



Commercial Club Has Busy Session

Better Fire Protection Discussed---Condemn Action of Those Who Would Stop Road Improvement.

The Commercial Club met at the club hall, March 27th, 1913. President Fish in the chair.

Several interesting communications were read. Among these a legal opinion from Attorney General Crawford to the effect that a minority of the people in a water shed could form a port in a certain district and could not be compelled to take territory outside their port into the proposed port.

Proposed by E. E. Oakes seconded by O. A. Trowbridge that,

Whereas, it has come to the notice of this club that an injunction has been served on the Sheriff of Coos County, restraining said Sheriff from collecting a 10 mill levy, levied by the legal voters and property owners of this road district, of which Bandon, Oregon is a part, for the purpose of improving and opening up of the Township line road between Bandon, Oregon, and Four-mile and,

Whereas, the said opening up of said Township line road would reduce the distance to the Curry County line nearly two miles, and,

Whereas, it is a fact that the opening up of said Township line road and the improving of said road will be of more benefit to the City of Bandon, than any other road improvement that could be made, and it is hereby

Resolved, that this Commercial Club is opposed to, and condemns the action taken by certain parties in blocking and obstructing the improvement of the said Township line

road as the same is done against the best interest of the City of Bandon, and it is further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this club and a copy be published in the Bandon Recorder.

Proposed by E. E. Oakes, seconded by H. K. Flom that the sign, "Visitors Welcome," be placed upon the club door.

The question of fire protection was brought up by Mr. Oakes. M. D. Sherrard made a brief talk on the fire fighting system of Oxnard, California. Describing the difficulties that were met and the expensive mistakes that were made before a practical and efficient system was obtained. Mr. Sherrard had charge of the fire fighting system of Oxnard and his remarks displayed an exact knowledge of the intricate details of a fire system.

It was proposed by P. H. Poole and seconded by E. E. Oakes that Mr. Sherrard be requested to prepare a paper on a fire fighting system for Bandon, carried.

The president made some pertinent remarks on the advisability of thrashing the matter out, studying various details, weighing pros and cons and then arrive at a conviction based upon knowledge. A few men hanging together who knew what they were talking about, and had the conviction that they were right, could influence enough people to their view to put through some measure that will give to Bandon a fire system that will be a protection.

LAND PRICES IN THE COQUILLE VALLEY

The Coquille valley is the big agricultural district of southwestern Oregon. It offers opportunities to settlers. Being away from ocean breezes conditions are ideal. Prices of land vary according to location and conditions of development. Valley bottom lands uncultivated from \$70 to \$100 per acre. Valley bottom lands improved \$100 to \$200. Bench, or low hill lands, unimproved from \$8 up. Bench lands improved from \$20 up.

The bottom lands, of which there are many thousands of acres, are level and composed of rich, sedimentary soil from 5 to 15 feet deep. It is decidedly fertile and produces enormous crops. It is an indisputable fact that the bottom lands along the river Nile and the Mississippi in our own country, are the richest in the world. The formations adjacent to the Coquille river are very similar, and in point of fertility are a close second. A large portion of these bottom lands are as yet unimproved. The soils of the low bench lands are of a reddish brown color, and occasionally black. These lands are prolific producers of hay, grains and vegetables and are generally considered the best for orchards and small fruit.

Work on the new residence of H. C. Dipple is moving along very rapidly and when completed it will be one of the most spacious and beautiful homes in the city.

Orpheum.

Special Announcement. The musical event of the season. A big attraction is in store for the patrons of the Orpheum theatre, Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and 30th, when the team of Hickok and Otis, Vaudeville's sweetest singers will appear in a repertoire of songs and comedy sketches.

This act has been one of the best attractions on the big circuits and were on their way back to Chicago, when a representative of the Coos Bay Vaudeville Circuit induced them to play a four week's engagement in Coos county at a very large salary.

Miss Hickok is the niece of Ex-President Taft, and well known as the youngest Prima Donna on the American stage. This is the young lady that New York critics termed "The Child Melba."

Don't fail to hear this real singer while you have a chance. Remember the dates, Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and 30th. Admission 10c and 20c.

Young People's League.

The Young People's League, which was organized by Dr. B. K. Leach, on Sunday, March 16th, with forty-three members, held its second meeting at Bandon Opera House last Sunday. Seventeen new members were admitted, thus swelling the total membership to sixty. Another meeting will be held at the Opera House next Sunday, at which all young people of Bandon are welcome.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Choate March 24th.

