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# Philadelphia Won Today's World Series Game. Score: 6 to 5

## OUR TIMBER A BIG INDUSTRY

### Lumbering in the Coquille Valley in the Past and Present.

Passing along the Coquille River from Bandon to Myrtle Point, a distance of 30 miles, one realizes that the prevailing industry of the valley is the lumber industry. At every mile along this stream there are evidences of work in the timber. A sawmill, a logging camp, a log boom or raft. He hears the falling of a giant tree, the rumbling of a logging train, the frequent whistling of the donkey engines. He meets and passes many boats towing large rafts of logs. He sees on a 30-mile river trip a continuous line of boom logs. The Coquille river is the main highway for the handling of the immense amount of timber cut along its banks. It is wide and well adapted for the floating of logs. The raft boats usually wait until there is an outgoing tide for towing the logs to the mills.

For 45 years the sound of falling trees has been echoed through the valley, and at this date only here and there have the river banks been cleared. The logging camp furthest from the river is only eight miles distant, and there is a large amount of timber to be cut between this camp and the river. There are five logging camps that operate the year round. Coalogue's camp, operated by John Coalogue, is the largest camp in the district. This camp employs 125 men and furnishes logs for the George W. Moore mill at Bandon. Two camps in the vicinity of Coquille are run by the Aason brothers. Their timber is owned principally by the Menasha Wooden Ware Company and their logs go to the Smith-Powers mill at Marshfield, and the Prosper Mill Company at Prosper. The other two camps are owned by the Seeley-Anderson Company and by W. E. Craine. The Craine camp is one of the oldest and best equipped camps in the district. Both the Craine and the Seeley-Anderson and one of the Aason camps have railroads for transporting logs from the woods to the river. The Robert Dollar Company, of San Francisco, has extensive holdings in this valley, their lumber being manufactured by the Alfred Johnson Lumber Company. The first sawmill erected on the Coquille River was built 45 years ago by the Poole-Rink & Gruby Company. Its machinery was run by water power and cut 5000 feet a day. This mill only operated during the winter months and the logs were cut in the summer. Ox teams were used for hauling the logs to the mill. Only the choice clear timber was used.

Capt. J. Parker built the next sawmill and about it grew up the town of Parkersburg, a few miles above Bandon. The original Parker mill burned four years after its construction and was rebuilt with a capacity of 30,000 feet. The Parker mill was the first steam mill to be built in this country. J. L. Kroaenberg began work in this mill 24 years ago. He was advanced to the position of foreman and within a few years was superintendent. He became interested in buying timber with some of the large timber companies particularly the Doe company.

About 25 years ago at Prosper, Adam Pershbaker established and

operated a mill with a capacity of 25,000 feet. This mill is now owned by the Prosper Mill Company, in which company Sudden & Christenson, of San Francisco, have the controlling interest. This mill has been greatly improved since its ownership by Pershbaker and now has a capacity of 80,000 feet and employs 75 men. E. E. Foss is the manager. Around this mill has grown a flourishing little town with a good school and a church and stores. Twenty years ago Alfred Morris built a sawmill three miles above Coquille. This was the second mill on the river that was run by water power. In after years this mill was bought by the Alfred Johnson Lumber Company, and the power was changed to steam and increased to a capacity of 35,000 feet. This mill burned two years ago and has not been replaced.

Carman & Crites, of Aberdeen, Wash., built the Aberdeen mill at Randolph 10 years ago. This plant was later bought by the Alfred Johnson company. It was destroyed by fire last June. This was perhaps the busiest mill on the river. Here was constructed the first and only automatic lumber assorter in the district. This is the invention of C. M. C. Johnson, the superintendent of the Johnson mills.

In 1892 a mill was built at Bandon by the Cody Lumber Company. This mill burned four years ago and was replaced by a larger mill with a capacity of 100,000 feet, and is now owned by the George W. Moore company. This is the largest mill on the river and is equipped with the most modern machinery. It has a nine foot band, a 10-inch edger and a Meishon re-saw. For six years a mill built by Stewart Lyons and C. McC. Johnson, two miles above Bandon has been operated and is now owned by the Alfred Johnson company. Since the burning of the Randolph mill, which was across the river from the Lyons-Johnson mill, the Lyons-Johnson has been running day and night.

There is only one idle mill on the river. This was built two years ago by the Coquille Lumber company. Year the company went bankrupt. The average daily capacity of the Coquille River district sawmills is 325,000 feet. The major portion of the lumber sawed comes from fir logs. The amount of capital invested in mills is \$300,000.

The lumber is marketed in San Francisco and Portland. It is estimated that 100,000,000 feet will be shipped this fiscal year. The figures for 1912 gave 63,000,000, but since 1912 two large steamers, the Speedwell and the Grace Dollar, have been added to the run. There are now six steamers and nine sail vessels, that carry the lumber product over the Coquille River bar.—Portland Journal.

