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DOWN TO BANDON

Over 200 Coquille People Went to the Beach on the Fourth.

While it did not prove an entirely safe one to a couple of the excursionists the Dispatch carried down the river to the Bandon beach Wednesday, the Fourth they enjoyed was certainly a sane one; and while a few firecrackers ruffled the placid surface of the stream no firewater was seen on the boat.

The holiday crowd began to gather at the wharf before seven in the morning and when the last whistle blew half an hour later, every seat on the boat was filled. With the River-ton contingent of 25 people also on board the capacity limit of 240 passengers was reached and the watchful waiters at the wharves below had to look out for some other boat to take them.

Arrived at Bandon the throngs of excursionists, found plenty of autos waiting to carry them down to the beach or over the wonderful ocean drive with its glimpses of the surf and sea and the pinnacled and ponderous rock masses that make this coast unique among all we have ever visited.

On the beach sands or under the shades of the dwarfed groves on the cliff the first they thought of was the picnic dinner, for super-early breakfasts and the salt sea air both conspired to whet every one's appetite, and over scores of camp fires quickly kindled fragrant coffee was soon steaming.

Afterward—well it is always a delight and an exhilaration to see and hear the restless sea roll its waves against the resisting land, dashing them into salt spray. The Coquille crowd monopolized the beach and made it seem more like home than usual. The sea fog brooded for awhile and the nearer rock masses and needles loomed dim and ghost-like as if a veil had been drawn over the sea and its eternal mystery; but later all at once the mists cleared and the dim outlines became clean cut. It was scene shifting on a magnificent scale.

Some of the visitors simply strolled on the beach, others wet their feet in the water and a few donned bathing suits and breast the surf despite the low temperature which makes the first plunge dreaded.

Sometimes one had the very common experience when playing in the surf of being caught by a bigger comb than was anticipated, being almost bowled over and thoroughly drenched—as happened to our friend Cary when he had to pick one of his little daughters, out of the spray which had knocked her off her feet.

Probably the Sentinel scribe is warranted in claiming to have been the oldest person to shoot the chutes at the Camp Fire Girls' slide on the beach, though whether he succeeded in demonstrating that it was a safe sport for a septuagenarian, is open to question. The sensations during the brief moments of the glide were, of course, entirely pleasant except that they were slightly tinged with fear as to what might happen when that swiftly accelerating flight came to a sudden stop at the bottom. That is the trouble with too many pleasures. It's what is coming after that one fears when taking risky enjoyments.

However, we got off without mishap, except that the tendency of the vertebrae to get closer together when our feet hit the sands was a little too pronounced. At any rate we were thankful to get off without a sprained ankle.

Buy your season tickets now for the Chautauqua, July 15 to 22. Price \$2.50 for adults.

\$33,950 Wanted in Loans.

Owing to the fact that the papers for the Federal Loan organization here had to be returned for correction, we are not getting quite as early a start as the Bandon and Myrtle Point organizations but the corrected papers were sent in Tuesday and it will not be long before the appraisal ward gets to work to fix the value of the ranches on which loans have been applied for. The amount asked in the Coquille organization is \$33,950.

Spend the week, July 14 to 19, at the Bandon beach and attend the Chautauqua at the same time.

Boutin Company Enjoined.

In the Circuit court here Monday Judge Coke granted the injunction asked for by District Attorney Hall in the behalf of the county, to restrain the cutting of timber on the lands of the Coos Bay Lumber and Coal company, on which the taxes of 1913 and 1914, amounting to over \$50,000 have not been paid.

The injunction was asked because the removal of the age old crop of timber from these lands was reducing their value and diminishing the security of which the county relies for the collection of these taxes.

The Conlogue camp, the new camp of the North Bend Mill & Lumber Co., on Davis Slough, and the Aasen camp are operating on land belonging to this company, but they will not have to shut down, since the Boutin company has given a bond of \$25,000 to cover the taxes on that portion of the tract which is now being logged off.

GET READY FOR THE FAIR

A big agricultural fair is to be held at Corvallis this fall and County Agent J. L. Smith is already planning to make Coos county's exhibit there one of the best. To do that, however, he must have the co-operation of the farmers all through the harvest season. It is not too early now to be securing grasses and vegetables. This county is very prolific in all kinds of grass and the display is this line should be large.

Potatoes and corn are to be the big features at the fair, but fruits and vegetables will also receive attention.

Mr. Smith says that every coast county, with the possible exception of Curry, will have an exhibit and each one of them is guaranteed a minimum of \$100 in prizes, the winners to receive a larger amount. He would like to have the farmers begin to plan their exhibits now and get them in to him in good season as he cannot wait until the last minute as he did last year. Coos county can make a wonderful exhibition if all the producers will give the county agent sufficient assistance.

