

Meeting was called to order in the Methodist Episcopal church at Bandon, Wednesday evening, May 5, at 7:30 p. m., by M. C. Miller, president, with 52 delegates present.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the president, subject—Sacrifice. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Stine, of Coquille City.

Address of welcome by Mrs. A. R. Scott of Bandon; response by the president, in absence of Miss Alice Stemler.

Appointment of committee on finances: Miss Long, E. A. Philpott and Rev. Buckner. Press committee: Coquille City Herald, Frank Strang, Coquille City Bulletin, Rev. C. A. Stine; Bandon Recorder, Mrs. O. F. Phillips; Coast Mail, L. J. Sipe; Coos Bay News, Rev. Gillispie; Marshfield Sun, Mrs. W. B. Smith; Myrtle Point Enterprise, Miss Elsie Lewellen; Port Orford Tribune, Miss Laura Wise.

Rev. Mr. Ford delivered a lecture to young men. The president announced a sunrise prayer-meeting, at 6 a. m., Thursday morning. Adjourned to meet in the Methodist church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING. Meeting opened, president in chair. Song—Nearer, My God, to Thee. Devotions conducted by Rev. Mr. Gammage. Song, Talk on "Front Line Sunday-schools," by Rev. Stine. Discussion followed by the delegates. Sunday-school Ditcher, by Rev. Scott. The discussion was on the line of "How to Get Out of Them."

A paper was read on "The Duties of Sunday-school Officers and Teachers Made Plain," by Miss Zetta Messer of Coquille City. Questions and answers on "The Duties of Sunday-school Officers," by Rev. Gillispie. Song.

Paper on Foreign Missions, by Rev. Gillispie. Reading of minutes of last bi-county convention. Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. President Miller opened the meeting in due form. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Sugg. Song by the Coquille choir, "Marching On." Prayer by Rev. Mr. Stine. Song—solo and chorus, by Coquille male quartet—"The Sinner and the Song." Reading of verses of scripture and short talks by the delegates. Song by the Coquille choir: "Just as I Am." Address to "Young Workers," by W. D. Shoemaker of Bandon. Geo. Byers read a paper on "An Active Society."

A motion was made and adopted providing for four vice-presidents instead of one. Following amendment proposed—No. 6: That the constitution be amended, so as to add to the list of officers a statistical secretary. Approved. Rev. Gammage then delivered an address to children. The Junior Endeavorers of Bandon repeated the books of the Bible in their order and sang a song.

The nomination committee reported: Half of the time of the convention was to be given to Sunday-school work. Officers were as follows: President, M. C. Miller of Dora. 1st vice-president, M. O. Hawkins of Coquille City; 2d vice-president, A. L. Palmer of Marshfield; 3d vice-president, Miss George Parker of Parkersburg; 4th vice-president, E. A. Philpott of Bandon. Secretary, Miss Phoebe Lamb of Fishtrap; statistical secretary, Miss Daisy Dodge of Myrtle Point; treasurer, Miss Elsie Lewellen of Myrtle Point. Place of meeting, Coquille City, in November, 1897.

THURSDAY EVENING. Meeting opened in due form. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. T. Conwell of Coquille City. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Ford of Eugene. Song, Prayer by Mr. Byers of Fishtrap. Trio by Mrs. Scott and daughter, Kalona, and Mr. Barrows, accompanied by guitar, violin and mandolin. A paper was read by Mrs. Roseman, subject of which we failed to get. Song, Paper by Mr. Edmunds. Select reading, by Mrs. Abernethy. Song—"Something for Jesus," trio. Address by Rev. Buckner, of Bandon, entitled "Appointed and Anointed for Service." Collection, \$6. Song, by Mrs. O. F. Phillips. Treasurer's report was read and approved. The committee on resolutions reported, as follows: Thanking the citizens of Bandon for their hospitality and kindness to attendants at the convention; thanking the officers for their energy, earnestness and faithfulness in the duties performed by them; thanking the owners and officers of the steamer Dispatch for reduced fares to and from the convention and uniform kindness during the trips of delegates and visitors.

Accepted. Secretary's report read and approved. Adjourned.

THE PART A CHURCH SONG PLAYED

In the Capture of a Gang of Thieves—One of the Gang Converted, Surrenders Himself and Betrays His Pals.

Chicago, May 6.—A song rendered by the choir in the church at Chicago avenue and Ada street two weeks ago was responsible for the capture of four members of the desperate Weir gang by the police last night.