### Gets Heavy Fine.

According to the report that has reached Port Orford, Chas. Smith, proprietor of the Antler Hotel at Harbor, has just received one of the heaviest sentences ever meted out under the game laws in Curry county. Smith was arrested a few days ago by Deputy Game Warden E. J. Baker; was tried before Justice G. M. Benham, and convicted of killing two spotted lawns. He was sentenced to a fine of \$100 and cost; his gun was confiscated and will be sold at auction, and his hunting license was revoked. It is said that an eleven year old witness was threatened with his life if he testified to the facts he knew.—Port Orford Tribune.

## TWO OCEANS MEET WHEN DAM IS BLOWN OUT TODAY

### Last Obstruction in Panama Canal is Taken Away When Gamboa Dam is Destroyed.

The waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans met today in the Panama canal when the Gamboa dam was blown up, which was the last obstruction in the great canal which is destined to revolutionize the commerce of the world. This advice was communicated to the RECORDER by special long distance telephone service with Coos Bay, which place received the word by wire immediately after the big dam was blown up.

The big explosion was at 2:00 p. m. eastern time which is 11:00 a. m. Pacific time.

Portland, Oct. 9.—"Tickets are now being sold on the installment plan to people who intend coming to the Pacific Coast when the canal is built," says John F. Logan, who returned recently from Europe. "Heretofore most of our immigrants have been single people, but in Europe entire families are coming. They are paying a few marks a week on their steamship tickets and the transportation companies are allowing them interest on their payments. In this manner it is possible for families to gradually have their tickets paid for in a couple of years, whereas paying a lump sum would be out of the question with them."

"These prospective immigrants are the farmers, the very class we most need, for we have plenty of city people. They are not particular where they land—San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland or Seattle—anywhere the steamer stops suits them. They have heard so much of the Pacific Coast that they wish to come here, and they consider one part of the coast as good as another. At least three different transportation companies are now engaged in selling the installment tickets and there are thousands of Europeans making the weekly payments. These tickets appear to be most popular in northern Italy and Austria and are in demand among the farmers. When the ships come through the canal there will be a vast flood of immigration this way. The people of Europe know that they can get to New York easily, but they want elbow room and this they can find on the Pacific Coast."

Mr. Logan left Portland four months ago for a tour of Ireland and after visiting the place of his ancestors he went to Scotland, England and then crossed to the continent, visiting Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy.

## WET AND DRY VOTE HERE

### Prohibition Question to be Submitted at Coming Election Nov. 4.

Coquille, Or., Oct. 8.—The Coos County Court ordered a wet and dry election to be held in Bandon November 4, the same day as the state election. Bandon is the only precinct that will vote on prohibition that day.

The court also instructed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist to draw a new form of petitions for a special bonding election to be circulated in the place of the one that had to be rejected. He will figure out the amount from the assessment. The first petitions are said to have been invalid because the signers failed to write out their postoffice addresses after their names.

### Oh You Bunny!

You ought to see Bunny and Flora Finch, that tall, skinny Vitagraph girl in a picture entitled "When the Press Speaks." Its sure some comedy film, full of droll situations and laugh provoking scenes.

G. M. Anderson (Bronco Billy) appears in another of his famous western dramas that gets over with a big punch.

The American Pathe Company presents a society drama that is absorbing in theme and beautiful in setting and photography.

This is an exceptionally good bill and will meet with your fullest approval. Grand tonight, Friday, Oct. 1. Steam heat, always cozy.

## NOROAD BOND ELECTION

### County Court Obligated to Turn Down Petition For Special Election.

It is reported from Coquille that the county court has turned down the petition of the Coos County Good Roads Association for a special election in November to pass on the proposition of bonding the county for \$450,000 for building roads.

One ground for refusing to act was that the petition was not filed until after the Court was in session, but the principle reason was that the assessed valuation of the county, since the County Board of Equalization reduced the assessments, will not permit a \$450,000 bond issue under the two per cent statutory restrictions. It will be a month or so before the assessor figures up the changes.

### Philadelphia Won Today.

Philadelphia won today's world's series game by the very close score of 6 to 5.

The batteries were Bender and Shang for Philadelphia and Emery and McLain for New York. Philadelphia made nine hits and no errors. New York eight hits and two errors.

J. Howard Johnston will leave on the Field for San Francisco on business for the S. and W. Grocery Co. for which he is Coos county agent. He will also wait over and attend the Portola festival.

### University Club Banquet.

The Bandon University Club held their fourth annual banquet and ball at the Wigwam last night and all present report one of the jolliest times of their lives.

The University Club is limited to men with degrees from some accredited college or university, consequently the membership roster is necessarily small, however there are enough to make a congenial bunch.

The ladies, wives and sweethearts, of the members were of course invited to the banquet and Misses Ritchie, Rodgers and Belat, teachers in the high school and holders of degrees were honorary guests at last night's festivities.

The Wigwam was beautifully decorated for the occasion in red and black, the colors of the club, and beautiful Oregon greenery was also everywhere in evidence.

The tables were as elaborate and beautiful as any ever set in Bandon for any occasion, and Mr. Lewin and family certainly did themselves proud in serving one of the finest menus ever set before a Bandon company.

