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## THREE DROWNED

Only Two Bodies Have Yet Been Found—Search Still Kept Up.

Some piling just under the surface in the Coquille river, a mile and a half above Norway, caused the loss of three lives about noon last Monday. The drowned were Mrs. Chauncey Carpenter, and Mr. Carpenter's two sisters, both aged five and Clara aged 18.

The Carpenters lived in Bandon, but he had been working for Col. Thomas Drane near Parkersburg and that morning borrowed the Colonel's launch, Superior, to take his wife, baby and two sisters to the circus at Myrtle Point.

Running past the Lee Ray place above Norway at about 12:30 the boat ran square on some piling in the old submerged jetty the government built some years ago. As the boat struck Carpenter ran around the cabin to the stern and his wife told him to save the baby, that the rest of them would hold on to the boat until he could come back for them. But the water is fifteen or twenty feet deep there and the current very swift and before he reached the shore with the baby he saw his sister Clara down river from where he got out. Putting the baby down, he found that the boat had sunk and neither one of the three was in sight.

Then he began a heart-breaking attempt to secure assistance. Cars headed for Myrtle Point rushed past, the occupants disregarding his signals or else promising to send help from Myrtle Point.

Telephone communication finally brought a car load of six from the Point and as the news of the accident spread the farmers of the Arago and Norway sections began to come with boats and drag lines.

All that afternoon and until 11 o'clock that night the search continued, the only result being the fishing up of a pocket book, containing \$2.50 in silver and belonging to Clara, the baby buggy, suit case and other baggage. The Superior floated about 300 feet down and was partially raised and securely tied to the bank.

Tuesday morning a car load went up from Coquille to assist and at noon W. S. Graham started the Beaver up with a crowd of a dozen. The Relief also passed here about two o'clock that day with nine of Mr. Carpenter's friends from Bandon who chartered the boat for the trip.

On the way up the two steamers met the Active which was bringing down the body of Clara, which had been found about a quarter of a mile below the scene of the wreck, at 1 o'clock.

There is a whirlpool and lots of logs at this point, and a sack, weighted with sand, put afloat at the jetty was picked up not ten feet from where Clara's body was found at the same time.

Wednesday afternoon Ruth's body was picked up close to the same spot and it is generally thought by the searchers that Mrs. Carpenter's body will be found in that vicinity.

It is unusual for a human body to be carried as far down stream as these had been. With the long stretch of water to cover and the limited amount of dragging apparatus at hand it is not strange that the bodies were not recovered sooner.

Chauncey Carpenter is a son of C. C. Carpenter, now in the mercantile business at Bandon, but formerly of Coquille, with the Coos County Abstract Co. It is only a few months since his oldest daughter died and now this double loss takes away the last of the girls in the family.

Mrs. Chauncey Carpenter's parents live in the Pistol river country in Curry county. The baby, which is only three months old, appeared none the worse for its experience in the river, and Tuesday Mr. Carpenter said it had not even caught a cold. Mrs. Albert Schroeder cared for it while Mr. Carpenter was searching the river with the rest.

Mr. Carpenter, who is an excellent swimmer, is the man who swam ashore down at Bandon a year or so ago when the Randolph was sunk off the bar. None of those drowned were able to swim.

It was a terrible misfortune that befell Mr. Carpenter and it is not strange that he was almost insane Monday afternoon and wanted to get out in the water and search the hidden depths. He has a wide circle of

friends and acquaintances up and down the river whose sympathy goes out to him in unstinted measure in this hour of affliction.

## \$30,000 for Coquille Bridge.

When the business men of Coquille turned out in force last Saturday morning to interview the county court about the proposed river bridge here, they were promised an appropriation of \$10,000 yearly for three years, the first installment to be included in the budget next December.

Whatever additional amount may be required for the bridge the city will be expected to provide.

As steel for bridge construction is now at an almost prohibitive price, it is not expected that work will be begun on this bridge until the war is over and conditions have become nearer normal; but this agreement by the court insures the construction of the bridge within a reasonable period.

Meantime the work of preparing for it will proceed, the first thing in order being to secure the right of way.

## BECKETT IS DOING TIME

At 9:30 yesterday morning E. A. Beckett, who was several weeks ago sentenced in Justice Stanley's court to 25 days' imprisonment in the county jail for violating the prohibition law, appeared in the same court with his attorney, Walter Sinclair, to ask that his punishment be changed to a fine or that he be paroled. District Attorney J. F. Hall was present to represent the state, and there was nothing doing along either line requested.