Prof. R. R. Graves, Dr. B. T. Simms, J. L. Smith and Lloyd Coleman went out to Brewster last Friday and by Saturday evening had caught 175 fish. Coleman sighted a big brown bear eating salmon berries and made a record run to camp—to get Smith's gun he says. But when the gun arrived the bear had completely disappeared.

Price Up to \$8 a Quart.

At Marshfield on the Fourth the men who couldn't celebrate without booze are reported to have been quite indignant because they were held up for \$8 a quart for red liquor, and ready to peach on the sellers and give the testimony that will land them behind the bars. Some got the stuff for \$5 early in the day, but there were some in the illicit business who meant to get all the traffic would bear.

This story gives satisfactory indications that the bone-dry law is getting a tighter and ever tighter grip over at the Bay, where importations are easier than at any other point in the state. With the federal law against shipments into dry territory now re-enforcing the state law, the drouth ought to become more pronounced. When whiskey commands \$16 a quart at Marshfield it will be evident that the prohibition law is pretty well enforced. Let us try having a sober nation for a few years and see if anybody wants to return "like a dog to his vomit."

Court Stops the Graveling.

The county court made an order stopping the graveling of a county road out from Myrtle Point for a mile and a half, where the work had been done for half a mile without authority and yesterday P. W. Laird, Russell Dement, Ed Hoffman and Tom Johnson came down to petition that it be continued. Lack of funds was the reason for stopping it.

Favorable Report on Project.

Secretary Baker Tuesday transmitted to Congress a favorable report by the army engineering board on the Coquille harbor improvement to give 12 and 13 foot depths from the mouth of the river at Bandon all the way up to Coquille; the river improvement costing \$128,000, with \$10,000 maintenance. The Port of Bandon is to foot half the bills.

EACH GETS A NO. ANOTHER HITCH

Those Registered for War Census in Coos County Run From 1 to 1957.

Last Saturday the draft board for Coos county, consisting of Sheriff Gage, County Clerk Oddy and Doctor Richmond, health officer, received instructions to proceed to number the men registered in this county as between 21 and 30 years of age a month ago.

They went to work at 1 p. m. on Monday and kept at it steadily until 10 p. m. on Tuesday. Their work was rendered tedious by the fact that many of the registrars had reported men under two headings, one for instance as having dependant relatives and once again as claiming no exemption. In one precinct the registrar had listed 116 men as enrolled and sent only 112 cards filled out.

To check these all over took a long time but the tally was perfect when they got through. Then it took from 1:30 Tuesday to 6 o'clock on the 5th for the clerks to typewrite the list.

There are now 1957 names each having a separate number from 1 to 1957 inclusive, and the drawing is to be done in Washington, for the numbers that will be selected for the army.

There is no way, however, provided for informing any man on this list what his number may be except that Adjutant General White has requested that the list be published in the newspapers.

The officers offered it to the Sentinel this morning, but as it would be useless to publish a part of these names without publishing them all, and the entire list with the number and postoffice address of each of these nearly 2000 names would fill 20 columns of the paper, it was useless to think of getting it in today; and it would seem that in this case the government is asking more than it is possible for this newspaper to do, as we can't very well devote our whole space to this list of names and set nothing else. When the draft is made, however, we shall very gladly publish the list of those selected from this county. Of course, nearly double the number required will have to be chosen to allow for the exemptions that will be made.

As we understand it, if in the drawing made at Washington, No. 5, for instance is drawn, it will be the man who has that number in every county or city district in the United States who will have to respond.

Power Co. Has New Line Man.

When J. P. Michels leaves here about the 25th to join the colors, he will be succeeded here by Jack Hammond, who recently arrived at the Bay, and who will have charge of the construction work on the new power line building from here to Marshfield.

Judge Coke is expecting to go to Eugene on the 15th to hold court for Judge Skipworth. Meanwhile it is hardly probable he will have time to have a special jury called to try the cases of the men in jail, as there was talk of his during.

Stopped the Leak.

In compliance with instructions from the council the water superintendent and assistant last week finished giving the north reservoir on the hill a coating of impervious "Aquatite," an asphaltic paint. Before applying the paint, the reservoir was thoroughly cleaned out and all cracks filled with cement. This should increase the water supply this summer, as a considerable seepage has occurred in the past through the cracks.

Work Begins on Power Line.

The work of slashing the right of way for the Oregon Power Co.'s new high line from Marshfield was completed Tuesday. Construction of the line is being delayed now by the failure to receive the poles which were to have been delivered last month. They are promised now by the 15th. The wire, which is to be shipped from New Jersey, is promised for shipment this month, but Manager McKenna says he won't be sure of it till he gets it as the government may need the copper more than the electric company.