Better Fire Protection Needed

As I have been asked for my opinion as a citizen and a true live booster of our beautiful city here by the sea. I am only glad that I can not justly say any thing but good my heart and my interest are with Bandon and her people and I would give my last dollar for the proper steps, if taken for what I deem our most needed protection. I have served for six years in a paid fire department and my past experience prompts me to say we will find some one of these days nothing left of our business section but the black and charred ruins of what was once the very pride of all Coos county.

If we linger on as we now are until the fire devil comes, no mortal man will stop him with what you have got for us to fight with.

You can't tell me your fire fighting fixtures are all O. K. and you have no water pressure to speak of, as for hose well it may do for watering some low land garden that is about all, you must not blame your firemen if they cannot stop a fire, they can and will fight like mad demons wherever it is up to them, just give them a chance please. I helped all I could in every step taken for our betterment as a city ever since I came here just a year and four months ago.

Public libraries are fine we truly need them and we need to protect them as well as everything else when we get them.

I have looked carefully over the lay of our country and I find that Bandon need not be second to any city in the way of water and pressure if needed I can give proper weight per gallon of water per inch, per foot and proper connections of water mains to obtain the most pressure per inch.

I dare to say here in that I do not think there is a business man or anyone who lives here in our beautiful city by the sea, but what would give and give freely for Bandon to own her water and her lighting systems.

Now Mr. Booster you may think this a pipe dream but please remember this for some day we will come to grief unless we see a change and then you will see whether it was you or I who was dreaming. What sane man is there among you who will invest his last dollar unprotected.—G. E. Woodruff.

Mr. Woodruff has certificate showing 7 years service in Roseburg fire dept. and has three certificates of merit for distinguished service in fighting fire.

Messrs Stear and Stephens have tunneled twelve feet to gold bearing ledge matter conservatively estimated to run \$25 per ton in free milling gold. They are not through the ledge yet but have gone far enough to establish the fact Agness is to be on the map as the biggest gold camp in Oregon.—Gold Beach Globe.

Dairying Is An Important Industry In Coquille Valley

In a folder recently issued by the Coquille Commercial club, the following report of the dairying industry in the Coquille Valley should be of interest to many:

The Coquille Valley is a paradise for the dairyman and the cow. Grass is green the year 'round, and cows are fed, if at all, only six weeks to ten months the whole season. Dairying is one of the principle industries, and thousands of dollars are annually paid to ranchers by creameries and cheese factories, and the demand always exceeds the supply. There are approximately 300 dairy farms in Coos county, fully two-thirds of which are in the Coquille valley. These supply 18 creameries and cheese factories, 10 of which are in the Coquille territory. The annual output of butter is about 1,250,000 pounds, which brings top prices in ready markets.

The cheese output is something less than a half a million pounds.

Butter fat prices paid by one creamery in the Coquille valley during 1911, which is probably about the average, was as follows: January 40c; February 35½c; March 32c; April 27c; May 24c; June 23c; July 26c; August 27c; September 30c; October 32c; November 35c; December 36c. Average for the year 30¾c. Prices for 1912 averaged considerably higher, but even at the figures quoted dairying is profitable, the cost of production in this valley being reduced to the minimum owing to the abundance of green feed. For low rates of sustenance of dairy stock computed upon the head basis; in productivity of soil, housing on account of climatic conditions, the Coquille valley is unquestionably the banner country of the world.

Killed in Auto Wreck.

L. K. Ballenger, who kept books for the Dredge Oregon when she was here in the government work, and was well known in Bandon, was killed last night in an automobile wreck, between Marshfield and North Bend.

We have not been able to get any of the particulars of the accident.

Along the Waterfront.

The Speedwell arrived in port yesterday with 70 tons of freight and the thirty passengers.

The Elizabeth arrived yesterday with 180 tons of freight and the following passengers: C. E. Broadbent, J. Machado, L. W. Deyoe and wife, W. E. Field, wife and child, A. F. Cook, T. Pular, E. L. Flood, B. Ramberg.

The Elizabeth will sail tomorrow morning at 4:30 o'clock.

Death of Miss Hodge.

Died—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Custer, in this city, March 18, Miss Myrtle May Hodge, aged twenty-three years.

The deceased was the only daughter of J. M. Hodge, of Fishtrap, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there on Thursday. She was well known and popular here, having attended the Coquille public schools.—Coquille Herald.

Miss Hodge is well known in Bandon having taught in our public schools last year.

