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MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, AND THUS GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE TO MIND THEIRS

## SKEELS IS DEFEATED

### Anderson Elected School Director at Coquille by Vote of 161 to 140.

Coquille, Or., Oct. 25.—H. O. Anderson defeated C. T. Skeels for school director in the election here last night by a vote of 161 to 140.

The election was one of the most animated that has ever been held in Coquille and it is said that if Sheriff Gage had not appeared on the scene when he did, it would have broken up in a "rough house."

The election was ordered to fill the vacancy caused by the recent court decision in which Skeels' election was held illegal because the tie was decided by a second ballot instead of by lot.

In the first election 179 votes were cast, and after defective ballots were thrown out, each had the same number. Then a second ballot was taken and Skeels won out.

The special election was called simply for the election of a director, but the principal controversy which hung over the first election was over the purchase of the Barrows-Strang tract across the gulch as a site for the new school building. Anderson and the Mast forces, headed by Attorneys Sherwood and Hammond, were against the Barrow-Skeels tract, the purchase of which is now in litigation.

In making the nomination Attorney Hammond brought in the site controversy, and Mr. Bolden of the Skeels forces objected as being out of order. Chairman Mast refused to hearken to Bolden's protests and both had almost reached the fighting point when Sheriff Gage got in between them.

It was reported around today that there were threats of shooting but this could not be confirmed.

C. R. Barrows says that they have won out on their principal contention, and that is that the school house should be located across the gulch.

Mr. Barrows also announced today that the election might be contested on the grounds of illegal voting. He says that at the first election only 179 votes were cast, whereas 302 voted last night, one of the tickets being a blank.

He claims that a lot who voted last night did so on the claim of owning stock in the defunct Coquille Mill Company. He charges that the opposing faction went around and transferred shares of this stock for \$1 yesterday afternoon to people to vote for their candidate. The stock is worth, face value, \$100 per share, and he says it will be transferred back in a day or two. This was done, he alleges, to get around the restriction on voters that they must either own property or stock in a corporation. A number of votes were contested during the election.

Coquille is still at fever heat over the matter and it is doubtful if last night's balloting ends the controversy.—Coos Bay Times.

## Thanksgiving Proclamation.

"The Nation not only has been prosperous but has proved its capacity to take calm counsel amidst the rapid movement of affairs and to deal with its own life in a spirit of candor, righteousness and comity. We have seen the practical completion of a great work at the Isthmus of Panama, which not only exemplifies

the Nation's abundant resources to accomplish what it will and the distinguished skill and capacity of its public servants, but also promises the beginning of a new age, of new age, of new contracts, new neighborhoods, new sympathies, new bonds and new achievements of co-operation and peace.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation" and "peace on earth, good will toward men" furnish the only foundations upon which can be built the lasting achievements of the human spirit. The year has brought us the satisfaction of work well done and fresh visions of our duty which will make the work of the future better still.

"Now, therefore I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 27th of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to Almighty God.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord 1913, and of the independence of the United States the 138th.

WOODROW WILSON.

## Opening a Success.

The opening of the Peoples 5-10-15c store Saturday was a good example of the fact it pays to advertise. A large display ad had been carried in both Tuesday's RECORDER and at the opening time Saturday morning a large crowd had gathered ready to take advantage of the bargains. The dish pans which had been advertised for 15c went like "hot cakes" and other articles sold in proportion. The managers were well pleased with the opening and also with the results from their advertising in this paper.

## Hallowe'en Party.

Seaside Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will give a Hallowe'en party at K. of P. hall Thursday evening, October 30th. All visiting Circle members and their families are cordially invited; also Woodmen and their families. Admission 10 cents. All kinds of Hallowe'en amusements.

## Many Water Permits Let.

During the past quarter 510 permits for the appropriation of water have been issued by the State Engineer, of which number 11 are for the construction of reservoirs. According to these permits it is proposed to irrigate 18,500 acres, develop 21,716 horsepower, as well as for municipal and domestic purposes. The construction of the works described in those permits would cost approximately \$2,300,000, of which amount \$550,000 is estimated the cost of constructing reservoirs.

Four permits have been issued for water in Coos county during the past quarter which are as follows:

The Bandon Water Company of Bandon, for domestic use, using the waters of Giger Creek in Sec. 5 Tp. 29 S R 14 W. Jas. P. Olsen of Langlois, for the generation of 316 horsepower with the waters of Willow Creek in Sec. 14 Tp. 31 S R 15 W. Willis T. White, Sr., of Port Orford, for domestic use, using the waters of a spring in Sec. 5 Tp. 33 S R 15 W. F. L. Harris and C. C. Inman of San Francisco, for mining purposes in Sec 33 Tp 31 S R 14 W, with the waters of Edson Creek.

