



**WILL OPEN READING ROOM SUNDAY**

**Bandon Christian Association to be Formally Launched on That Date**

The Bandon Christian Association will open their reading room in Lorenz' Hall to the public Sunday afternoon. Arrangements for this reading room have been under way for some time and there will also be a gymnasium in connection. The reading room will be open to the public, but the gymnasium will be for members only. The association will be run along the lines of a Y. M. C. A. and the object will be to eventually start both a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A., and it is hoped thereby that much good may be accomplished.

"Long is the lane that has no turn"; "Fortunate is the stream whose placid surface is never broken by the unfriendly stone by the way." In the same manner are young people fortunate when in their leisure moments they have some place to go that is at the same time uplifting and harmless. The need has long been felt for such a place in our thriving, busy little town, and it will be the beginning of a new epoch in many lives of our young people when such a place of amusement will be well established. We come to offer to the citizens of Bandon a place that is harmless, clean, healthy, "of good report" educational, and at same time uplifting. The reading room and gymnasium of the Bandon Christian Association has been organized for you. Those who have had its work at heart have been thinking of the things that you would best enjoy while being in attendance. We have not tried to please all the people, for that is impossible, nor have we tried to go beyond our means, but just to establish a place for you to spend your evenings.

Some one may be prone to ask, "Why all this expense? what good will it do?" To questions of this kind we would like very much to ask our readers to ask themselves this question—"if I had had some place to spend my evenings where good books might have been had, where I might have had good associations, what change would it have made in my life and would I be what I am at the present?" We believe that an honest answer to these questions will do more to establish the necessity of a place like of which we shall soon open, better than any argument we are able to produce. The church and Sunday-school has done a great deal of good in our community, and in no way does this association supplant the work of these institutions, but rather it is only a small factor in bringing better conditions into the community. This is a step which should be of vital interest to every good citizen of Bandon.

It should interest the business man because it means better men and better women in the future for the care and welfare of the town. The average business man does not only want help that is equal to the occasion, but he wants help that can give security for morals, muscles and brain. Taking for granted that every citizen of Bandon has brains we have tried to establish a place for the betterment of their other virtues.

The young people who are interested in the development of muscle and morals should be interested in (Continued on page 4)

**OIL PROSPECT VERY GOOD**

**Have Struck Small Quantity of Oil, and Indications Are Bright.**

The prospects for oil at the Mience Oil and Gas Co.'s well on Bear Creek are getting better all the time, and in fact oil in small quantities has already been found and the well which is now down nearly 1200 feet is in regular oil sand and rock, so that the prospects are that oil will be found in paying quantities in the very near future. There is considerable excitement at present over the prospects out in the oil region and the promoters of the company are more sanguine than ever over outcome, and they think that they are on the verge of a good strike, and the indications would seem to back up the belief.

**High School Notes.**

Geo. Strang, pres. of the Sophomore class and manager of the Track team, has found it necessary to stop school for a while. We hope to see you back George.

Lentner Gallier has been elected temporary manager of the Track team.

Edna Hansen, who has been very sick for some time, is back in school again.

The 7th month's examinations are in progress yesterday and to-day.

We are glad to note that Daisy Hansen is not sick, as was reported in school Wednesday.

**Killed at Logging Camp.**

Hugo Ballis, a logger employed at the Cody Logging camp, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. A large log swung out of its course, knocked him down and rolled over him.

Ballis was a Finn, about 21 years old, and so far as is known had no near relatives in this section. His body was taken to Coos Bay for burial.

Grain and grass seeds of all kinds, for sale by T. W. Robison at Central Warehouse. 22tf

**BURGLAR ENTERS SEVERAL HOUSES**

**Secures Twenty-six Dollars in One Place and is Arrested**

A man giving his name as Joe Duffy was taken into custody here Wednesday for burglary. He had entered several houses Tuesday night, among which were the Barrows residence, Western Home Boarding House and a place in West Bandon. In the latter place he secured \$26.00, according to testimony given by Mrs. Pert, the proprietor.

Duffy was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Rea, Wednesday evening and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500. Not being able to secure the bond he was taken to Coquille yesterday and lodged in jail to await investigation by the grand jury.

**HILL LINE TO EUREKA SOON**

**Railroad Men Who Investigated Coos Bay Visit Humboldt Bay**

The Eureka Herald says: "It straws show which way the wind blows, it will not be long before dirt will be flying in construction operations on a north coast railroad to connect Eureka and Portland by rail, possibly on two such coast lines."