The music at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday was very good, especially the solo by Mr. E. B. Webb in the morning, and that of Mrs. Lomas in the evening. There is quite a large chorus choir at this church which is doing good work, and they rendered an Easter anthem with spirit.

Port Commission Is a Growing Necessity

Creation of a Commission Will Benefit Everyone---The Future Prosperity of Bandon at Stake.

Bandon and the lower Coquille River need a port commission. Every citizen interested in the development of the country and welfare of the people cannot help but admit. We need a port commission more at present than at any time in the previous history of this section of the county.

Commerce is increasing here all the time, and will continue to increase. The railroads will soon be here and we need a better harbor to take care of the traffic that the railroad brings, and we need it to regulate freight rates for the railroad, so we will not be held up by that corporation. In fact we need a bet-

ter port to keep pace with the rapid development of the county and to help develop the country.

A port will enhance the value of all property in the watershed; it will help the farmer, it will help the merchant, and most of all it will help the laborer. It will be the means of getting more money from the government for local development and will bring more work and better pay to all of us.

Truly no man can be a real booster and oppose a port commission, in fact the man who opposes a port commission for the lower Coquille River is standing in his own light, no matter what his occupation or station in life may be.

Entertain at Five Hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craine entertained a large party of friends at a Five Hundred party at their spacious home, corner of Spruce and 4th Streets, Tuesday evening.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the evening was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

The first prize for ladies a beautiful cut glass dish was won by Mrs. S. C. Endicott, while Morrill Jameson won the first prize for gentlemen a beautiful picture in an artistic frame. Mrs. E. B. Kausrud captured the ladies consolation prize and C. R. Wade succeeded pulling down the "booby" for gentlemen.

Elegant refreshments were served and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all present.

Those invited were Mesdames and Messrs J. L. Kronenberg, N. J. Crain, L. P. Sorensen, F. J. Feeny, S. C. Endicott, C. Mc Johnson, Robert Johnson, E. E. Reynolds, R. E. Buck, A. S. Elliot, H. K. Flom, J. T. Sullivan, E. B. Kausrud, G. T. Treadgold, O. A. Trowbridge, C. E. Kopf, Chris Rasmussen, Nels Rasmussen, Pat Hanrahan, Thos White, L. J. Cody, R. W. Boyle, S. J. Mann, H. L. Houston, S. G. Whitsett, C. R. Wade, Mesdames Wilson, Russell, of Beaver Hill; Costello, C. Timmons, H. F. Morrison, Misses Ritchie, Cooper, Solve Reynolds, Kate Rosa, Dorothy and Nora Gibson, Miss Sperry of Coquille, Mesdames Leneve, and Geraldine Morris of Coquille and Messrs F. J. Fahy, Geo. P. Laird, Tom Nielson, Ray McNair, Jimmie Dollar, Alf Johnson, Clarence Hurley, Geo. W. Moore, C. R. Moore, M. J. McKenna, Lloyd Rosa, Norman Jameson, Morrill Jameson, Herb Morton, and E. H. Boyle.

While the refreshments were being served the people were highly entertained with violin music, played by Mr. Herb Morton of Coquille, but present manager of the Orpheum orchestra, and Miss Sperry of Coquille, who presided at the piano.

Gift to Library.

The Library Board through the efforts of Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg is in receipt of two gifts for Library. One of \$30.00 and the other of \$5.00 both from friends of Mrs. Kronenberg in San Francisco.

The friends of the Library and in fact the city of Bandon appreciate this unusual and kindly interest manifested in us by outside friends.

MACHINERY FOR BOAT ARRIVES

Capt. O. R. Willard informs us that the machinery for his new boat Charm, arrived on the Speedwell and the work of building the boat at Hermann Bros' shipyard at Prosper, is moving along very rapidly. The boat will be ready for the run some time between the First and Fifteenth of May.

The Charm will be a fine boat and will be a big addition to the Coquille river fleet.

Worth Your While.

To see that big three-reel feature film entitled, "The Shaughran," This splendid film portrayal of Dion Boucicault's best novel was made by the famous Kalem Company in Ireland.

Gene Gauntier the noted Kalem actress takes the lead.

Its a story full of action, dash and thrilling climaxes.

Shown at the Grand, Sunday, March 30. Admission 15c and 10c. Best of music. Steam heat.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith of Prosper last night a nine pound baby boy. A very interesting feature of this is the fact that the grandmother Mrs. Webb is only 33 years old and is the mother of ten children.

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