Camping facilities at the City Park for those who want to enjoy a week at the Bandon beach and attend the Chautauqua July 14 to 19.

Judge Skipworth Didn't Mean It When He Ordered the Kinney Tract Sold.

Former District Attorney Liljeqvist who was in charge of the litigation for the collection of the ten years' back taxes on the Kinney and other big tracts in Coos county came over here this morning with his fighting clothes on.

Referring to the Kinney tax case whose decision by Judge Skipworth, we noted last week, Mr. Liljeqvist said: "There's something mighty funny about this case. It's got to be a knock down and drag out fight."

And then he sat down at the typewriter and made out the following form for a notice to the attorneys in that case which County Clerk Oldy proceeded to sign:

Mr. A. S. Hammond, Dear Sir: Pursuant to the order of Judge Skipworth stated to me by L. A. Liljeqvist at the Judge's request you are notified that said Judge Skipworth has set the 13th day of July, 1917, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. as the time and the court room in the county court house at Coquille, Oregon, as the place to appear and show cause why an order of sale should not be entered with the decree to be entered in the case of Coos county vs. J. A. Aalen et al. being case No. 3680, and property sold to satisfy. As attorney of record in the case of Isaacs and Hollister vs. L. D. Kinney et al, and being the case No. 3773, in which Virgil Waters was appointed receiver, you are requested to take notice of this order and govern yourself accordingly. Very truly yours, L. W. Oddy, County Clerk.

In the same case the county court made out and issued the following order:

In the matter of the Tax Foreclosure case of Coos County, vs. J. A. Aalen, et al., No. 3680.

The above entitled matter coming in for consideration, it is hereby ordered and directed that L. A. Liljeqvist, special counsel for Coos County in said Tax Foreclosure case, be and he is hereby ordered and directed to take such proceedings in reference to an appeal of the above entitled cause, and to appeal said case to the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, in the event the decree to be entered by the court in the above entitled cause shall be a decree without an order of sale of all of the property mentioned in the application on file herein and not heretofore ordered or adjudged to be sold. Dated this 6th day of July, 1917. James Watson, County Judge; G. J. Armstrong, County Commissioner; Archie Philip, County Commissioner.

This action on the part of the court and its attorney came as a result of what happened at Eugene last week when Mr. Liljeqvist went out there at Judge Skipworth's request to aid him in drawing up the decree in the Kinney case. The decision which the Judge filed here last week in that case contains an order that the property be sold to satisfy the judgment he gave in favor of the county.

But when Mr. Liljeqvist appeared, the Judge said he did not mean to make an order of sale; and on Mr. Liljeqvist's insistence that it should be made in accordance with the decision rendered last week, the Judge set Friday of next week, July 13, for a full hearing from both parties in relation to the case before deciding what he would do.

It seems that under the law, so long as no decree has been rendered the delinquent taxes are drawing 15 per cent interest yearly from the county, which must be paid when the taxes are paid.

But and if a decree is made fixing the exact sum which is due the county on these taxes, under the laws of Oregon that sum so fixed can only draw six per cent and may draw no interest at all.

So what the Kinney attorneys are now asking is to have the decree made fixing the amount which they owe the county, but to have the court fix no date for the sale and make no order of sale. In that case the taxes due might draw no interest water, and would in no case draw more than 6 per cent or about \$3,000 a year instead of the \$7,500 a year at 15 per

WENT DOWN INTO CANYON

L. W. Jacobs, the Marshfield Typewriter man, in an auto and Mr. Kirkendahl, a Camas valley farmer with a four horse wagon, got mixed up when meeting in the Rock creek canyon on the Fourth. Kirkendahl made a complaint against Jacobs in Justice Dodge's court at Myrtle Point for assault and battery with intent to do great bodily harm. The case was tried there yesterday afternoon, District Attorney Hall appearing for the state and J. O. Stemmler for Jacobs. After a three hours hearing Jacobs was fined \$40 and costs. As one of Kirkendahl's horses was killed and three others seriously bruised and scratched in rolling down the canyon side, it is probable that a civil suit for damages will follow.

The story of the accident is told in this way by the Times:

Mr. Jacobs was driving from Roseburg to Marshfield and while coming down the mountain beyond Rock Creek, met a four-horse rig. The driver turned to the outside of the road and Mr. Jacobs to the inside. Just as the car was passing, Mr. Jacobs says, one of the lead horses jumped and his hind feet went over the cliff. He could not get back and pulled the other three and the wagon over the precipice, dropping between 100 and 150 feet.

Mr. Jacobs said that he stopped and talked with Kirkendahl, who then expressed the view that it was purely accidental. He requested that Jacobs arrange for someone to come out from Bridge with a block and tackle to try to get the animals out.