Then Beckett asked to be permitted to put off his sojourn in the sky parlor of the court house annex until he had been home for dinner. The Court assured him that this was in the discretion of Constable Hark Dunham who had him in charge. Dunham very emphatically expressed his intention to assume no responsibility in the matter, remembering very distinctly the nervous shock he suffered last Saturday when Beckett went over to the Bay to do some trading.

So the prisoner was taken up and turned over to Sheriff Gage to begin his 25 days' vacation from active labor.

## Big Business at Bandon.

The Bandon shipyard is to be reopened within a short time by a newly organized corporation to be known as the "Pacific Ship-building Company." The capitalization is for \$250,000, most of which comes from San Francisco and vicinity.

J. R. Cunningham, of Oakland, who was here yesterday, came up last Saturday to make the deal. He says the two ways will be kept occupied all the time and the yard as busy as a large crew of ship carpenters can keep it. Inside of 30 days the repair work on the yard will be started but it will be 60 days or more before the camps will have the necessary ship timbers out.

C. McC. Johnson will have charge of the plant. He says there have already been inquiries from 30 ship carpenters who own homes in Bandon, who desire to go to work for the new company.

It has not yet been decided whether the ships will be built on contract, of which they can secure any number, or whether the boats will be sold after the keel is laid and they are partly built.

The capacity of the yard is two ships of 3,000 tons capacity, but Mr. Cunningham says they won't confine themselves to operations of that size. Like other new concerns bringing money into Coos county they are figuring on developing the resources of the county and branching out after they get started; and they have the capital to do it.

The re-opening of this shipyard will mean a great deal to Bandon, and in fact to the whole Coquille valley. It is the most important event that has happened at the mouth of the river in years.

At the city school board meeting last night J. W. Noble was unanimously elected principal of the high school. All his present pupils had signed a petition requesting that he be retained. The board at the same time agreed upon the figures for next year's budget.

Hereafter all automobile and repair work must be settled for before it leaves the garage. A. A. Paull.

## FOR THE CENSUS

Registrars Appointed to Enroll Men Between 21 and 30 Years of Age.

Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage has just completed a list of registrars to make the Draft census of men between the ages of 21 and 30 from whom the draft for Coos county's quota of the half million soldiers for the nation's Army of Liberty, are to be drawn. The duty of these registrars will simply be to attend to this business on the day to be named by President Wilson and enroll the young men within those age limits as they present themselves. The list is complete but subject to revision in cases where the person named is unable to serve—unwillingness won't count.

