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Tomorrow will decide the question, whether the people of the Coquille river are really progressive or not. The issue of the establishment of the Port of Bandon is a fair test, and it will be so considered by all the people on the outside who are watching for the returns from tomorrow's election. All people are theoretically in favor of progress, but in practice a good many reactionaries are found. Progress costs effort and costs money, and the real test of a man's progressiveness comes when he is asked to go down in his pocket and pay for some of the progress. We are all in favor of the improvement of the Coquille river; of the deepening of the channel; of the improvement of the bar; of the protection of the interests of the public in the matter of harbor lines and the prevention of a monopoly of the water frontage. We are all in favor of lower freight rates for both outgoing and incoming traffic. We want to see larger vessels on the run to this port. We want the world to know that the Coquille is one of the coming sections of the Pacific coast and that it proposes to keep up with the procession. Yet some will let the bugaboo of "taxes" blind them to every other consideration. If these would sit down and do a little figuring they might recover from their panic. The extreme limit of bonded indebtedness that may be contracted by the port commission is 10 per cent of the assessed valuation, and the highest interest that these bonds may bear is 6 per cent. This limit is in no way likely to be reached. Such an amount of bonds will not be issued nor will they bear such a high rate of interest. But supposing for a moment that the limit is pressed, the man whose property is assessed at \$1000 might be called upon to pay \$600 a year to meet the interest charge. As his property is probably not assessed at over half its value, this awful tax would in three hundred years eat up the property. Are any of us looking as far ahead as that? Perhaps some of us expect to live thirty years; then at the worst we have paid out ten per cent of the value of our property. Does any one doubt that the proper work of a port commission will add more than that to the value of all property on the river in far less time? In other words, isn't it plain that, merely from the standpoint of real estate speculation the port will be a good investment? Every other consideration is surely in its favor. The decrease in freight rates alone will make every industry more profitable and will lower the cost of living for every family in the community. From the standpoint of local pride alone we should want to take our places in line with the progressive communities of the Pacific coast. We want to notify the world that we are alive. Is that the word that goes out tomorrow night, or do we inform all and sundry that we are simply in the attitude of Brer Fox with the Pimperly plum and are reared back with our mouths open waiting for something to drop in?

BAR DREDGE NO GOOD

It is reported from Washington, D. C., that on account of persistent reports from Astoria to the effect that dredging has done no good on the Columbia bar,

The War Department proposes having a survey made in September, of the channel at the mouth of the Columbia River to determine what improvement has been made by the dredging operations. It is believed from local reports, that the channel has not been deepened more than six inches. If the survey sustains this belief, the department will not be inclined to recommend appropriations for additional sea-going dredges for this work.

This is exactly in line with what the Coos Bay News at Marshfield, backed up at odd times by the writer, has been telling the public for years—that a dredge could accomplish no possible good on such a bar as that of the Columbia or of Coos Bay. The U. S. engineers

have been fiddling with a bar dredge on the Columbia bar for years, and if it has ever deepened the water one inch, to say nothing of six inches, the fact has never been shown. Long before Col. Roessler, under Portland influence, recommended a bar dredge for Coos Bay, dredging had proved a lamentable failure on the Columbia, and everyone acquainted with the facts knew it. No government engineer who ever visited the Coos Bay entrance has believed that the bar dredge could do any good. Yet, when Coos Bay people got to clamoring for bar improvement, and the growing importance of the port made it appear they might get something, some sinister influence injected into Col. Roessler's head the idea that Coos Bay would be a fine place to try out the bar dredge experiment again. The whole course of events since has proved the truth of the assertion made at the time, that this was only a smooth scheme to sidetrack the improvement of the only harbor that Portland has to fear. Unfortunately, those who were in a position to act for the Coos Bay public at the time had only such knowledge of harbor bars as could be acquired from an observation of prairie schooners, and they would not listen to the people who did know. They could see that an appropriation of half a million dollars had been recommended for the Coos Bay bar, and they could not conceive of such a thing as foregoing such a swipe at the sack. The Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce therefore endorsed the dredge project and asked for the appropriation. It has been some years now since the appropriation was actually made yet the building of the dredge has been mysteriously delayed and postponed from time to time. She is being completed at this time, and if there are no more unforeseen delays she will be ready for work this fall just in time to be too late in the season. Possibly she may get to work in the spring. She will do no possible good next summer; but the engineers can not be expected to give it up with one season's trial. So the improvement of Oregon's best deep sea harbor is still indefinitely postponed. Any expectation that Congress will make an appropriation to complete the jetties, so long as the dredge "experiment" is in process of trying out is foolish. Coos Bay has been buncoed to a finish.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to quit this jangling over school matters? It seems to the Herald that both sides have put themselves in a position of crying over spilled milk, and it might be considered that the honors are easy. The purchase of the Barrows and Strang tract was decided on at a school meeting that was very largely attended. This meeting was preceded by a full discussion of every phase of the matter, and the people were as well informed as to the value and advantages of the property as they are now. Why not let the majority rule and let the deal go through? On the other hand, the contract with Keeler Bros. was made by a board composed of gentlemen whose motives are not to be questioned. If they made a bad bargain it is too late to cry about it now. Keeler Bros. have their contract and it is such an advantageous one for them that no one need suppose that they will forego its benefits. Why not take our medicine and stop making wry faces?

