

VOTE FOR YOUR OWN PROGRESS BY VOTING FOR THE PORT TOMORROW

MILL WORKER
DISAPPEARS

Signal Johnson was last seen in Bandon on August 4th Leaves Months Wages.

FOUL PLAY FEARED.

Is Brother of Captain Johnson of Bandon Tug. No Clue to Whereabouts.

Signal Johnson, brother of Captain John Johnson, and an old employee at the Lyons Johnson mill, has disappeared since the night of Monday, August 4th, and all efforts of his friends and relatives to locate him to date have proved futile.

Mr. Johnson was in the best of health and had a good job, and the fact that he left a month and a half wages unclaimed at the mill and his clothing and other belongings at his rooming house leads to the belief that he has met with foul play.

He came into town from the mill Monday, August 1, and was seen last on Monday evening following.

Any one knowing of his whereabouts or having seen him later than that date will confer a great favor on Captain Johnson of the tug, by notifying him.

Signal Johnson was 50 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, light complexion and blue eyes.

One System Sufficient.

Every resident of a town or community is interested in getting the very best telephone service possible because in this day and age the telephone is an absolute necessity in business as well as in many other ways.

The question then is how are we to get the best service? Will it be by competition in local lines or will it be otherwise? There is an old adage that competition is the life of trade but this is not true in every particular and we are inclined to believe that the telephone is one place in which it is not best to have competition in local communities.

In the first place it practically doubles the telephone expense of every business house in a town, because if there are two systems it is necessary to have both phones in order to accommodate their customers and this of course doubles the expense. Then, too it is very inconvenient in calling your friends over the phone, because if you have a residence phone of one system the chances are that your friend will have the other phone and then you are just as well off as if you had no phone at all. In fact two telephone systems in a town not only doubles the expense of telephones, but greatly decreases the efficiency of both systems, because of the fact that few residences will have both phones.

It would be much better to have one system and if that system does not give good service, have the cause investigated, and if the company is at fault, make them come through with better service.

We have never heard of a town where there were two systems, but people generally wished that it could be cut down to one.

Water Sports.

The water sports will be held Thursday, Aug. 28th, commencing at 10 a. m. Enter now for the events. The program includes men's and boys sculling races, swimming races, exhibition by U. S. Life Saving crew, motor boat races, log rolling, etc.

Along the Water Front.

The Fifield sailed Saturday with 450,000 feet of lumber and the following passengers: Mr. Curtis and wife, G. Johalot, A. W. Barrow, H. R. Harvey, O. Knowlton, Ed Sanberg, H. Downly, J. H. Smith, C. A. Davis and wife, Mrs. Steary, D. Steary, F. Wilson, S. Cox, C. C. Rhodes, G. F. Dunlap, T. S. Jackson, J. C. Heney, P. R. Wilson, John Lawry, A. Spaton, P. M. O'Neil, Chas Wessgren, Fred Helsten, B. R. London, Loren Reynolds, Geo. Conger, Henry Smith.

The Elizabeth arrived this morning with 175 tons of freight and the following passengers: F. S. Perry, C. E. Broadbent, O. A. Trowbridge, Spencer Trowbridge, W. Everett, S. Brownston, H. Dadvil, Mrs. Dolly McDonald and child C. A. Duke, T. Carson, C. Ponderg, Lily Ponderg.

BIG THINGS
DOING HERE

The White Cedar Festival opened last night with a rush and a roar. Let-er-rip, Let-er-saw are sure proper terms, for everybody is having the time of their lives.

The city is in gala attire. Business men are viewing with each other to see who can have things the best, and there is that fun and good nature that is always prevalent at Carnival time.

The crowning of the queen will be one of the biggest features yet.

The voting will close tomorrow noon so if you want to see your favorite get the honors, it is high time to get busy with your voting.

So far the Carnival has been the most successful of any that has ever been pulled off in Bandon and the remainder of the week still promises to be bigger and better.

Get in line for a good time and enjoy yourself the rest of the week as you have never done before. It is on Bandon, so don't be backward.

The Poor Middleman Has to
Take All the Blame.