"After a speedy automobile trip to Crescent City to Eureka, a distance of 95 miles, Messrs J. M. Eddy and H. Summers, generally conceded to be right-of-way men in the service of the Hill interests, departed on the City of Topeka for San Francisco with all the maps and information obtainable of the territory through which they had just passed, in their possession."

"It has been but a month or two since work was commenced on the construction of a Grants-Pass-Crescent-City line. While this road is said to be in the course of construction by a small company, it is believed to be but a branch of the Southern Pacific."

"The Grants Pass-Crescent City line is simply another method by which the Southern Pacific undoubtedly hopes to accomplish a speedy connection with the Northwestern Pacific now being completed into Eureka from San Francisco. The railroads from north and south will meet here."

"The Hill interests for a long period have been planning to enter the California coast section. This ambition of the northern railroad magnate has kept the Harriman system busy devising means and ways by which to keep him out of this rich territory."

"Now the situation seems to have reached the stage where a road must be built and both systems, Hill and Harriman, are determined to build. This means that two lines can be expected to connect Eureka with the northern centers by coast lines."

"For some time past Hill has been forging down through Central Oregon. He is now headed into the Coos Bay territory, and will probably strike due south along the coast for Crescent City and Eureka."

"That Hill is looking after Coos Bay is believed beyond the question of a doubt. According to the Coos Bay Times of February, Messrs Eddy and Summers, who paid Eureka such a hurried visit, also visited Marshfield, North Bend and other Coos Bay cities, securing there as here, all possible data and maps of the region, and neither affirming or denying that they are working for Hill."

"Messrs Eddy and Hill while in Eureka yesterday interviewed Peter Belcher and looked over all maps available in Mr. Belcher's offices, giving out the impression that they were export lumbermen of Portland. They gave considerable attention to the maps of Del Norte county, evidently looking for those sections of possible new railroad territory where the timber is standing thickest and freight shipments will be of the largest quantities. At the conclusion of their visit to the Belcher offices, Mr. Belcher showed them through the Elks' hall, a treat which they appreciated greatly."

"It would appear from the hurry in which the visitors passed through this section that some railroad plans for new lines to the south from Oregon are to be made and that haste is imperative."

**CHAMP CLARK ELECTED SPEAKER**

**Special Session of Congress Convened Tuesday Morning**

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Called in extraordinary session by President Taft to consider the question of Canadian reciprocity which failed at the last session because of a filibuster against it in the Senate, the sixty-second Congress assembled at noon to-day. In spite of the fact that the proclamation issued by the President mentioned nothing except reciprocity and it is expected his message to the special session will likewise be circumscribed, an ambitious program has been outlined by the next democratic majority in the House and the outcome is in doubt.

The session, because of the anomalous situation created by one party being in control of one branch, and its rival in power in the other, is expected to be long and filled with turmoil and political bickerings. The chief feature of interest in the session to-day was the election of Champ Clark of Missouri as Speaker of the House and the return to the floor of "Uncle Joe" Cannon as a mere member from Danville, Ill., and a minority member at that.

Champ Clark was elected speaker by a vote of 217 against 131 for James B. Mann of Illinois, 16 for Henry A. Cooper of Wisconsin, and one for Geo. Norris of Nebraska. The last are three republicans.

The insurgent republicans in the House in their vote for the speaker indicated they intended to maintain a separate working organization, voting for Cooper and Norris and Madison temporarily voted with regular republicans for Mann. Thereupon Akin, an independent democrat of New York, also voted for Cooper.

Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin, the only Socialist in the House, declined to vote.

Interest in the opening day centered almost entirely in the House and the routine proceedings occupied the attention of the Senate until to-morrow.

It is not unlikely that the President's message will deal with reciprocity alone. It probably will not be read until to-morrow morning. Representative McCall of Massachusetts, who introduced a bill at the last session of congress to carry the reciprocity agreement into effect, re-introduced his measure to-day and it was referred to the democratic Ways and Means Committee where it will be side tracked for a similar measure but of democratic origin.

**Capt. Dunham Dying.**

The Portland Telegram says: Captain Dunham, until recently master of the steamship Roanoke, is not expected to live longer than a few days according to advices which have been received by H. J. Higley, local agent of the North Pacific Steamship Co. It is reported that the attending physicians have abandoned all hope for his recovery. Captain Dunham fell ill at San Francisco about four months ago while he was master of the Roanoke, and he has been in a hospital in that city ever since.