It is gratifying to know that Coos county has one perfectly fearless newspaper which always stands for right and justice. In the Bandon Surf we have such a paper and every one who reads it knows the fact, for never an issue comes off the press without reiterating the statement.

No permit is needed to put out a fire. A citizen need not be sworn in nor wear a badge in order to become a protector of forests.

Port Meeting

The Port meeting held at the Scenic last evening, in connection with a free picture show, filled the house comfortably but not in a way to show an intense interest in the discussion of the project. Mayor Morrison was the first speaker and expressed himself as in favor of the progressive measure under discussion, as it seemed to be the best way to insure the proper care and improvement of the river, which is

our principal asset. G. T. Treadgold, of Bandon, made a good and interesting talk on the proposition and a good argument in favor of the project. Mr. Chaburn, one of the leading Socialists of Bandon, said that while on principle he was opposed to bonds, yet he had become convinced by figuring the matter out that in this case it was the best and only way to accomplish the adequate improvement of the river. Both Bandon speakers explained that it had been figured out that a tax levy of 3 mills would provide for all the bonds that it would be necessary to issue, covering the interest and a sinking fund for their final payment. It is unfortunate that more of the voters were not out to hear what was said, as it is clear that much of the opposition to the measure arises from a misunderstanding as to what really is, and that the people have only to understand the real situation to be convinced that the port organization is one of the necessities for our development.

School Notes

The present plan is to begin school September 15. Except for one or two vacancies brought about by resignations within the last few days, the teaching positions are all filled. The teachers now under contract are as follows: First grade, Mrs. Inez Chase; second grade, Miss Emma Kennedy; third grade, Allie Phillips; fifth grade, Mrs. Elina Minard; mixed class, Miss Bertha Conlogue; sixth grade, Miss Wanda Hibager; seventh grade, Miss Rena Anderson; eighth grade, Miss Josie Ahern; high school principal and science, A. J. M. Robertson; English and History, Miss Pearl Guinn; Commercial subjects, C. A. Howard. A fourth grade teacher and a teacher to take charge of the German and mathematics in the high school are yet to be employed.

The prize list for the Children's department of the Coos-Curry County Fair will soon be out and notice will be given as to where copies may be secured. It is desired that each boy or girl of the Coquille schools who is planning to make an entry at the fair notify Superintendent Howard by postal card. This should be done not later than Sept. 8. Arrangements will be made to furnish free transportation for the school children's exhibits. The dates of the fair are September 10 to 13.

No Politics in the Port

Regardless of political affiliations the common people want a port organized in the lower Coquille Valley; we call it the Port of Bandon because the name Port of Coquille River has already been taken by the Myrtle Pointers for their own port.

Experience proves that a port is a good thing. No citizen of Coos Bay can be found who will say that the Port of Coos Bay is not a valuable asset to its citizens. Frank J. Chaburn, lawyer, preacher and socialist lecturer says that the organization of a Port is directly in line with the principles of socialism, as the river and harbor is a public utility in every sense of the word, as its management, ownership and control belong to the people, and should be exercised by them in the only method provided by law, i. e., through a port commission elected by the people.

This is a socialistic doctrine that members of all parties agree with.

Pioneers at the Fair

(By Judge Livro)

Many of the citizens of Coos and Curry counties, will be pleased to learn that a move is being made to have a pioneer reunion at Myrtle Point during the county fair in September. Many of the hearts of the first settlers of this coast country have been made glad at former reunions as the opportunity was given him to take by the hand the companion of early days, when dangers were in evidence on every hand, and join in rehearsing the weird experiences that brought to the memory scenes long passed away. The directors of the fair association will set apart certain hours of certain days for the use of the pioneers, suspending all other exercises, for the time. If such an arrangement is made, the gathering should be distinguished by the presence of the few remaining grey haired men, and women whose labors of a half

century ago, formed the nucleus of the present advanced conditions now enjoyed in this region. The men and women who arrived in this wilderness and took possession of the beautiful Coos Bay, and the adjacent picturesque and fertile valley, all situated on the extreme western border of the United States, deserve to be remembered by those that now enjoy the result of their energy and enterprise. They had followed the "glint of the setting sun" and established homes in its light.