As the church was filled with the song, "Where Is My Boy Tonight," Fred Drenkon, one of the members of the gang, bowed his head in sorrow. That song marked a turning point in the young man's life, and today he is a paroled prisoner, and it is said will be given his freedom for assisting in breaking up one of the most dangerous gangs of criminals that ever operated in the city.

Property worth many thousands of dollars has been stolen and the police have 28 charges against the members of the gang. Since January Detective Hamilton has been collecting evidence against the gang and with the confession of Drenkon, which covered 63 typewritten sheets of paper, the police say that they have the case complete.

The four members arrested are Edward Ernest, Henry Weir, Mrs. Henry Weir and Charles Zimmerman, father of the woman. A large quantity of stolen goods was found at Weir's house.

THE TEST CASES ON TRIAL

To Compel Secretary Kincaid to Issue Warrants.

In department No. 2 of the circuit court of Marion county, the test cases to compel Secretary Kincaid to audit accounts and draw warrants for same are in progress this afternoon. Ralph E. Moody, the instigator of the cases, is on the ground, assisted by Mr. Thomas. Col. N. B. Knight, who has charge of the cases for Secretary Kincaid, has filed general demurrers in both cases. It is not thought that the cases will be argued, but if they are to be, more time will be asked.

Inasmuch as there is a supreme court decision on the case it is probable that Judge Hewitt will simply dismiss the writs, when the cases will be appealed to the supreme court.

It will take over a year to get these cases through the supreme court unless both sides agree to having them advanced on the calendar for immediate action. It is not probable that both parties will so consent.

LATEST. Judge Hewitt dismissed the case, and it will be appealed to the supreme court.—Capital Journal, May 6.

Three Young Men Out on a Spree. Decatur, Ind., May 5.—As a result of a joke at Markle, near here, last night, two young men lost their lives and a third is on the verge of death. The young men, Davis, Kingman and Brade-stadt, started out to have a good time. They went into a drug store, and while the clerk had his back turned they took a bottle labeled alcohol, but which in reality contained a deadly poison, and secreting the bottle beneath their coats, went to the edge of town and drank the contents.

In a short time they were seized by convulsions, and a physician was summoned, but could afford no relief. Two of the young men died in terrible agony, while the third is in a hopeless condition.

(Marshfield Star.) F. E. Nelson will resign his position at the electric light works, he not being able to stand the night work.

Is Noster and George Lorenz, of Coquille City, were in town last Tuesday to arrange a relay bicycle race between a Coquille and Marshfield team. The boys want to run for "dough" and it is probable their offer will be accepted. The distance will be from Coquille City to Marshfield and there are to be four riders. Wm. Nashburg, James Hatcheson, Albert Matson and Wm. Brainard are spoken of for the Marshfield team.

The Oregon Observer says that the damage done in Union county by the high water in the Grand Ronde river is between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Reports came from Canby prairie that frosts of last week did a great deal of damage, in many cases the damage being 75 per cent.

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The Corvallis Labor Exchange are going to make brick and are digging a well and will begin operations at once.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a baby show on May 8th, at Eugene.

It is reported that the north bound freight left 105 tramps at Ashland Monday.

Circuit Court Docket—May Term, 1897.

The following cases have been disposed of: C. B. R. & E. R. & N. Co. vs J. M. Endicott—verdict of jury for defendant; damages \$510.

Pacific States Savings, Loan & Building Co. vs Annie Elizabeth Short—testimony read and brief submitted. Mary A. Howlett vs C. F. Edmunds—jury was taken; all the evidence of plaintiff was in; the defendant then moved to amend pleading; jury was discharged and case was laid over until next term.

Ah Foe vs J. W. Bennett—referee given until end of week to take testimony. Joe Liggett, admr of estate of James Kilburn, deceased, vs Frank M. Decker et al—judgment by default. Emily O. Spofford vs Edwin R. Spofford—W. U. Douglas appointed referee to take testimony.

John W. Eldridge vs W. A. Hatcher, Mina Hatcher and Coos Co.—judgment by default. Eugene O'Connell vs Samuel R. Davis—judgment by default. J. A. Youkam vs W. L. Condron—judgment by default.

S. D. Magnes vs S. R. Davis—judgment for plaintiff. Stephen P. Johnson vs H. W. Sanford—dismissed. Lewis M. Coy vs Minerva Ann Coy—A. J. Sherwood appointed referee.

McPherson, Ganser & Co. vs L. W. Record—settled. Mrs. S. E. Robinson vs E. L. Baxter and F. M. Baxter—judgment by default. Mrs. S. E. Robinson vs Maria A. Leneve and N. W. Leneve—judgment by default.

