The Coquille Herald



SHALL THE PORT OWN THE TUG?
The Bandon Recorder reports that the tug Clinyam is to be sold and that the owners have an offer from San Francisco parties of $\$ 0,000$; but that they would much
prefer to see her stay on the river and that they have offered to sell her to local parties for $\$ 26,000$. The
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on the lower river and is said to have cost $\$ 30,000$ for the on the lower river and is saic to have cost $\$ 30,000$ for the
hull and $\$ 28,000$ for the machinery. She has cedar frames and is a staunch and seaworthy craft, well fitted for the
work at the mouth of the river. The Recorder says that an effort is being made to induce the Port of Bandon to purchase the tug, and that the commissioner
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lute necessity. If it is not the duty of the port commis-
sion to see that such a necessity is supplied then what is the port commission for? As long as private parties can not to be wondered at if the port commission keep clear
of the prejudice that might run counter to the ownershi of a tug by the port. But if the time has arrived when the requisite money in her ownership, then the commission should not hesitate to buy her. No doubt there
would be a howl from some of the inland property owners whose ideas never rise above the tax roll; but the move that is everlastingly right is the move to make, and the
people as a whole can be depended on to endorse it. If people as (south of Myrtle Point) is ever to fo ahead as a port or as a community the little small local jealousies must be elim-
inated. Perhaps a tug would do Bandon more good than it would do Coquille. Next month a project may come up don. If Coquille is to knock the former and Bandon the
latter, world without end, then we need a long and imposing array of first-clas
ever amount to much.

## Random Rambles