The pioneers of this coast, with their sons and daughters, and others who have come to our salubrious and fertile region in later years, should be present on pioneer day and in tender memory, "of the days that was for a time, but now are not" and listen to the stories about homes that were far apart, and the hardships then endured. The cemeteries of Coos and Curry counties are holding the remains of some of those heroes and heroines, who helped to hew out the way for the establishment of the grand and important enterprises that is bringing fame to our country on account of its wonderful resources and to enable their posterity to enjoy lovely homes, surrounded by luscious fruits, and the comfort that tend to happiness. For this reason the native sons and daughters of this region, should take an interest and make the meeting a success and a joy to grey haired argonaut, and let it be known that those of the early pioneers who have passed over the river are not forgotten. It is suggested that there should be a monument erected in memory of that heroic band that now occupy "the city of the dead."

Myrtle Point is a very fitting place to rehearse experiences of the first adventures within this beautiful and prolific Coquille valley, because it is recorded that the first white man to make tracks in the Coquille valley left them near the fair ground. At that time there was a large party of Indians, who were hunting Elk, and catching eels in the vicinity of Myrtle Point, tons of dried eels were hanging in the wigwams, and huge antlers ornamented their camps. Since then—only half a century—the delicious eels and the majestic Elk have almost disappeared, and farm houses now occupy the grounds where the wild game lived and glisten in the western sunlight. Let us come to gether, and greet the survivors of the early settler, and honor the memory of those who have passed on before.

Fishtrap and Vicinity

The farmers of this community are very busy at present, cutting and hauling hay. The grain is ripening and being cut and bound also, and soon the buzz of the threshing machine will be heard throughout our valley.

Rev. Bonebrake, presiding Elder of the United Brethren Church, for this district, held services and quarterly meeting at the Willowdale U. B. Church Monday night, August 18. Rev. Bonebrake is a very able and entertaining speaker.

The threshing machine belonging to H. L. Stephens, formerly of this place, but now a resident of Alsea, Oregon, was recently shipped to him and is now busily engaged in threshing for the farmers of that place.

Rev. W. Owens has resigned the pastorate of the United Brethren Church at this place and Johnson. These two charges will be without a pastor for the present.

Mrs. John Hale, formerly of this place, but now of Bay Park, (a suburb of Marshfield) accompanied by little Marie Schwartz, were visiting the many friends of the former, at this place and Norway for a week past. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now enjoying a visit with an aunt and family of near Ashland.

Miss Stella Taylor made a flying visit to Marshfield Saturday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Frank Miller Sr. who has been very ill, is now improving, being able to be about again.

Rev. Mowry, presiding elder of the Methodist Church South presided at the Methodist church Sunday night, August 24.

Quite a number of the M. E. Church people of this community are preparing to attend the annual conference to be held at Coquille, beginning Wednesday.

John Finel, teacher in the Upper

Fishtrap school was attending institute at North Bend last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller and Frank Miller, Sr. were called to Port Orford, recently, to the bedside of "Uncle" Bill Miller, father of Nile and brother of Frank Miller. They returned to this place leaving him much improved. James Hancock was also at Port Orford, accompanying Mrs. Miller, as Nile had gone down a few days previous.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. James Robinson last Friday. The Farmers' Union met at this place, Saturday, August 16. They entertained the State President of the Union, who gave a very interesting talk, also a number from Coquille and served ice cream and cake, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. N. R. Rupp, who has been visiting on Catching creek for some time, returned home a few days ago, accompanied by Mrs. Lena Buell, sister of Mrs. Northrup.

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Myrtle Point Pointers

Assistant P. M. Ernest Schneider and wife became the proud parents of a ten pound girl on Thursday the 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Endicott of Bandon came up Tuesday to meet Mrs. Endicott's grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Hollafield and her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Kent and family from Drain. Learning on their arrival of the auto accident near Sheep Ranch, where Mrs. Hollafield was killed and Mrs. Kent's shoulder dislocated, they left their two little daughters with their paternal grandparents and went on to Drain, Wednesday morning, to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Hollafield.

The marriage of Mrs. Carrie H. man of the South fork and Newton Livingston of Deer creek, Douglas county on Sunday the 17 inst. by Rev. W. S. Williams was the ending of a romance of forty years ago when the present contracting parties were engaged to be married but a lovers' quarrel separated them. Being free, Mr. Livingston came over to Coos county and persuaded his old sweetheart to marry him. Mr. Dad Buell knowing of his errand bet a fine cow against \$400 that they would not be married before winter, so on August 22 Mr. Livingston came into town and got his cow.