- | No. | Precinct                          | Registrar |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | Lakeside—Chas. St. Dennis.        |           |
| 2.  | Templeton—A. K. Brown.            |           |
| 3.  | North Slough—Oscar Ohman.         |           |
| 4.  | Haynes Slough—M. H. Reiber.       |           |
| 5.  | Allegany—Walter Still.            |           |
| 6.  | Kanuck Slough—A. O. Kjalland.     |           |
| 7.  | Willanch Slough—John D. Tower.    |           |
| 8.  | Empire—Claud G. Hockett.          |           |
| 9.  | North Bend—J. C. Young.           |           |
| 10. | North Bend—L. A. Loomis.          |           |
| 11. | North Bend—Walter S. McLeod.      |           |
| 12. | North Bend—J. W. Grant.           |           |
| 13. | North Bend—C. A. Smith.           |           |
| 14. | Pony Slough—Geo. Watkins.         |           |
| 15. | Eastside—Alonso Hemenway.         |           |
| 16. | Eastside—C. P. Kasting.           |           |
| 17. | Marshfield—L. E. Brown.           |           |
| 18. | Marshfield—D. L. Reed.            |           |
| 19. | Marshfield—O. Graves.             |           |
| 20. | Marshfield—G. W. Kaufman.         |           |
| 21. | Marshfield—Alva Doll.             |           |
| 22. | Marshfield—Harry G. Butler.       |           |
| 23. | South Slough—Charles M. Rhodes.   |           |
| 24. | Newport—J. E. Fitzgerald.         |           |
| 25. | Bunker Hill—E. Lothard McClure.   |           |
| 26. | Catching Slough—George Ross.      |           |
| 27. | Coos River—J. A. Smith.           |           |
| 28. | Burton—T. G. Barker.              |           |
| 29. | Sumner—G. N. Wilson.              |           |
| 30. | Coos City—Nial Watson.            |           |
| 31. | Coaledo—John Yeakim.              |           |
| 32. | Beaver Hill—Hugo Ertis.           |           |
| 33. | Cunningham—J. W. Miller.          |           |
| 34. | Fat Elk—I. T. Weekly.             |           |
| 35. | Dora—Fred A. Barker.              |           |
| 36. | Missouri—J. D. Bennett.           |           |
| 37. | Lee—Claud Waters.                 |           |
| 38. | Coquille—Coquille John Jusa.      |           |
| 39. | Coquille—N. C. Kelley.            |           |
| 40. | Coquille—W. C. Chase.             |           |
| 41. | Coquille—N. E. Landrith.          |           |
| 42. | Riverton—J. B. Shelton.           |           |
| 43. | Bullards—R. W. Bullard.           |           |
| 44. | Prosper—C. B. Zeek.               |           |
| 45. | Bandon—Chris. Rasmussen.          |           |
| 46. | Bandon—A. J. Hartman.             |           |
| 47. | Bandon—A. E. Hadsall.             |           |
| 48. | Bandon—Kenneth Perkins.           |           |
| 49. | Two Mile—W. A. Sloane.            |           |
| 50. | Parkersburg—J. L. Bear.           |           |
| 51. | Lampa—Percy G. Schroeder.         |           |
| 52. | Norway—Chas. T. Blumenrother.     |           |
| 53. | Catching Creek—J. B. Luttrell.    |           |
| 54. | Myrtle Point—Chas. A. Harrington. |           |
| 55. | Myrtle Point—E. C. Roberts.       |           |
| 56. | Sugar Loaf—S. S. Darnell.         |           |
| 57. | Enchanted—C. S. Murphy.           |           |
| 58. | Powers—T. S. Zimmerman.           |           |

## Eugene Shields a Suicide.

The suicide of Eugene Shields over in the Myrtle creek section last Sunday morning so far seems unaccountable. He had been out at a dance the night before and early in the morning got his revolver and started for the barn. He paid no attention to his daughter's question where he was going but went straight ahead with what they described as "a terrible look" on his face. Soon after he went out a pistol shot rang out on the Sabbath air and he was found with a bullet through his heart.

## May Get School Land Funds.

While the people who applied for money from the state farm loan department are waiting for the bonds to be readjusted and sold for par or above, it may be worth while to remember that the State School loan fund has \$100,000 in hand for just such uses, though the interest is six per cent instead of five and the plan for payments is not quite so up-to-date as in the other case. While the Farm Loan board advertised a \$250,000 issue at first, the next offer will be half a million.

District Attorney Hall is preparing to begin proceedings in Justice Stanley's court here next Monday for the confiscation and destruction of the supply of high grade booze Beckett was wheeling up from the dock when Epperson got next.

## OUR SCENIC ROAD

Coquille-Myrtle Point Highway Comes Next For Improvement.

Everybody in Coquille and the north east part of Coos county is familiar with the road between Coquille and Myrtle Point, and rarely does anyone pass over it in the hours of daylight without admiring the panoramas of the wide fertile valley, the winding river, and the ever varying vista of the fir clad hills which frame it. Much of the way, this road runs far enough up the slopes to afford a wide outlook for miles up and down the river; and while the scenery is rugged it is no less beautiful than the famous Columbia highway elsewhere.

And as the Coquille Valley furnishes and this road glimpses the largest area of tillable land between San Francisco and Victoria, it is something no one who visits Coos county can afford to miss.

For years this rock and gravel road, nine miles in length has been the only stretch of any considerable length in the county which was fit for auto travel 365 days in the year. Today the Sentinel carries an advertisement for proposals for its further improvement, the probable cost of which will not fall much short of \$50,000 and which it is expected to see completed during the present year. This will be followed next year, if the \$500,000 bond issue is voted in June, by its hard-surfacing by the state as a part of the Coos Bay to Roseburg highway.

For most of the forty minutes drive over this road, which will be reduced to twenty when it is paved, the present winding way around or over the lower foothills will be followed, though there are several notable changes. The first will be made at the Peter Jacobson place about half a mile from this city.