Herbine cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by C. Y. Lowe.

**BOATS ARRIVE AND DEPART**

**Elizabeth and Fifield Both Make Quick Trips This Time**

Both the Elizabeth and Fifield made quick trips to San Francisco and return this time, leaving here last Friday; the Fifield arrived last night and the Elizabeth early this morning.

The Fifield carried 150 tons of freight and the following passengers: C. O. Becker, C. R. Moore, J. H. Stevens, D. Brow, O. Dodge, J. McDermott and wife, J. M. Nye, R. S. Wright, A. Leneve and wife, J. N. Bledsoe and wife, M. Wise, M. Borgot, A. L. Volkman and wife, J. A. Pollard, Capt. C. H. Butler and wife, C. Rickett, T. J. Pollard, H. C. Chiffin, C. H. Chiffin, A. W. Greger, and W. S. Burnett and wife.

The Elizabeth brought 271 tons of freight and the following passengers: W. M. Kent and wife, F. T. Smith, wife and two children, J. E. Walstrom, wife and two children, Miss M. R. Clough, Orvil Dodge, M. Pelyearpo, G. R. Haines, D. Friends and A. Neilson.

The Fifield will sail at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow and the Elizabeth at 9:00 p.m.

The Anvil arrived in port from Portland, Wednesday night, with 90 tons of freight and a few passengers, whose names we were unable to get. She sailed again last night with 20 cords of matchwood, 2000 bundles of Veneer slices, some wool and butter. She also carried a few passengers out.

The Mayflower, not the one the Pilgrim Fathers came over in, is in port.

**Business Change.**

J. M. Baker has sold his grocery stock on the hill to E. H. Divilbiss, who has already assumed control. Mr. Baker has been in business in Bandon for a number of years, and by fair and honest dealings has succeeded in working up a good business. Mr. Divilbiss comes, highly recommended as a thorough business man, and will no doubt enjoy the same good business relations that have come to Mr. Baker.

**POPULAR YOUNG**

**PEOPLE WED**

**W. C. Sellmer and Miss Adella King Were Married Tuesday**

W. C. Sellmer the popular manager of the Grand Theatre and Miss Adella King of this city were married at Coquille Tuesday, Judge J. F. Hall officiating.

Mr. Sellmer is one of the leading business men of Bandon and is an enthusiastic booster for this section of the country. The bride is a popular young lady, and has many accomplishments. Mr. and Mrs. Sellmer start out in their married life under the most favorable circumstances and their many friends extend congratulation and best wishes.

Quick Meal Restaurant for clam chowder. 25-12

**PRESIDENT DIAZ WORKED FOR U. S.**

**Explanation of Mobilization of Troops on Border is Given**

El Paso, Tex., April 5.—An explanation bearing all the marks of authenticity and clearing up the American-Mexican-Japanese situation, was given here to-day by one of the most prominent Mexican-Americans in the country. According to this informant, who is in a position to know but who insisted upon the suppression of his name, President Diaz was seeking a way to refuse a coaling station on Magdalena Island to the Japanese, even before the renewal of American government's contract came up for discussion.

"Diaz," said the Mexican-American, "found himself between upper and nether millstones. He was impressed with the influence of the Japanese in Mexico, and particularly with the knowledge that they had mapped his entire western coast. Slow, insistent pressure was brought on to him to give Japan a coaling station on Magdalena Bay. On the other side with the United States and the Monroe doctrine."

He temporized until the knowledge of his situation reached the White House. From the latter to his considerable relief came an unmistakable intimation that Japan was not to have the station, although the same privileges for the United States were not insisted upon. Diaz then informed Japan he did not care to lease any part of his country to a foreign power.

"Not knowing what might be the result of the Mexican attitude in Japan, Taft ordered a mobilization of a division of American troops at San Antonio, Galveston and El Paso. In Mexico, every citizen understanding the situation realizes that in event of Japanese aggression, which, however baseless, is still feared, Mexico must rely upon the assistance of the United States. As against any over sea power, Mexico would stand with her big neighbor to the north."

"The informant also said: 'Most of the Japanese entering Mexico are not coolies, but are veterans of the late Russo-Japanese war, but came to Mexico of their own accord and for their own ends.' And bear this in mind, they do not make maps for fun and we know that many of these immigrants have had no other visible occupation."

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