The Pres. Ladies Aid society gave an ice cream and cake lawn party at the residence of Mrs. L. A. Roberts on Thursday afternoon from five o'clock to 9:30. There was a good attendance and about \$19.00 realized from the sale of refreshments.

L. A. Roberts, wife and daughter went to Marshfield on Friday, so also did Mrs. J. L. Mason and her niece, Emma O'Connor.

Ed Roberts and Owen Rackliff had quite a collision when they were enroute for home on Friday. Ed Roberts and Non Adams were just going onto the bridge at the foot of the hill this side of Johnson's old mill site when young Rackliff coming down a cross road struck Roberts car broadside, knocking off his two hind tires and doing some other damage as well. His own headlights were smashed and some of the running gear bent, but fortunately no one was injured.

East Fork Items

Mr. Courtright and family and Fred Barker and family are camping at Bandon.

M. C. Miller and M. J. Krantz each have a choice piece of oats.

Ed Abernethy, who has the contract for building the Dora school house, has Mr. Arnold doing the carpenter work.

There are some good pieces of corn to be seen on the East fork.

Gravel Ford Academy Items

The Academy will open about the middle of September with the strongest faculty it has ever had.

Former County Superintendent W. F. Bunch will be principal. He will be assisted by Miss Minnie Comer of Cottage Grove who was one of the most successful principals the Academy ever had.

Mrs. A. E. Watkins will again act as matron, thus assuring the very best of dining room service. A music teacher has not yet been employed but the school is corresponding with competent teachers with a view of securing good help in this department.

The prospect is fine for a full

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school. Many have already arranged for the coming year's work. The class in carpentry will be continued, and some other industrial features added.

The young people of Coos County have here a splendid opportunity for a practical education without the expense of going away for it.

BANDON BREEZES (The Surf)

C. Y. Lowe has the foundation laid for a two story business building on the east side of Homer street. The contract for the erection of the building has been let to Thomas Toats and work on the same will be begun immediately.

An order has been given and the machinery ordered by Capt. Russell Panter for a new sternwheel passenger boat for the Coquille River. An inspection of the plans and specifications proves that this will be the speediest and most luxuriously appointed boat ever operated here and will rival the very best on the Pacific Coast.

Quite a change has taken place lately in the lineup of the skippers employed by the Estabrook Company. Captain John Linberg, formerly of the Bandon has been promoted to the captaincy of the Fifield and Captain Norberg, a new man with the company, has taken command of the Bandon. Captain Solinski, formerly of the Fifield, retired from the command of that ship upon reaching San Francisco on the last trip down.

Inspector Quinan of the U. S. Life Saving Service inspected the station at this place Tuesday. A complaint that the crew had not used good judgment in selecting the ordinary surf boat instead of the power boat in the occasion of the drowning of Sidney Cisco and the rescue of L. Lackey was filed recently with the Department, and the Inspector is gathering data concerning the same which he will submit to the authorities having such matters in their charge.

While felling a sapling at Prosper last Saturday, the six-year-old son of Cal Summers managed in some way to get his foot caught in the carl with the result that the falling tree pinched off one toe and injured several others.

CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

(From the Gold Beach Globe)

O. A. Holts, a tailor by trade, of Portland, arrived here with his family last week and will become a permanent resident of Curry.

The many friends of Ex-sheriff F. S. Moore, will be glad to learn that he will once more become a permanent resident of Curry. He starts for Seattle tomorrow to settle up his business and will return in about three weeks with his family and make this his future home.

Mrs. Mary Blake of Chetco, has been visiting with friends and attending to matters of business here the past week. Mrs. Blake is one of the few living witnesses of the early Indian war of this place. She is hale and hearty and gets around as spry as many women of forty.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Frank H. Adams, Pastor.

M. E. Church
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursdays at 8 p. m. C. H. BRYAN, Pastor.

Christian Science Society
Corner Third and Hall streets.
Services at 11 a. m. next Sunday.
Subject lesson sermon, "Christ Jesus."
Wednesday evening meeting 8:00.

M. E. Church South
Services next Sunday as usual.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.
You are invited to be present.
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Notice of Sale of State Land

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids until 10:00 o'clock a. m. October 7, 1913, for the following described lands, to-wit:

The S½ of SW¼ and SW¼ of SE¼ of NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 36, T. 22S. R. 12W.

The NW¼ of Section 16, T. 2S. R. 3W.

The N½, N¼ of SW¼, SW¼ of SW¼ and NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 36, T. 30S. R. 11W.

The S½ and S¼ of NE¼ of Section 36, T. 38S. R. 2W.

All bids must be accompanied by a regularly executed application to purchase and check or draft for at least one-fifth of the amount of the bid.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase state lands."

G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board.
Dated August 1, 1913.

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