



**Reflections On Looking Backward.**

In my many short stories I made here or there remarks regarding ways and means of transportation; true there was not much to forward, nevertheless, we must consider, there were but few people and consequently business required less of land transportation than at the present time.

Then again most of our hauling was managed to be done by water, but as it so happened not all could be forwarded this way, then we used packhorses, or in other instances, right good loads were carried on our shoulders. At any rate we managed to make out without finding fault of the roads—we had none. Trails were good enough in those happy days; trails took us every where, the Indian was no engineer road builder, commissioner of highways. He knows well enough how to keep the woods full of timber and trees, as we know very little of at this present age, in a comparatively open condition through which his trails led him wherever he wished to go.

Then so-called civilization came, the former owners of the county was transferred to Reservations. The increasing number of arrivals applied means which the Indian avoided carefully, "fire."

The glorious forests, ever thought inexhaustible, soon became destroyed by such reckless, yes selfish, work of the fire fiend; dead stumps, black and unsightly, reared upward to the sky, showing off as tombstones. "See, you who can see the signs, we are the last of the work, the builder of the universe had willed to grow, to beautify the land. There at the right or left, behind and before us, lay the remainder of our bodies, decaying, whereas, by proper use we would have become the means of enriching thousands of you men." The timber could be used as an aid in all the running industrial improvements, and wherever used, furnished better raw material than younger generations of trees are able to do. All those trunks, stumps, roots lying in confused directions obstructed communication, until y hard and fromer unnecessary work a road of some sort was opened to lead from one place to another. By and by greater number of settlers demanded better roads upon which to travel with wagons.

The roads began to be built under the advice of supervisors who did not care for the good road as long as there was money in it for them to be paid by the taxpayers. Who cares for good roads?

More and more the taxes increased for such work. More faithful overseers and workmen made improvements, which, when properly taken care of during the rainy season would have answered fairly well until during summer time such roads became good enough. I say good enough, but not good. With out this proper care in winter and the rainy season the great traffic we have upon this special road of which I speak now, from Bandon to Langlois, one wallow hole after another, wagons break down, horses are over taxed in pulling out of such mireholes, and the poor brute is nearly unable to walk on account of sore legs from bruises or mud fever, or shoulders are bleeding from ill fitting collars, a whip, or as in instances clubs are used upon such unfortunate animals by men claiming to possess Christianity. It is his horse, nobody has a right to say a word. Law! But not the law of the Almighty.

It took us white and civilized people fifty years to come to this disgraceful condition; year after year we spent some more of the money

**BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL GRANT**

**The Day Was Duly Observed by Bandon W. R. C. and G. A. R.**

Last Saturday, April 27th, was the 90th birthday of General U. S. Grant, of civil war fame, and afterward president of the United States, and the day was duly observed in honor of the great general and statesman, by the Bandon W. R. C. and G. A. R. Members of the W. R. C. prepared a sumptuous dinner at the G. A. R. hall, to which they invited the Grand Army members and a few other friends.

Before and after dinner a number of toasts were responded to by persons present. The first being by Mrs. J. A. Faulds, president of the W. R. C. in which she stated why they had met, and paid a glowing tribute to General Grant. A biography of General Grant was read by J. W. Felter, who also interspersed his address with a few instances in the life of the great general.

Rev. F. M. Sanderlin, Col. R. H. Rosa, J. A. Faulds, H. C. Hartranft, and others responded to toasts in a very eloquent manner and all were exceedingly instructive to those present. Mrs. J. W. Young also recited a beautiful little poem about the "Boys in Blue and the Boys in Gray."

Taken all in all the event was a great success in every particular and after dinner all departed feeling that it had been a day well spent, and a many of the younger generation who were present had a much more vivid knowledge of the greatness of General Grant than before.

**Find Democratic Justice.**

The law requires that the County Clerk shall call to his assistance in canvassing votes cast at an election two justices of the peace—one a republican the other a democrat—residents of the county. Justice E. D. G. Holden of Coquille, and Justice C. R. Wade of Bandon were selected by the clerk for the performance of this service for the recent primary election. Heretofore, we are informed, it has been impossible to secure a democratic justice in this county, but in this instance Bandon furnished one of this political faith and the law was complied with.—Coquille Herald.

If you want to hunt, fish, or get married, go to Oakes for applications for license. 24tf.

paid by the taxpayers. Slowly we creep along, until clearer heads than we have shall overcome those difficulties with less expens, by greater speed, with no animal exertion, and no pounding the traveler on vehicles in such ways that his health might be injured.

Steam railroads, automobiles, will be a thing of the past. Electricity, produced by wavepower of the mighty ocean will propel vehicles upon one stringer of rails, by far safer, with reduction of friction to a minimum, with the swiftness of the flight of a bird. Then the future generations will be astounded at what a poor class of manlike creations has been living here before them.

A consultation like this is better than none, is not that what strikes your thought? No doubt; it seems so. —M. G. Pohl.