Z. T. Siglin vs C. B. R. & E. R. & N. Co.—verdict for plaintiff for \$56. The grand jury returned a true bill in the case of state vs Russell; the defendant pleaded not guilty and trial was set for Monday. D. H. Hutcheson vs Daniel Richards—continued to next term.

A Sensational Grand Jury Report. Portland, May 7.—The grand jury tonight made a sensational report. It is said that the grand jury had evidence that there was a gambling and prostitution trust in the city, and that the trust was controlled by city and county officials.

It further says that prosecuting Attorney Lord and Police Commissioner Napoleon Davis had guilty knowledge of the workings of the trust. Constable Conner is charged with having a half interest in one of the large games. The trust exacted 25 per cent of the winnings from its members. R. C. Smith was the collector. If a game refused to come into the trust it was raided by the officials.

One game for a long time refused to pay blackmail and it was repeatedly raided; after while it yielded and the raids stopped. The report also says that when some gamblers in the trust had been indicted the prosecuting attorney refused to prosecute and had the indictments quashed. Those outside the trust, when indicted, had no legal protection.

(Coast Mail.) The schooner Webfoot sailed for San Francisco yesterday with a cargo of 380,000 feet of lumber.

The majority of the population of Empire, outside of county officials and town officers, consist this week of lawyers, there being 20 "gentry" of that ilk in attendance at circuit court.

The barkentine Omega, which sailed from here Jan. 20 with a cargo of 684,000 feet of lumber, has arrived at Fremantle, Australia, after a passage of 97 days. Harry Dimmick, one of our Coos bay boys, is one of her crew.

The cannery project is still going ahead; there is now only three shares "shy" of the number required before the company is organized. These may be secured today, and in that case there will be an organization meeting held soon.

We notice that the passenger rate war is on between the Homer and Alice Blanchard. The agents of the Alice Blanchard have out posters quoting rates to Astoria and Portland, \$5 cabin, \$2.50 steerage, and to Eureka, Cal., \$3 cabin, and \$2 steerage. Now is the time to travel.

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UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Farmers are about all through seeding. S. Billings' infant and only son is very low of pneumonia fever. Dr. Roberts now occupies the office on Spruce street formerly used by Dr. Easter.

The first milk of the season was delivered at the skimming station in this place on last Monday. Rev. Blair held services in the Willowdale church last Sunday; also at this place in the evening.

Our citizens were sorry to learn that the erection of the new court-house has been indefinitely postponed.

Many of the farmers who are testing the policy of early planting now have corn large enough to cultivate.

Our people are anxious to see the road from this place to the Curry county line improved this summer.

R. C. Dement has a crew of men at work clearing that fine bottom land which he recently purchased of Mr. Strang, about one mile above town.

Encouraging news is steadily coming in from the mining districts. The last strike reported is by W. O. Corbin and Geo. Bailey on South Sixes.

Mr. Romander, foreman of the Coquille creamery, was in town last Friday evening to assist Mr. Erdice with the pumping machinery at the skimming station.

Dr. K. A. Leep received a fine buggy last week from Bandon, which was put up by P. Nelson of that place. Mr. Nelson is a fine workman and worthy the patronage of the public.

J. L. Lewellen, our enterprising furniture dealer, tried his hand with the brick trowel very successfully last week, and laid the foundation for his new building to be erected on Spruce street.

W. W. Endicott was awarded \$500 damages by the jury for the railroad right-of-way through his premises. This was surely small enough. While it does not destroy much land, it virtually ruins the little farm for which Mr. Endicott paid about \$1500.

We deny that the article referring to Dr. Easter and Attorney Burtenshaw, which appeared in this department recently, was in the least misleading. As the bulk of our information came from Burt we have no reason to doubt that the exhibit took place and that the Rev. Gentleman played the weaker part. As to his friends in Myrtle Point and the telephone, we don't know anything of them.

The railroads are all in favor of the present sugar beet agitation. Once established they would reap the lion's share of the product of the farmer who would have to contribute both to and from the factory. Last year we imported about one dollar's worth of sugar to each one of our inhabitants; if we will produce all of our own sugar we will all get rich!

It is officially reported that the supply of sugar from Cuba has fallen off almost 1,000,000 tons in three years, and yet there has been no appreciable deficit noticed in the total sugar production of the world. This indicates how rapidly the production of sugar has increased, and makes it easy to infer what the prize would be now if Cuba had produced the usual quantity.