The present big double loop in the shape of an immense S will have the sharp turns taken out of it making the driving both easier and safer. This will be done by cutting off the point of the sharply projecting hill at the beginning of the first loop and using the material there excavated to make a grade through the Jacobson orchard and directly between the house and the barn. This of course, means the payment of a tidy sum for damages, but as it will shorten the road some 200 feet, the expense of widening the grade and hard-surfacing for that distance will be saved, so that the additional cost will not be excessive.

The rock excavation for the whole of this project is figured at 15,000 cubic yards, fully one-half of which will have to be made at the old county rock quarry near Norway. Here the railroad hugs the bluff so closely that it was necessary to cut into the bluff some twenty feet above to get a shelf for the old roadway, and that is now altogether too narrow for the modern road 24 feet wide which it is proposed to build. The hole in the rock wall made in blasting out the rock here for road material in the past helps some, but there still remains nearly a quarter of a million cubic feet of rock to get out of the road.

The last big change to be made is at the railroad crossing just where the road now runs at the base of a steep hill with occasional slides, and then turns across the low land and crosses the north fork near its union with the south fork. Here the grade crossing will be eliminated and this road will cross the railroad on a concrete viaduct which will cost about \$8,000. The approach to this from the north will begin 500 or 600 feet west of the present crossing and with a much wider roadway gradually climb the hillside to the left of the present road, with an upgrade where it is now a descending one. After the railroad is thus left beneath, the descent on the further side will be on an easy grade for the 800 feet to the North Fork bridge.

The viaduct here and one to be built this summer to carry the Coquille-Marshfield road over the railroad at Coaledo will render it possible to travel by auto or wagon from Marshfield to Myrtle Point without stopping to see whether the cars are coming, or bumping on the rails.

In addition to the Coquille-Myrtle Point road project the County court is this week advertising for bids for the construction of a river bridge and

overhead railroad crossing at Myrtle Point, for a bridge at Gravel Ford and for others across North Slough, Haynes Slough and Larson Slough on the new road leading north from Coos Bay.

## Begins on Cheese Making.

The creamery here under its new management began the making of cheese yesterday with its new equipment and everything is reported to be working fine.

Mr. D. Peruzzi the manager, and Harry Belloni, the butter maker, went down the river Wednesday to call on the dairymen and inform them that they were ready to receive milk. About a ton came in yesterday when the first batch of cheese was made, and five tons more were received this morning. So yesterday's receipts were enough to make 200 pounds of cheese and today's would make an output of half a ton.

## PERHAM GETS BIG CONTRACT

Last Saturday the County court opened the bids on two of the biggest projects to be cared for out of the proceeds of the county road bond issue. E. G. Perham, who has been for over a year past on the Davis Slough to Coaledo section of the road between here and Marshfield has secured the most of the work this side of Coaledo as far as Cedar Point and will work right on up the road towards this city. The Bandon South contract was awarded to Hagquist & Bjorkquist, of Marshfield, who have also done a great deal of road work in this county.

There were in fact only two bids that complied with the conditions on the Coquille-Marshfield road. Mr. Perham at \$99,090.50 and the Elliott Contracting company, of Portland, at \$87,772.50. Grant Smith & Co., of Portland, submitted a bid without bond or deposit, but it was on a cost and ten per cent basis and the figures were carried out so carelessly that though the bid appeared to be very much lower, when County Roadmaster Murdoch checked up their own figures and corrected their estimates he found that it was for \$69,540 plus ten per cent, which would have brought it up close to Perham's bid.

On the Bandon South project the bids were as follows:

Elliott Construction Co., \$65,191.

D. P. Plymale and Elbert Dyer, \$54,470.25.

Hagquist & Bjorkquist, \$49,655.10.

Grant Smith & Co. also put in a cost and ten per cent bid which was not considered.

We are glad to see these contracts secured by Coos county bidders, but there is no telling how soon we may have to bring in outside firms to do the work still to be advertised.