Kirkendahl was accompanied by his two sons, one of whom had his leg slightly scratched while attempting to hold the horses which were scared of an auto.

The following is Mr. Kirkendahl's story as told by the Record:

Mr. K. owns a farm at Camas valley, and was going to do his haying, having been engaged on the county road work with E. G. Perham. He had four horses. Where the accident occurred, Lloyd Jacobs passing from Roseburg to Myrtle Point and Marshfield, came rushing along in the narrow canyon, and without waiting for Kirkendahl to straighten out his teams and get safely at the roadside, brushed through and frightened a leader which crowded the outside horses over the brink. This caused the two wheel horses to follow over the precipice. The statement of Kirkendahl is that Mr. Jacobs dashed on without stopping to help the man save what was left of the wreck or giving his name, or in any way assisting. The telephone messages were behind Jacobs all the way to Marshfield and he was not arrested until he came across the Marshfield-Eastside ferry, by Police Chief J. W. Carter. The only description was of a man wearing a white hat.

We Need Two Fountains.

The idea frequently heard that Coquille should install a public drinking fountain is one that ought to be given consideration by the council. As a matter of fact, two would be better than one. If one was placed on Front street and another in the neighborhood of the postoffice, they would prove a great convenience to the public.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.00.

CITY TROUBLES

Council Discussed Some of Them Last Monday Evening at Regular Meeting.

The regular meeting of the council was held Monday evening with all members except Miller present, and all officers on hand.

The reports of the treasurer and recorder were approved and ordered filed, and the bills O. K'd by the finance committee were offered paid. Some discussion arose as to the bills presented for labor on Clean-up Day, which aggregated \$46. Some of the councilmen thought too much labor had been employed, but a comparison with last year's bill for \$32, and the fact that wages are about 50 per cent higher this year, soon convinced them that the bills were not exorbitant.

City Treasurer Sanford presented a written report of the delinquents in improvement bond payments, very similar to that published in the Sentinel two or three weeks ago. The city attorney was instructed to take the necessary steps towards their collection as provided by the charter, the final step of which is to sell the property to pay the costs.

Mr. Sanford also recommended that improvement bonds should be paid out of any improvement funds on hand in order of their falling due. The city is now out in the neighborhood of \$1100 or \$1200 in interest, Mr. Sanford said, due to allowing a bond to run over a year when it could be paid in eleven months.

For instance there is \$187 in a certain improvement fund and a \$200 bond falls due. That particular fund being \$13 shy of enough to settle the bond, it cannot then be taken up for a year, and draws \$12 interest for the unnecessary year.

Mr. Sanford's contention was that the treasurer should be empowered, by charter amendment if necessary, to pay off the \$200 bond by drawing from some other improvement fund which could not use the money for several months. Marshfield pursues that policy and thereby saves a considerable amount in interest annually. The city attorney will report on the possibility of handling these funds in this manner at the next meeting.

The bonds of the police officers were approved as follows: S. V. Epperson, \$500, with J. P. Beyers as surety; C. D. Hudson, \$250, with P. E. Drane as surety; J. A. Jackson, \$250, with J. B. Sweet and P. E. Drane as sureties.

Chas. Gardner presented to the council for consideration the prices on wood pipe submitted by the Pacific Pipe and Tank Co. For 4-inch pipe the price quoted was \$37.09 per 100 feet and for 2-inch, \$32.20, F. O. B., Coquille. With this small difference he argued that Coquille could not afford to lay any two-inch pipe and he wanted the council to authorize the water committee to purchase enough pipe to lay the block on Schroeder street north from Spurgeon, to run down to the creamery and also for the north end of town.

As far as the creamery line is concerned it was reported that no agreement had yet been reached for a right of way, but Mr. Hawkins reported that there was a deed of record in the county files which gave the city the required right of way and if he ascertains that such deed exists the city can go ahead with that necessary water line extension.

C. R. Barrow wanted to extend the line in the north part of town out to Fir street where Fred Nosler lives, instead of to C. J. Fuhrman's corner as contemplated by the water committee.

After figuring on the condition of the water fund, a motion was carried that the city purchase 1500 feet of 250 foot head 4-inch wood pipe from the Pacific Pipe and Tank Co., to extend the mains in the three sections of the city mentioned.

The council voted to permit J. A. Collier to withdraw the option tendered to the city for a bridge site a month or so ago, and which had been filed in the city records.

It being after ten o'clock when the First street case was mentioned it was decided to postpone action until the next regular meeting to give the property owners an opportunity to effect a compromise with the contractors as to the adjustment of the \$400 matter which Judge Coke left for the council to settle when he decided the case.