Answer to Challenge for Debate. To J. P. EASTER—Sir: If you have any influence with and can secure the ablest minister of your denomination in the state of Oregon, we will take pleasure in meeting each other in joint debate for ten days or two weeks, and are ready at a moment's notice to do so; but nothing could be more unprofitable or more injurious to the cause of Christianity. You are ignorant, impudent, and most offensive egotism, and the only weapons you know how to use in debate are ridicule, pointless sarcasm and personal abuse. We do not recognize you as a worthy opponent and decline meeting you for such good reasons. K. V. MILLARD, Bishop of Church of Redeemed Israel.

The body of John Farnum, the miner, who lost his life in Powder river, near McEwen, on Wednesday, was found about one and one-half mile below the scene of the drowning, and was buried at Sumpter.

The citizens of Astoria have been ordered to remove the moss from their roofs by the fire chief on account of its inflammability in hot weather.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartics. Be or Be Not. If C. C. fail to cure, Druggists refund money.

Prof. Jenkins, of Bandon, was on our streets last week. Judge Bender has been quite busy of late in his judicial capacity.

Last Sunday, though a little cloudy, was one of the pleasantest days of the season. What is the latest from court? And what about the court-house? have been the leading questions of late.

An Assembly of the United Artisans was organized in this place last Saturday evening by Organizer J. B. Metzler.

S. C. Giles started to the Johnson creek mines last Monday. We presume he has had news for some unfortunate miner.

Sixty-four head of cattle were brought to town last Sunday by Page & Sherwood who are preparing for a big drive in the near future.

Messrs. Barry & Sloan delivered the last of their logs, which were carried down the river last winter by the freshest, at Cedar Point last Saturday.

Electric lights and water supply is being agitated by our sister towns. Is it not time Myrtle Point would wake up and do something in this line?

Phillip Brack and family, who have been living in Bandon for the past year, will move home to their farm on the Middle Fork of the Coquille this week.

Frank Tripp returned from Douglas county last Saturday, accompanied by his sister, Miss May Tripp, who will spend the summer with relatives here.

While visiting the lower river last week we were reliably informed that the week following April 28th the out-pit of coal by the Bandon Block Coal Company increased from 12 tons to 30 tons per day, leaving a neat profit to the company. It is truly gratifying to know that when properly handled this mine is a financial success, and it means much to the people of this valley. The company, which has spent many thousands of dollars in opening this mine, is greatly encouraged and believes this will soon be among the best paying mines on the coast. We were also informed that much of the coal from this mine has been bought by the Spreckels Co. and sold in the S. F. market as Beaver Hill coal, which certainly speaks well for its quality. Every effort should be made to secure the continued improvement of the river bar, which is still a menace to shipping, although much improvement has already been made.

Teachers' Examination. Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at Bandon, commencing on Wednesday, at 1 o'clock p. m., the 12th day of May, 1897.

Teachers who are eligible for state certificates and diplomas must make application at the same time. Dated this 24th day of April, 1897. J. H. BARKLOW, County School Superintendent.

Ocean sky-scrapers are the latest. The Friedrich der Grosse, a steamer to run between Bremen and New York, with occasional trips to the Orient and Australia, is a nautical structure. The vessel is divided by twelve strong transverse bulkheads, which partition the towering fabric of steel and iron into thirteen water-tight compartments.

Japan will expend \$213,000,000 in the next eight years on new war ships, armament and dockyards, if the plan of her naval department be carried out. This will give her a fleet of 67 ships, 11 torpedo boat destroyers and 115 torpedo boats.

The graduating class of The Dalles high school visited Hood River last Saturday, and, while there, some of the scholars accidentally broke the water-supply pipe, and Hood River was out of water for a few hours.

Washington, May 5.—The arbitration treaty has been defeated in the senate by a vote of 44 to 26. It thus failed to receive the necessary two-thirds required by the constitution.

A former official of the Carnegie company, in a burst of confidence, in a Pittsburg club, stated that the net profits of the company last year were \$10,000,000.

WANTED—FAITHFUL MEN OR women to travel for responsible established house in Oregon. Salary \$750 and expenses. Position permanent. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

Washington, May 5.—Senator W. J. Deboe, Kentucky's successor to Senator Blackburn, was sworn in in the senate today.

French detectives as well as English watch over the safety of Queen Victoria while she is on the continent.

\$250,000 To Be Given Away this year in valuable articles to smokers of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco. You will find one coupon inside each 2-ounce bag, and two coupons inside each 4-ounce bag. Buy a bag, read the coupon and see how to get your share.

TRIAL FOR CONTEMPT. The Sugar Trust King's Cases to Come Up This Month.

