of the office and reading room he has a consultation room where his friends may go for private conferences, and where they may feel perfectly at home and free from interruption.—Coquille Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jennston went down to Port Orford on the Bandon and will return overland.

MANY TO MOVE TO COQUILLE

Twenty Ranchers near Tillamook Planning to Locate in Coos County

The Coquille Sentinel says: "W. E. Catterlin, deputy State dairy and food commissioner for Western Oregon, arrived in Coquille Wednesday evening after a record trip from his home at Tillamook, and will be permanently located a few miles south of this city for the next ten years. It will be remembered that Mr. Catterlin visited this section some time since in the interests of his office and his present move is the result of that visit. He was so favorably impressed with this section of the State that he has taken a ten-year lease on the Star Ranch near Langlois, and will give it his personal supervision in the future.

"And this is but a small portion of the good results of Mr. Catterlin's previous visit. Upon his return to Tillamook he told his friends and neighbors there of the grand country we have in Coos and Curry counties and the result is that there will soon arrive here about twenty of these friends and neighbors and they will come prepared to locate here and purchase dairy farms. They have sold their interests in Tillamook and are coming to stay in the finest dairy country on the Pacific coast.

"These twenty or more dairymen will come representing a total capital of perhaps four hundred thousand dollars, and this sum invested in dairy farms and stock in this section will mean a new epoch in the history of the dairy business of this section. It will mean new ideas and new energy for the industry and it will also mean that the methods of handling the dairy business of the county will be radically changed, and that there will not in future be the vast amount of idle acreage which has been the only drawback in the past."

Installation and Banquet

Delphi Lodge, No. 64, K. of P.'s, installed officers and gave a banquet to the Knights and their ladies, Monday evening. A jolly good time was enjoyed by all present, and the Knight entertained the ladies most royally. The officers installed were as follows: C. R. Wade, C. C.; E. Lewin, V. C.; J. W. Mast, Prelate; Claude Adams, M. of W.; J. C. Shields, M. at A.; J. N. Langlois, I. G.; and Wm. McKay, O. G.

Mrs. R. W. Boyle entertained a party of lady friends at her spacious home in West Bandon, Monday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. LeGere, of Versailles, Mo. The house was very prettily decorated, the color scheme being pink and green. About thirty guests were present, and progressive whist was the prevailing game. Mrs. L. J. Radley won the first prize, a silver sugar spoon. Dainty refreshments were served, and all present had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. LeGere leaves for her home today. Mrs. Radley entertained in honor of Mrs. LeGere on Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. Robert Johnson Wednesday afternoon.

Ball Game Sunday

The Marshfield baseball team is planning for an excursion to Bandon next Sunday. On the same day the North Bend team will play at Myrtle

GROWING INTEREST IN UNION MEETING

Evangelist Is Hard Worker and is Hopeful of Good Results

SPECIAL SERVICES, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

The interest in the big union tabernacle meetings is growing with each service. Last Sunday evening, a large audience listened with rapt attention to the evangelist's sermon on HELL, and he surely makes one think. If you don't believe, come and hear him yourself before you condemn what he says.

On Tuesday night his lecture on "Oregon Dry" got them all going, and the audience at times broke out in applause, giving the famous yell, "Oregon Dry in 1910." Van got so warmed up to his subject that he discarded his coat and went after it in his shirt sleeves.

A number have already made a start in the Christian life. Next Saturday at 3 p.m. the evangelist will speak to women only, and Sunday at 3 p.m. a mass meeting for men will be held. Van's subject will be, "Hot Shot for Men, or the Devil's Boomerang." It will be a hummer. Let all the men in Bandon hear it.

Sunday night will be another great meeting, and the subject is "Booze, or a Ride with Van on the Water Wagon." Bandon people ought to rally and give these meetings the support they deserve.

Evangelist Van Marter is one of the ablest men in his profession and so recognized by those who know him. He will jar you but will do you good.

Meetings will continue all next week. Remember that all the pastors and churches of Bandon are back of this movement.

Wellman to Cross Atlantic

New York, July 8.—Walter Wellman and E. Vaniman will attempt this fall to cross the Atlantic ocean in the dirigible balloon America which was built for the Wellman polar expedition and has twice been tested in voyages over the Arctic ocean north of Spitzbergen. The attempt will be made solely on the responsibility of the aeronauts, but the New York Times, Chicago Record Herald and the London Daily Telegraph have arranged to buy the news of the expedition, which will be transmitted by wireless from the air-ship.

The America will carry a crew of six men including a wireless operator and 1600 gallons of gasoline in a steel tank. Equipped for a days' run, she could carry 75 passengers in addition to her full crew. In size she ranks second only to the latest Zeppelin airship. Wellman and Vaniman plan to start late in August or early in September from some place near New York not yet selected.

Point. Arrangements have been made for a special train to leave Marshfield at 8:00 a.m., Sunday. A boat to Bandon will connect with the train, and it will be possible to return on a special train the same day. An excursion rate of \$1.50 to Bandon and return has been secured. The members of the baseball team expect to take a big crowd from this city.—Coos Bay Times.