**Roosevelt vs. Courts.**

New York—A referendum law whereby the people may place upon the statute books laws which even the courts may not declare unconstitutional is asked today by former President Theodore Roosevelt in a sensational copyrighted article, Judges and Progress, in the current issue of the Outlook.

Unless such a referendum is granted Roosevelt believes the time will come when the courts' hands will be tied and the power to pass upon the legality of laws will be taken away from them.

That courts should decide points raised under the law, but that they should not have the right to kill the law itself unless it is so flagrant a violation of the constitution as to be incapable of argument, is the former president's belief. He says:

"Experience of 25 years has shown that the people may be aroused to sound high thinking and that the legislative and executive officers may show their intention of carrying out the people's purpose, yet the whole movement for good may come to naught, and injustice be perpetrated because certain judges of certain courts steeped in some outworn political and social philosophy totally misapprehend their relations to the people and to the public needs.

"I have never taken a position in advance of Abraham Lincoln, who said: 'If the policy of the government on vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the supreme court, the instant they are made the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal.'"

**Forest Fire Season Coming.**

The Forest Fire season is only a few weeks off. Those who have slashings to burn as the result of land clearing, logging, road building, or any other purpose, should begin to watch for the time when burning can be done in accordance with the law, and with safety to surrounding property. It is only by having slashings removed through early spring or late fall burning that there is hope of keeping down fire later on.

Timber land is paying a large part of the taxes in Oregon; 75 to 80 per cent in some counties. The owners of this class of property are not asking for roads, or other improvements to enhance the value of their property, but are contributing cheerfully to have these built for the benefit of others. It therefore, seems only right that county officials should assist in preserving a property which contributes so substantially to the running expenses of the government.

County Courts can do much to help keep down fires both by being sure that rights of way of roads are kept free from inflammable material and by assisting the State Forester during the dry months through assigning men to work under his direction. One bad fire will result in the loss of thousands of dollars of tax money to the State, and it is sound public policy to avoid this if possible.

G. LeRoy Hall, of Marshfield will deliver one of his instructive and entertaining lectures at the old school house, Tuesday evening, May 14th, the auspices of the Hurry-up-Bible class. Admission 25 and 15c. Those who do not hear this lecture will miss a sure treat. It will be remembered that Mr. Hall lectured here not long ago on "Riley" and his audience at that time was more than pleased.

**BOATS ARRIVE AND DEPART**

**Shipping Business Continues as Brisk as Ever at Coquille River**

The Elizabeth arrived Saturday morning 116 tons of freight and two passengers: W. F. Disher and Mr. Page. She sailed again Sunday with 15 tons of miscellaneous freight 254,000 feet of lumber and the following passengers: A. Mardison wife and three children, Oliver Wilcox, Ora Wilcox, Mrs. Sarah Simmons, Stacy Pante, Mrs. E. E. Panter, A. D. Andrews, L. Coolbaugh, Caus Carlson, F. W. Isaacson, Ansel Isaacson.

The Brooklyn arrived Saturday morning with nine tons of freight and sailed again early Sunday morning with 235,000 feet of lumber and the following passengers: Levi Goff and wife, John Neumer, and Martin Thompson.

The Finfield arrived yesterday morning with 110 tons of freight and the following passengers: A. J. Mendal, C. C. Nelson and wife, Harry Blakemore, Geo. Woodworth, B. Pelantag, E. Peterson, A. H. Linn, W. B. Brown, Robert Linn, A. F. Rice, B. Elliott, Miss Dora Let, Mr. Estabrook, Capt. Clemens and son. The Finfield will sail again at midnight.

**Myrtle Point Enterprise Enlarges.**

The Myrtle Point Enterprise came out last week in enlarged form and is now a regular six column, eight page paper, which gives it a much more dignified appearance and adds considerably to the amount of space for reading matter. Since Mr. Shultz, the present editor took hold of the paper about a year ago, he has added several new features and been constantly improving the paper, but the last improvement is the best of all, and the paper now takes rank among the leading news papers of this section of Oregon. We congratulate Brother Shultz on his success.

**For Sale.**

5 acre tract close in. Good level land \$300. Easy terms.

Also to acres good land 1 1/2 miles out \$400.

**FOR EXCHANGE.**

Good dairy ranch of 120 acres, 50 acres 1st class bottom, balance good bench, 40 acres in crop. Ranch fully stocked. Will exchange for Bandon property.

6-Room modern house and 4 lots, well located in Myrtle Point, Ore., for Bandon value \$2000.

5 Room house and 4 lots in Coquille, Ore., to trade for any good Bandon property.

4-Room modern house in North Bend, to exchange for Bandon value 1100.

Come in and tell us what you have to trade. 31 tf DEYOE & SMITH.

Mayor J. W. Mast, J. L. Kronenberg, and Dr. L. P. Sorensen are all possessors of new Ford autos, of the 1912 model. Dr. Sorensen and Mr. Kronenberg have five passenger cars, but the mayor's car is "just big enough for two." Somebody says "there is a reason."

