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## BINGER HERMAN SENDS REPORT

Tells of Efforts for Funds to Improve the Coquille.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15th, 1908.  
To the Chambers of Commerce of Coquille City, Bandon and Myrtle Point, Oregon:

As your delegate for Coquille River valley, I appeared before the Great National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which assembled here on the 21st instant, continuing in session four days. It was a most notable assemblage. More than 3000 delegates presented their credentials from all portions of the Nation, including Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico.

Addresses were made by the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Ambassadors of Britain and Brazil, Andrew Carnegie, Ex-Mayor Lowe of New York City, Samuel Gompers of the Confederation of Labor, Secretary Garfield of the Interior Department, Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department; Senators Depew of New York, Owen of Oklahoma, Freeman of Florida, and Governors Deneen of Illinois, Broward of Florida, Johnson of Minnesota, and Governor Chamberlain of our own State, with several members of Congress.

The day previous to the Rivers and Harbors Congress, I attended the Convention of the Governors of the various States, in connection with the Conservation Commission, which was addressed by President Roosevelt, President-Elect Taft, and by Governor Chamberlain of Oregon. In all these addresses there was expressed earnest advocacy and advanced ideas for water way improvements—the President, Vice President, and President-Elect going so far as to favor a bonded indebtedness to obtain sufficient revenues in order that our rivers and harbors works may be more rapidly advanced to completion.

**LIBERAL WATER WAY POLICY**  
I mention by name some of the Eminent men present that it may be seen how at last the water way appropriations by the General Government are advocated by the greatest of our Statesmen, and by all parties. At one time a small River and Harbor Bill was very unpopular and denounced as a sectional and individual graft and vetoed by a President; while now an opposer of an immense appropriation would be denounced, and if a public man, he would be driven from public life. Even ten years ago, no President would have favored a bond issue for river and harbor improvements; while now a President and President-Elect do so and the country applauds.

I submitted an address to appear in the published proceedings of the Congress, in which there is shown a brief history of the Coquille navigation from the earliest times, with a review of the benefits accomplished to the entire valley in decreased freight rates and increased tonnage capacity in steamers and schooners now engaged in your commerce, with the safe-guards obtained in lighthouse, life saving station, and buoys at the entrance and at Bandon, together with the great success of the jetty system. A reference is also made to the vast resources, as well as to the industries of the valley. The up to date river steamer accommodations, the progressive towns on the river, with their electric lights, water, telegraph, and telephone conveniences are mentioned. The necessity for deeper water on the bar, and especially for dredging of the river channel from Myrtle Point to the sea is also shown.

**DREDGING NECESSITY.**  
I wish further to report as to the matter of dredging, which seems to me perhaps of paramount importance to any other aid at present considered. I consulted with the War Department and there personally met the chief of the engineer corps, and discussed the question of the dredging of the Coquille channel and as to jetty of Coquille.

This conference brought encouraging assurances as well as interesting information, of follows:

1st—That "The harbors and rivers which the Engineers say require periodical work for their maintenance, are Tillamook Bay and Bar, Coos Bay and Harbor, Coquille River, Oregon and Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and certain other works in Washington."

You will thus see that the Coquille is recognized as necessary for this work.  
2nd—That the dredge already constructed, and now at Coos Bay, and operated at the expense of the people there, is a pipe line suction dredge, with an 18 inch suction, and there was appropriated for it \$100,000.00.

3rd—That, as no appropriation of government funds was made for its operation, a lump sum will be asked for to be expended at such points as Congress may recognize, and for such time as the Secretary of War may approve. This is the desire of the Engineer corps. It is by them further estimated that the cost of operation and maintenance of plant will not exceed \$5,000.00 per month for the first three years, and \$6,000.00 per month thereafter.

**MUST DESIGNATE.**  
The next important service in your interest as to this matter, is to see that Congress shall designate the Coquille River in the coming River and Harbor Bill as one of the points for recognition, in line with the Engineer's report. To this end I visited the River and Harbor Committee room of the House of Representatives, and pointed out the injustice done, in the failure to make an appropriation for maintenance of the dredge, leaving to public spirited citizens to contribute their own means to perform a public service, which should always be done at public expense, and so intended by Congress to be done in this case. Chairman Burton indicated his consent to amend, and Representative Jones of the State of Washington, who is the only member of the River and Harbor Committee from the Pacific Northwest, kindly promised to consider our further suggestions, and I shall submit the data you furnished me. I also conferred with our Senators as to the Coquille necessity, that they may protect your interests when the House Bill reaches the Senate.

**ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS.**  
And now as to the entrance of the river, where deeper water on the bar is so essential for larger draught vessels, as your increased commerce demands. The engineers make no recommendation for an additional appropriation for the entrance beyond the removal of shoals and rock near there. They say that the old project is now completed. My opinion is that provision be made at this session in the River and Harbor Bill for an examination and survey with a view to deeper water on the bar. A survey for a new project must first be authorized by Congress before a recommendation and estimate will be made to Congress. If this is not done you will wait a long time for further improvements at the entrance. I brought this matter up before the Engineers yesterday, and General McKinzie, who was present, suggested the phraseology to be used in the Bill for such an examination, which language I have prepared and will submit to our delegate on. With increased depth on the bar, and a thorough dredging of the river channel, much deeper draught vessels can reach Coquille City from the sea, and river steamers of increased tonnage can reach Myrtle Point at all times of the year. A former appropriation by Congress produced four feet of depth at low water at Myrtle Point, and now it will be much easier to restore this channel when the Government dredger shall operate between that point and Bandon.