When the world seems dark and gloomy as a hearse, and the luck is daily growing worse and worse, then it makes our lives more pleasant if there is a straw man present, who must take the roast we hand him and the curse. Just at present man is reading beard and robe, since it costs so much to live upon this globe, and we've found a worthy victim, and we all have punched and kicked him, and the Middleman must do the stut of Job. Oh, the middleman we've chosen as the goat, and we strive to get our fingers on his throat, and as David slugged Goliath we shall slug this foul pariah if we ever get our clutches on his coat! When we take a slice of liver from the pan, and the butcher's swollen bill we wildly scan, then we hoist the crossbones banner, saying in a war like manner: "We must go and lynch a mouldy Middleman! When man buys a suit of clothes he wails and rants: 'I am paying seven prices for my pants! On a smoking red hot griddle should be placed the man o' middle, with his sisters and his cousins and his aunts! And the middleman, he through the alley sneaks; not a friend in all the city to help him speak; he is shunned, or he is greeted with a bombardment oft repeated, by a chorus of indignant howls and shrieks!"

Sheriff W. W. Gage came down from Coquille yesterday to look after business affairs.

Port Election Tomorrow.

Tomorrow, Wednesday August 27th is the Port election. Every friend of the port should see to it that he or she cast a vote in favor of the port. It is more to Bandon and the Coquille Valley than anything else that has ever come within our grasp. It is the greatest opportunity we will ever have and unless we grasp it now, we will receive a backset that will take years to recover from.

The opposition will vote in force. A knocker is always on the ground when he has a chance to knock and the booster should be on hand when there is a chance to boost.

Don't let anyone draw you away from the point with the tax bugaboo; the tax will be exceedingly small while the benefit will be eminently large. In fact it would be impossible at this time to calculate the benefit that will come to every inhabitant of this valley if the port carries.

Let every person who is in favor of the development of the Coquille valley turn out and vote. It is important that you be on hand.

ARNOLD CO.
MAKES GOOD

The Arnold Amusement Co. which is holding forth in Bandon this week is pleasing the people at every turn. Their many attractions are the very best of their kind as the large throngs of people that are visiting them daily testify.

The all Stars show on Homer St. near the Pacific house is attracting large attention.

The features of this show are Geo. Edwards the crack rifle shot, who can probably do more stunts with a rifle than any other man living; then also there is Roxie and Mayne in great roping stunts.

The negro minstrel show featuring the Alabama Minstrels and the famous Maple Leaf quartet is a big drawing card and one that is pleasing everybody.

The dog and pony show is also one of merit in its line and is attracting many people.

Creation, the show of mystery and high class vaudeville is also worthy of special mention as it is really what they claim for it, "Beautiful and Wonderful."

Capt. Butler with his famous high dive, in which he jumps from a ladder 90 feet in the air is one of the most daring feats ever pulled off anywhere.

Dare Devil Campbell in his thrilling ride of death whirl is also a phenomenal stunt, and Bert Addis, the great aeronaut in his balloon ascension and parachute drop are features of special merit.

Not only is the Arnold Co. putting on a good show, but they are a fine bunch of people and their presence is welcome in any city. There is no rough house or rowdiness as is sometimes the case with traveling companies of this kind. Mr. Arnold is a prince of good fellows himself, and his various managers are gentlemanly and courteous.

The Arnold Co. is certainly deserving of the excellent patronage they are receiving.

Sweet Pea Exhibit.

Sweet Pea exhibit will be held at the new public library tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon and evening.

WILL REPORT
TO GOVERNOR

Attorney General A. M. Crawford finished his hearing in the Dr. Leach case here, and left today for Coquille where he will probably interview Sheriff Gage and others concerning the proposition.

Mr. Crawford conducted the hearing in a very courteous manner and allowed any who might have statements to make, the opportunity of making them and he will report his findings to Governor West, when he returns to Salem.

Just what course the governor will take in the matter remains yet to be seen.

Queen Contest.

The latest count for Queen of the Carnival contest shows Miss Ruby Tilton in the lead, Miss Otelia Lewin second and Miss Ella Barkdoll third. Miss Clara McIntosh has made a good showing. A recent entry into the field, Miss Eunice Carpenter is likely to prove a dark horse.

Rough Riders Here.

The Pendleton Rough Riders with 16 head of horses arrived today and will give a big exhibition Saturday afternoon. Let 'er buck!

A. F. Estabrook and wife came in overland from San Francisco Sunday evening and Mr. Estabrook is looking after business in connection with his company here. The Estabrook Co.'s business in Bandon is increasing all the time and their pay roll reaches the enormous sum of \$16,000 a month.

The Elite restaurant under the management of Mr. Gilbert opened for business yesterday morning in the building recently vacated by the Louvre. Mr. Gilbert has put in everything new, including new paper on the walls and he now has one of the neatest eating houses in this section of Oregon.

Culinary Exhibits.

The culinary exhibit is being held in the Hartman building. Awarding of prizes will be made Wednesday, August 27 at 11 a. m.

Baby Show.