## DEATH OF THOS. COATS

### Another Coos County Pioneer Joins the Silent Majority

Thomas Coats, a pioneer of Coos county since 1878 passed away at his home in this city Saturday October 25 at 11:40 a. m. Mr. Coats was born in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, April 17, 1846 thus being 73 years 11 months and 8 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Coats went to sea with his father when he was 13 years old and was a sailor for about 47 years he served in the U. S. navy on the S. S. Mary from 1865 to 1868, being engaged in the navy of the Civil war.

He was also a member of Bandon Post, G. A. R. having joined in 1902 by transfer. Mr. Coats was married to Sarah Morris, near Myrtle Point, August 18, 1879 and eight children were born to this union, all of whom are living. He was stricken with paralysis on Christmas day 1909 and has never been able to walk since, but was able to wheel himself about in a chair until eleven days before his death, since which time he had been entirely unconscious.

Mr. Coats was a good man, and a highly respected citizen and had a jovial disposition, so that he was liked by all who knew him. The sorrowing relatives will have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The funeral was held Sunday at the home under the auspices of the Bandon G. A. R. and interment was made in the G. A. R. cemetery.

## The Flower of Arizona at the Orpheum Last Night

The best show has come at last.

Fred A. Walters & Co. showed to a good house last night at the Orpheum. Mr. Walters doing the part Doc Rye, took the people their seats from start to finish, but he was well supported by Miss Zoe E. Bates the widow of a lady born and bred.

Mr. Arminie Lamb, playing the leads is the best we have seen for many a moon and Miss Lockes took her part very good. Mr. L. Lloyd Clark who took the role Zabe Huntley, an "unwelcome friend, is to be commended for his good work for it is seldom that you see a good villain and Mr. Clarke has sure made a hit in this line. Taken altogether the company is the best that has been here for some time. Tonight they will present the four act comedy-drama, The Kentucky Girl, admission 25 and 15 cents. The company will be at the Orpheum all this week and will have change of program every night.

## Bakery Gets New Machinery

The Bandon Bakery, Paul Stephan proprietor, has recently installed some new modern machinery. A bread mixer that will successfully handle 800 pounds at one time is being installed and also a cocky machine, which is the first to be installed in the county. Both machines are run by electricity and have all the modern equipments of these makes of machines. Everything works automatically in 30 minutes. Mr. Stephan can turn 800 pounds of flour into the best of dough ready for shaping into loaves.

## BRING SUIT AGAINST CITY

### Property Owners on First Street are Plaintiffs Against City Officials

A complaint has been filed with A. J. Hartman, J. B. Marshall, Thos Anderson, Josephine Breuer, E. A. Philpott, E. M. Gallier, and Stephen Gallier, and Victoria Breuer as plaintiffs and Mayor Mast, Recorder Kausrud, Treasurer Lowe, and Councilmen, Wade, Trowbridge, Bowman, Brown, Henry and Wigsdor, also J. L. Kronenberg, Chris Rasmussen, and M. O'Con as defendants.

The case is concerning the opening of First Street and at the request of a number of the city officials we publish a part of the complaint in which are the following allegations:

That the Common Council appointed a Board of Viewers, to make an assessment of damages and benefits, that said board of viewers as appointed was not composed of disinterested free-holders, but was composed of persons interested in acquiring and condemning the property necessary for extending said street, at the expense of these plaintiffs and without such condemnation posting the city or others anything, and that by instructions from members of the said Common Council and agreement between said appraisers and said Common Council, fraudulently, collusively, and secretly made, the said appraisers reported assessments of benefits against the said property of these plaintiffs out of all proportion to any equitable benefit that would actually be received by the owners of the respective parcels of property, which said assessments, as thereafter made and levied were and are excessive, exorbitant and inequitable.

That as a part of the proceedings of the said viewers and the said common council, in regard to the said matter various considerations were offered, paid and promised to various other property owners, affected by this proceedings in the nature of a subsidy in addition to the assessments of benefits and damages as made by the board of viewers, namely, to, with and between the said common council and the following property holders:

R. H. Rosa, E. Ellingson, Geo. P. Laird, C. Y. Lowe and others, and that said assessments of damages and benefits was based upon the agreements and understandings had between members of the common council, and the said viewers and the said property owners, and was not an impartial appraisal, based upon the unbiased and uninflected judgment of the board of appraisers, but was for the reasons mentioned, fraudulent, collusive, impartial and prejudiced to the rights of these plaintiffs.

That thereafter since the commencement of the suit on, or about the 4th day of September, 1913, pursuant to a fraudulent and collusive arrangement made among the mayor, the common council, the treasurer, the recorder and defendants, J. L. Kronenberg, Chris Rasmussen and M. O'Con, a pretended but fraudulent and void sale of the said property of the respective plaintiffs was had, at which time defendant C. Y. Lowe, as treasurer of the city of Bandon, purported and pretended to sell to the defendants J.