The members of our delegation are anxious to accomplish every possible advantage for our water ways, and any aid I can render in your interests is at their service.

Very respectfully yours,  
Binger Hermann.

## PULITZER ANSWERS TEDDY

President's Indiscreet Attack Evokes Warm Retort.

To a man up a tree it would look as though President Roosevelt had allowed his wrath to get the better of his judgment in dealing with the attacks of the New York World upon the Panama Canal Purchase matter.

The President's special message to Congress—urging that body to actively investigate the facts surrounding the purchase, and accompanied by a scathing denunciation of the World and its editor, Joseph Pulitzer, together with the declaration that Pulitzer should and would be prosecuted for libel in the name of the United States Government, fell as a bombshell upon the ears of the Solons. The Democratic members greeted it with storms of laughter. It is hardly to be conjectured just how the Government could proceed in prosecuting Mr. Pulitzer, as a similar action against Charles A. Dana under Grant's administration ended a monumental farce. Lawyers and legislators are puzzled to understand the senselessness of Mr. Roosevelt's move, except as to the investigation of the purchase matter, which doubtless will be made, and which the World has demanded should be made most thoroughly and speedily.

Replying to the President's arraignment of him Mr. Pulitzer doesn't quail in the slightest nor does he make any words. Here is an excerpt from his retort:

"No other living man ever so grossly libeled the United States as does this President, who besmirches Congress, bulldozes Judges, assails the integrity of courts, slanders private citizens and who has shown himself the most reckless, unscrupulous demagogue whom the American people ever trusted with great power and authority."

"Vex this, not in anger, but in sincere sorrow. The 'World' has immeasurably more respect for the office of President of the United States than Theodore Roosevelt has ever shown during the years in which he has maintained a reign of terror and vilified the honor and honesty of both public officials and private citizens who opposed his policies thwarted him in his purposes."

"So far as the 'World' is concerned its proprietor may go to jail if Mr. Roosevelt succeeds, as he threatens; but even in jail the 'World' will not cease to be a fearless champion of free speech, free press and a free people."

**Escape of Frequent Colds.**  
A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever fully recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn. says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by R S Knowlton.

The good roads movement is evidently taking hold in Douglas county, as appears from the county court records over there. It is shown that of the 55 road districts in the county, 26, or almost half of them, have presented resolutions to the court preparatory to voting a special tax for road purposes. In 1907 only four districts presented such resolutions, and in 1906 there were but five that took the necessary steps for road improvement. The evidence is that the era of bad roads in Douglas county is drawing to a close. Coos county, it is believed, will meet her neighbor better than half way in road improvement. Coos county districts have made some liberal appropriations for road work during several years past, and it is probable that the 1909 appropriations will be more liberal than ever.—Enterprise.

## HE DYNAMITED HIS SICK DOG

With Consequences Serious to Himself.

A good story reaches the HERALD from northern Curry county. A resident of that section, whose given name is Bob, had a pet dog that sick several weeks ago, and he considered it would be a humane act to relieve the animal of its sufferings by killing it. So placing the dog in a basket he carried it to an open stretch of country and tied it to a tree. Then carefully tying a stick of dynamite closely to the dog's tail, he lighted a long fuse and hurried to await results from a safe distance.

He had run only a few yards when he heard a familiar bark close behind him, and, turning, was horrified to find that his dog had broken loose and was now close at his heels. Bob gave a yell and set out to break all sprinting records. So did the dog. Apparently recovered, he yelped with joy at the prospect of a race with his master, and as a sort of rudder to guide him his stubby tail stuck straight out with the stick of dynamite still tied snugly to it.

Bob hit only the high places, but his dog was continually at his heels. At the end of another fifty yards he glanced back again. The fuse was spluttering dangerously close to the dynamite. Suddenly there was a loud report, and Bob felt himself hurled into the air. He doesn't remember when he came down, but he has a vivid recollection of awakening several hours later with a thumping headache and a number of painful cuts about his back and south-eastern extremities where the rocks torn up by the explosion had hit him.

But the dog still lives, minus his entire stubby tail, and has recovered from his indisposition. So will Bob eventually.

**Muscular Pains Cured.**  
"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by R S Knowlton.

As near as can be stated now, the new \$75,000 Chandler hotel will be completed and ready for business on or about February 1. Manager La Chance is making all his plans for that date. The formal opening of the hotel will undoubtedly be made the occasion for a general celebration and expression of elation over the securing of one of Marshfield's long felt wants—Adequate hotel facilities.—Times

Many people are talking about how quickly Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Remember the name Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse to accept some unknown preparation of little or no merit which may contain some harmful drug. The genuine contains no harmful drugs and is safe and sure. Sold by E. J. Slocum.

George Quigley, who has been working at Smiths mill on Pistol River, returned to Port Orford Wednesday. He brings news that two saloons and a large hotel (Plasted's we presume) were burned lately at Smith River, Cal. The fire, he says, started in Wentz's saloon in some mysterious way. The loss was a heavy one for that little town, but the property was insured.—Port Orford Tribune.

Drane has the best thing in the way of fruit jars that has ever been on the Market. Call and see them.

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss. writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." Sold by E. J. Slocum.

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