In the baby show this afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blundell won the prize for having the prettiest girl baby and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wendling for the prettiest boy baby. The prize for the fattest boy baby went to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Plymale, and for the fattest girl baby to Mr. and Mrs. H. Manciet.

Wrestling Match.

There will be a wrestling match at the Orpheum Saturday Aug. 30 between "Smiling Dutch" and Jack White, light weight champion of California. The match will be catch as catch can style, best two out of three falls, Polic Gazette rules for govern. Match called at 8:30 p. m.

General admission 50c, reserved seats 75c, ringside seats \$1.00. Tickets on sale at J. T. Mars.

BIG PARADE
WAS SUCCESS

The big Industrial parade came off at the announced time this morning and was a success in every particular. The first prize for the best float was won by the Bandon Surf, the second prize by the Bandon Bakery. This float was decorated by the Sperry Flour Co. and the Bandon Bakery was done by Mrs. Pape in one hour and ten minutes.

The first prize for farmer's float was won by the Bear Creek farm and the second by C. H. Chandler.

The prize for the best decorated automobile was won by the Women's Commercial Club, Dr. Sorensen's car being used. The decorations on this car were exceptionally beautiful.

Queer Will.

The will of William H. Hartley, who recently died at Grayce hospital in this city, a county charge, has been probated, and is a peculiar legal instrument. He was a bachelor and an eccentric character, the provisions of his will bearing out this assertion.

Although possessed of some property in Myrtle point the aged man was practically without funds, and being ill was given over to the county's care. After directing that J. R. Benson be appointed administrator of his estate, the will provides for decent burial, the expense thereof, and of his sickness, to be paid as soon as there shall be sufficient money in hand from the sale of his property at public auction. One clause reads:

"I direct that an elegant tombstone or monument be placed on my grave, to be made of granite on which all the lettering shall show plainly and distinctly, and of a lasting quality, and on the tombstone or monument shall be engraved an old bachelor standing on the brink of Jordan, preparing to cross the river and on the other side of the river a group of old maids, each carrying in their hands a bunch of roses, and beckoning to him to cross and on which tombstone or monument shall be engraved the following epitaph: 'To an independent, good looking old bachelor, who in his younger days, preferred living a single life rather than get married and have a petticoat boss ruling over him the rest of his life, and perhaps through an endless eternity.'"

"Thou turnest man, Oh God, to dust, From whence he first was made, And when Thou sayest the word, return, 'Tis instantly obeyed."

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AUTO GOES
INTO DITCH

Rufus Truman and Party Have Narrow Escape From Death.

NEAR MYRTLE POINT

Heavy Machine Skids From Bridge into Ravine. No One Hurt

Under the date line of August 23 the Marshfield Record says:

At five o'clock last evening while Rufus Truman of Bandon was coming to this section from Roseburg with four passengers in his automobile the party were the victims of an accident which is unique in its semi-comic nature.

Truman has the reputation of being a speed demon and his car was coming along at a high rate of speed. As the down grade at King creek which is eight miles the other side of Myrtle Point was approached, Truman failed to slow down. At the bottom of the approach to King creek there is a bridge. When this point was neared the machine got out of control of Chauffeur Truman, skidded and went at full speed off the bridge into a ravine 20 feet below. As the auto went over the side of the bridge there was no time for the occupants to save themselves. However, the five men were thrown from their seats in the car and everyone of them landed in the branches of nearby trees. Not one of them suffered any serious injury. The only one hurt in any appreciable way was Chauffeur Truman and his injuries were minor only.

The automobile went to the bottom of the ravine but was gotten out today. In pulling the auto from the bottom of the gulch it was necessary to cut down a large tree before it could be gotten out.

When the machine was straightened up on the road it was found it was not damaged and that it could be used to continue the trip. The passengers got in the car and this morning left on their way to Bandon.

The accident is not alone the strangest of its kind on account of all the passengers getting escaping injury but is almost unbelievable when the dangerous point at which the accident happened is taken into consideration.

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No Paper Friday.

The RECORDER will not appear on Friday, as our office force wants a little time off and we are so rushed with job work that we cannot keep everything up and accommodate the force. Next Tuesday we will be with you again, bigger and better than ever and will continue twice a week as usual.

Dr. S. C. Endicott and family returned Sunday evening from Oakland and Drain where they had been in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Endicott's grandmother, Mrs. Hollafield who was killed in the automobile wreck last week.

John F. Bane has closed down his mill at Sixee River and moved back to Bandon and will make this city their home again. Bandon people are glad to welcome this estimable family to our city again.