## Has Led an Eventful Life.

O. P. Ellingsen, of Parkersburg, was a Coquille visitor the first of the week and chatted with the Sentinel scribe for a while Tuesday morning. Mr. E. has seen enough of the world to be a very interesting talker. In his younger days he followed the sea and was master of a vessel before he was 21. He can make himself understood in nine languages, among them being Equimaux. He was in Lisbon, Portugal, the hottest day seen there for a century when the sand blew up from the beach hot enough to shrivel the skin on one's bare arms—which was a decided contrast to experiences in the Arctic zone. Discussing the submarine question he suggests that outriggers projecting upwards and outwards, something like the loading derricks of a ship, and carrying steel nets with a six inch mesh to be lowered when one of the sea fiends is discovered and held down with weights at a distance 15 or 20 feet from the sides, might prove a protection, as they would cause a torpedo to explode before it struck the ship. Mr. Ellingsen possesses a memento of which he has right to be very proud in the shape of a fine telescope presented to him by the British government for rescuing a shipwrecked crew in the North Sea.

The Anderson Business College was opened under auspicious circumstances Monday and new students have been coming in daily since. The night school promises to be one of the largest departments with a good attendance of men who want to brush up on book-keeping and likewise take a course in accounting.

## AN EXTRA GRIST

County Court in Session Again This Week—Does Much Business.

At its recent meeting the County court leased the rock quarry of Alva Huntley near the Cooper bridge for a term of 20 years at 4 cents per cubic yard. The rock from this quarry will be used on the North and East Fork road between Myrtle Point and Dora, a distance of 15 or 20 miles.

The county made a five year contract for powder with the Bandon Hardware company, at a saving of \$40 a ton from prices paid for small lots. Forty per cent powder is to cost \$12.50 per cwt., 40 per cent Red cross, \$17 per cwt. and 40 per cent nitro-glycerine \$20 per cwt.

The Joe Nay Slough bridge matter is to be investigated. The bridge is in a dangerous condition and has been ordered closed. The people there will not be permitted to improve it at their own expense, as in that case the county would be liable in case of accidents; but if it can be repaired to be safe for about \$600 that will probably be done.

The amount paid to Alex Hall for running the Eatside ferry at the Bay was raised \$10 a month, making it \$85, and he was given authority to employ a night crew for the Transit, so as to furnish a 16 hours service.

The attorney for the Coos Bay Coal & Lumber company said he was ready to deposit \$47,600 in the Farmers and Merchants bank here to pay the taxes for 1913 and 1914 on the Boutin tract, but as these taxes with interest, penalties and costs now aggregate about \$58,000 the court declined the offer, and District Attorney Hall was instructed to proceed with the proposed injunction suit against that company to prevent the cutting of any more timber until these taxes are paid.

Judge Hall was of the opinion that this company could not legally furnish bond for the taxes before the injunction suit was begun, as Mr. Starr proposed.

An order was made for the payment to Mrs. Peter Johnson here of \$20 a month to take care of the children of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Nordstrom, who is in the state insane hospital at Salem. The father recently died.

All the rights of way required for the Myrtle Point bridge across the South Fork were secured without contest, E. N. Smith, who had been asking \$500, selling for \$100.

Mrs. Pearl Riley Ballinger, having remarried, her widow's pension from the county was discontinued.

The indigent allowance Mrs. Hannah Starr had been receiving was discontinued at her request, her son who had been with the army on the Mexican border having returned to care for her. The court was astonished, however, by a request of this sort, it being unprecedented.

The allowance made to Mrs. Olive A. Smith, of Bandon, was increased from \$6 to \$15 a month, W. F. Hendricks, of Myrtle Point, was given an allowance of \$10 a month from the indigent fund.

## Kendall Blows Hot and Cold.

In the County court last week Attorney John C. Kendall, of Marshfield, while the day was young appeared as a representative of the Powers people and voiced their demand for two bridges there and their protest against any other locality getting a small of a bridge until their demands had been complied with. The sun had hardly passed the meridian, however, before, he was on deck again, that time pleading for the reconstruction of a worthless bridge over Joe Nay slough. Blowing cold and blowing hot in the same breath is identically in his line.

## City Election Next Monday.

While the election next Monday promises to be a quiet affair with only one candidate on the ballot for each office to be filled, the citizens should not fall on that account to place the stamp of their approval on the men nominated.

A. N. Gould last Friday evening filed his declination of the nomination with Recorder Lawrence, leaving J. W. Miller, C. R. Barrow and M. O. Hawkins as candidates for councilmen, and J. S. Lawrence for recorder. The polls are open Monday from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Call on us for Stationery.