New York, May 5.—Henry O. Havemeyer and John E. Searles, respectively president and secretary of the sugar trust, must appear in the federal court at Washington on Monday the 17th to be tried for refusing to furnish required information to an investigation committee of the United States senate in 1896.

Paul Johnson was home last Sunday from Smith-Howardville and from him we learn that in a day or two, after some material arrives which is now on the way from San Francisco, the Pioneer Mining Company will have their plant running on a more extensive scale.

D. S. McCaspehl has traded his ranch near Fourmile to W. W. Shipley for a five acre fruit orchard and a drugstore at Yoncola, Oregon, and expects to move to that place in a short time. Mr. Shipley who visited this locality has gone back to Yoncola to move to his new possession.

Geo. P. Topping left Empire City Thursday morning on the steamer Blanchard, for The Dalles, Oregon, as a delegate to the Grand Court of the Foresters of America. Mr. Topping represents Court Queen of the Forest No. 17, of Bandon.

Sunday, April 25, was the hottest day we have had here for many years, but high as our temperature was here it was much higher in other places even in our own county. In Marshfield, on the same date, it was 88 in the shade, and on the same date there, it reached 92 in the shade. In Coquille City it reached as high as 94 in the shade, while our maximum temperature here in the shade was only 76, and nevertheless, that made us feel warmer enough. Our maximum we have said was 79, that is, 13 degrees lower than it was in Marshfield, and 15 degrees lower than it was in Coquille City.

The report of the state insane asylum for April shows the number of patients under care and treatment during the month to have been 1133. The average per capita expense for the month was \$9.57. The number of patients remaining in the asylum at the end of the month was 1107.

Portland Welcome: The Roseburg Plaindealer, ex-and-mayor-is-yet-Railroad Commissioner Eddy's paper, says: "Prosperity is coming; there is no question about it. What? Is Eddy already absolutely sure that he is going to draw \$5,000 more from the state treasury for doing nothing?"

Josh—Yes, my darter's going to graduate this year, an' she's busy now preparin' her valedictory. Hiram—What's a valedictory? Josh—That's the kind of a dress they wear when they graduate.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

For Sale at a Bargain. I WILL SELL MY RANCH, CONTAINING 160 acres, 30 in cultivation; 30 acre creek bottom; 80 acres in pasture, fenced; 125 fruit trees; 1000 bushels of small fruit; large house, 7 rooms, plastered and painted; barn 40x80, stables, cattle sheds, and all necessary outbuildings; good spring water pipe, house, milk-house and barn; about \$800 or \$900 worth of white cedar timber for lumber or matchwood; buildings new or nearly so; county road on one side of place; five months' term of school each year, five minutes' walk from house. No encumbrances on the place. Price \$1100. Will also sell farming tools, stock, sheep, tools, and furniture. I am past 70, too old to farm and mean what I say. I will sell, make me an offer and come and see me. No nonsense on the place. For full particulars call on or address DAVID BALDWIN, Bandon, Oregon.

Execution Sale. NOTICE is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos, on the 29th day of March, 1897, in favor of Thomas Wilson, plaintiff, and against J. A. Lehner and W. T. Lehner, defendants, I did, on the 9th day of April, 1897, at the instance of said plaintiff, sell to the said Lehners, title and interest which the said defendants or either of them had on the 17th day of July, 1893, or may at any time since have acquired in or to the following described real property, situated in the county of Coos and state of Oregon, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning 8.16 chains south and 7.50 chains west of the quarter section corner between sections 8 and 9, township 22 south of range 12 west of the Willamette Meridian, at a C 8 post from which a myrtle 20 inches in diameter bears south 46 degrees east 38 links, run thence west 17.50 chains to the right bank of Coquille river to a cedar C 8 post from which a willow 10 inches in diameter bears south 11 links, thence up the right bank of the Coquille river to the northwest corner of the E. C. Catching donation claim, thence east 7.25 chains to the north-west corner of the town of Myrtle Point, thence south 10 degrees east 8.51 chains to Fannie G. Dixon's line, thence north 29.50 chains to place of beginning, containing—acres, as described in and recorded in Folio 281b, 1293 of Book of Deeds No. 17, on page 201 thereof of the records of Coos county, Oregon, and I will, ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 1897, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court-house door in the town of Empire City, Coos county, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the above described real property, or a sufficient thereof to satisfy the demands of said plaintiff as specified in said writ of execution, amounting to the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars.

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W. W. GAGE, Sheriff of Coos county, Oregon.

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