The banquet was at 7:00 p. m. and 9:30 the dancing began, the music being furnished by Kausrud's orchestra. One or two funny stunts were also pulled off during the evening to add merriment to the occasion.

The entire roster of members from the time the club was organized follows. Some have of course moved away, but new ones are coming in occasionally so that the club is gradually increasing in membership.

### CLUB ROSTER.

C. R. Wade, A. B., '03, Whitman.

C. E. Kopf, Ph. B., '01, Kansas City University.

H. C. Ostier, A. B., L. L. B., '95, Nebraska. (Absent)

F. J. Feeney, L. L. B., Wisconsin.

L. P. Sorenson, D. D., '07, N. P. D. C.

Geo. P. Topping, L. L. B., Cumberland

C. R. Moore, A. B., '07, Michigan.

C. E. Follpeter, L. L. B., '01 Tenn. (Absent)

T. B. Wheeler, L. L. B., '76, Mo. (Absent)

P. L. Houston, M. D. Oregon

H. M. Brown, D. D. S., '04, C. P. S.

R. E. L. Holt, M. D., '08, Oregon. (Absent)

N. J. Crain, Ph. G., Mass. Col. of Ph.

G. T. Treadgold, L. L. B., '06, Oregon

S. J. Mann, M. D., Willamette University, '07.

Arthur Gale, M. D., U. of Oregon, '10

R. V. Leep, M. D., U. of Oregon, '11

W. S. Wells, B. S., O. A. C., '03

S. C. Endicott, D. D. S., N. P. D. C., '05

T. F. Haggerty, L. L. B., U. of N. Y., '09

H. L. Hopkins, A. B., A. M., University of Oregon, '96.

L. P. Nichols, A. B., University of Southern Calif., '13

### Tribune is Mistaken.

The Port Orford Tribune says: "The school boards at Bandon and Coquille have been having all kinds of trouble among themselves for the past several weeks. At Bandon the clerk resigned, saying that life was too short to be spent in wrangling, and the board has been accused by one of the local papers of gross mismanagement. At Coquille the directors are engaged in a long and bitter newspaper controversy over the selection of a building site."

The Tribune is mistaken. The clerk of the Bandon school board has not resigned neither is he considering such a course, but says everything is lovely so far as the school and school board are concerned. We have a good corps of teachers and the school is progressing nicely.

The Tribune got its wires crossed a little. It was the clerk of the Coquille school board that did all the resigning and talking.

E. W. Wright of Portland arrived here yesterday on business. He reports that business conditions all over the country are improving.

## BANDON HAS STREET SIGNS

### You Can Now Tell Where You Live and Name of Your Street.

The new street signs in Bandon are now up and if you have never known the name of your street in the past it is very easy to find it out now, just consult the sign board, and it will tell you all about it.

The street signs will prove a benefit in more ways than one. It will now be possible to direct strangers to places where they desire to go and in fact make the new diversion will be exceedingly convenient. The city council is to be congratulated on their enterprise in having the signs placed.

### Randles vs. Dufort Case to Be Appealed.

The case tried on Tuesday last before Justice Wade, T. F. Haggerty and G. T. Treadgold appeared for the plaintiff and G. P. Topping and F. J. Feeney for the defendant.

The case was very complicated and conflicted evidence was given necessitating some fine legal distinctions. It is stated that Justice Wade found it difficult to arrive at a conclusion. At the close of the trial he announced his intention of reserving judgement until he thoroughly reviewed the evidence and considered the legal authorities offered by the litigants. The case was finally decided in favor of the defendant, but the decision will be appealed from and the case taken to the circuit court.

### Foster-Elliot Co.

The Foster-Elliot Company, now playing a five nights engagement at the Orpheum Theatre, was seen last night in "The Missourians," their second offering. The play was just as pleasing, tho in a different way as "College Chums," their first nights offering. Both plays were witnessed by highly appreciative audience and were deserving of all the applause they received.

The Foster-Elliot Company is the best stock organization that has visited Bandon in a long time, and is surely a treat for the theatre going public here.

Tonight this excellent company will be seen in "Moths," a dramatization of the book of that name by Ouida. "Moths" is a society drama with an intensely interesting story. The scenes are laid in Russia. In this play the ladies of the company will have an opportunity to wear beautiful gowns.

Saturday night the company will present their roaring farce comedy, "Brown's in Town." The least that can be said for this play is that it is one big laugh from start to finish. If one likes good comedy and lots of it, don't fail to see "Brown's in Town."

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. there will be a matinee, "Rip Van Winkle" is the bill chosen for the matinee. The story of "Rip" is too well known to need anything said of it. It is a play that pleases the children especially, and one that never fails to find a place in the hearts of the grown ups.

Sunday night the company will present their feature play, "Thelma" a dramatization of Marie Corelli's book by that name. There are few who are not familiar with the fascinating story of Thelma. The Foster-Elliot company carry special scenery for the production and the play has all the promise of being their banner bill.