L. Kronenberg, Chris Rasmussen and M. O'Con the various respective parcels of lands mentioned, and that a record of said pretended sale has been made, although no money or other consideration passed to the said treasurer of the city of Bandon in any way, and that although no money or other consideration, passed to the said treasurer of the city of Bandon in any way, and that although no consideration has ever passed to the city of Bandon, and no money on the pretended sale has ever changed hands, that nevertheless the said parties Kronenberg, Rasmussen and O'Con respectively appear as the purchasers of said lands, and that they hold same by virtue of a secret arrangement made between them and the common council of the city of Bandon, whereby the said purchasers will never be out any money unless the said illegal condemnation proceedings shall be finally acquired in by these plaintiffs, who have opposed and objected to each and every step in the said illegal, fraudulent and void proceedings.

That the time for appealing from said void assessments as provided in the said charter has expired on the 1st day of March, 1913, and that no appeal was ever taken by these plaintiffs or any of them for the reason that the said proceedings and agreements between the common council, viewers and other interested property owners were secret, and was not known to these plaintiffs that additional consideration had been given or promised to other property holders, until after the said period for appeal had expired.

That other considerations than the benefits and damages as assessed of record by the board of viewers, and the common council, have been promised to other property holders than these plaintiffs by secret agreement between the said board and council, and the other property holders all of which these plaintiffs allege constitute a fraud upon the rights of the said plaintiffs.

That the mayor, recorder, treasurer, and common council of the city of Bandon, threaten to and unless restrained by order of this court, will proceed to advertise for bids and let contracts for the opening of a street through the land so fraudulently and illegally pretended to be condemned at the expense of these plaintiffs.

That the plaintiffs are informed and verily believe and therefore allege that the pretended condemnation of and for which these plaintiffs are sought to be charged was simply an arbitrary action on the part of the common council of the city of Bandon, done without compliance with any law or statute authorizing their said action, but void and therefore and to that extent rendering the said assessments for said condemnation purposes illegal and void.

Wherefore plaintiffs pray and demand judgment and a decree as follows: "Setting aside, vacating and declaring null and void said assessments, sale and all proceedings based on that may hereafter be based thereon."

## Another Big Headliner For the Grand.

"The Final Judgment," an Essay pay two reel feature telling a thrilling story of the Alaskan gold fields and later in the metropolis, New York city. A well acted drama with enough action in it to keep up the interest throughout the entire two reels. A picture you shouldn't fail to see. Grand theatre, Thursday Oct. 30. Other good ones, 10-5c

Milton Cox returned on the Speedwell from a trip to California.

## SAYS 2 WIVES ARE EXPENSIVE

### P. D. Chamberlain Can't Support two Families on \$300 Per—Bound Over.

The following from the Portland Oregonian tells the latest developments in the marital troubles of P. D. Chamberlain, the legless typewriter salesman who is accused of making a Marshfield waitress his second wife before he got rid of his first wife:

With wife No. 2, formerly Miss Eva Selmer, of Marshfield, pleading for his release, Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday bound over P. D. Chamberlain, a typewriter salesman, to the grand jury and released him on \$250 cash bail. The bail money placed for him was the same which he had gathered Monday to secure the release of Miss Selmer, who had been held in that amount as a material witness.

Chiefly on Chamberlain's admission that he had a wife and a 12-year-old child in Portland, Me., Prosecutor Stadter asked that the case be given to the grand jury for disposal. Chamberlain admitted that he earned about \$300 a month. "Keeping two wives takes all the money I have, Judge," broke in Chamberlain, before Fitzgerald could interpose his objections, and Miss Selmer, or Mrs. Chamberlain, added:

"With me and his other wife, Mr. Chamberlain has had a pretty hard time making both ends meet." She hesitates about prosecuting him.

## Racket Store Busy.

The Racket store of Carpenter and Son has increased the variety of the stock-carried until it now probably includes a larger varieties of articles than any other store in Bandon. At the Racket store is to be found anything for the baby from a rattle to a go cart. Children run there for their toys. Traveling men say the Racket store at Bandon carries the largest line of china of any store in Coos county. Ladies ready to wear goods and mens underwear, etc. are included in the diversified stock of the Racket store.

## Spruce Valley Items.

Harry Hatfield has purchased the lot adjoining Neal's on the east.

The citizens of the valley are building a sidewalk from the plank road through the valley, which is a great improvement this season of the year.

Reese and Shields are building a new barn on their place.

A party of young folks gathered at the home of Orlander Smith for a good time Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hufford and Mrs. Duncan visited Mrs. Neal Friday.

Mr. Howell has fenced his place and built a wood shed.

Orlander Smith has finished his new house and moved into it. John Miller has also completed a new house.—Chicken.

## Card of Thanks.

I the undersigned, wish through these columns to express my sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly extended a helping hand, and for the many beautiful flowers, during the late sickness and death of my beloved husband.—Mrs. Henry Clemens.