Witter Water for your liver, kidneys and rheumatism. C. M. Spencer, Agent.

**Prosper Budget.**

Miss Hazel Mathews spent Saturday and Sunday at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bullard.

Those who scoff at the idea of making a success of incubator chickens should call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coates, and see what they are able to accomplish.

Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Abbott, has been suffering from blood poison in one of his fingers, caused by a cut from a jack knife. He is greatly improved at the present writing.

Mr. Hodges has been transacting business in the upper river districts. He will shortly resume his work at the Prosper mill.

Prosper can now boast of a Chinese laundry, which is running at full blast now. Any one wanting "washee" done, should just call and leave clothes and, Gee Wung will do the rest.

These mild and pleasant April showers are a source of great delight to garden truck growers. They beat the snow and ice, and river floods of the East all hollow.

Grandma Hicking went to Bandon on Saturday morning to receive medical treatment for rheumatism from a local physician. She will also visit her sons who are located there.

Catterlin & LeGore are running a free grocery delivery here in Prosper from their headquarters in Bandon. This will prove a source of great convenience to a great many customers here, who are taking advantage of it.

A party of young people from Coquille were passengers on the Norma Saturday morning to Bandon Beach, where they spent a most enjoyable day. They returned the same day to Coquille.

Mrs. Bi Barrows and daughter, Miss Ruth, spent Saturday in Bandon, visiting with friends and looking after business interests.

Col. Drain, the genial captain of the Superior, reports his cottage in Bandon, on Sixth Street, as nearly completed. His many friends here are surmising who the fair mistress of so pleasant a home will be. That's alright Col.

Mrs. Dorland and Mrs. Adam Storm were passengers on the Norma to Bandon Saturday, where they spent the day shopping and visiting friends.

Don't forget the date of the Benefit Dance for the Prosper School, Saturday evening May 4th. Varney's Orchestra from Bandon will furnish the music. A good time is promised to all who attend. Come one, come all and trip the "light fantastic toe," to the merry music of Varney's Orchestra. —Hermosa.

Everet Nymanover of Marshfield the piano expert connected with the W. R. Haines Music Company, is in the city tuning pianos. He was here six years ago and had then a phenomenal run as a tuner. Mr. Nymanover has the distinction of being a circus navigator, and is the second known piano tuner in America encircling the entire earth, paying his way as a piano expert. A man from the Chickering factory in Boston being the first one. Mr. Nymanover made the entire trip around the world since he was here six years ago. The gentleman was a pleasant caller at these headquarters yesterday.

Strayed to my place about 18 months ago, a red heifer. Owner may have same by proving property and paying damages. P. J. Smith, near Prosper Road. 32-16 F

**A Real Western Picture.**

At the Grand, Wednesday May 1st, in "The Widow of Rickey O'Neil," we see a genuine picture of cowboy life as it was in earlier times. Bronco busting, roping, trick riding and bull dogging wild steers, are some of the thrilling scenes in this western picture, also introducing a humorous love affair between the widow and a cow-puncher. Wednesday, May 1st. Admission 10 and 5c.

**High School Night at the Grand**

An entertainment will be given at the Grand Theatre Friday evening, May 3rd, for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association. Appended is the program:

- Solo, - - - Miss Chatburn
- Recitation - Lela Buckingham
- Solo - - - Miss Fox
- Selection - - - Girl's Glee Club
- Motion Pictures.

**Grange Meeting**

The regular meeting of Bandon Grange will be held in Odd Fellows Hall next Saturday, May 4th. The meeting will commence at 10:30 a. m. There will be special business and initiation. Lunch will be served at noon. All Grangers are urged to be present.

**For Sale Quick.**

I will sell at a bargain, my property, consisting of two lots, house, barn, and garden. Running water on place, situated 2 blocks north-east of Moore's mill, on new plank road. Will sell at a sacrifice, \$650, cash takes the place. Call on or address F. Jesch, Bandon, Ore. 33-1f

FOR SALE—White cedar row boat. Cost \$85. Will sell cheap, if taken at once. Apply at Central Warehouse. 32-12x

**TALKING RADICALISM.**

The woman who has thought out her own philosophy of life, who is really original and unconventional, is not the woman who is always talking radicalism. Just because she has the courage to live her own life she has learned the cost, and she dare not advise others to emulate her own defiance. I have nothing to say against a woman who, after carefully considering her particular problem, solves it in some way which tradition has named unsafe or wrong. Then the consequences of her act speak for her. If suffering results she is the sufferer, and there is always her example. But it's the women who are afraid to act and who take it out in talk who are dangerous. —Marion Fairfax, Playwright.

**Drives 4,000 Miles Behind a Team of Goats.**

This is almost as ridiculous as the man who drove 35 miles and back, taking an entire day, to pay a debt of ten dollars. Had he been one of our customers with a check account, he could have mailed the check for two cents, saved his time and horses and still have had a receipt for his money.

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