

## CAPTAIN JOHN ANDERSON MEETS DEATH IN ROGUE

### Master of Gasoline Schooner Randolph Falls From Wedderburn Wharf and is Instantly Killed.

The people of Bandon were greatly shocked Saturday night when the report was telephoned here from Wedderburn that Captain John Anderson of the Randolph, had been suddenly killed while attempting to step aboard his boat at Wedderburn. Captain Anderson had only left this port on Thursday for the Rogue River, which was to have been his last trip before trying the boat up for the winter. He arrived in the Rogue River all safe and sound Saturday and about 6:00 o'clock Saturday evening he piloted Mrs. Anderson that he had arrived and would be unloaded in time to get out on the morning tide, and expected to be back here about Monday. About 11:00 o'clock the message came that he had fallen overboard and was suddenly killed.

Eye witnesses of the tragedy say that Capt Anderson started to step from the wharf at Wedderburn onto the boat and just as he was on the gang plank the boat gave a surge which let the end of the plank drop and the Captain fell with it striking his head on the boat. That he was instantly killed was evidenced from the fact that there was no water in his lungs.

The body was recovered from the water immediately and an attempt at resuscitation made but it was no use. The unfortunate man's head was badly masked by the fall.

Captain Anderson had been a seafaring man for many years and was

at one time a member of the Bandon life saving crew. He was always noted for his bravery in times of peril and although he had had a number of narrow escapes he was always ready to take his place again when there was need for it.

He was master of the gasoline schooner Randolph and had been plying along the Oregon coast from the Columbia River to the Rogue River. John L. Anderson was born near Roseburg October 25, 1864, and was 50 years and 11 days old at the time of his death. He lived near Roseburg until 1881 when he came to Curry county and has since resided in Coos and Curry counties. He was married to Rosella Barker, November 3, 1892, while he was a member of the life saving crew. He is survived by his wife.

The remains were brought overland to Bandon for burial, arriving here yesterday and were taken to the Bandon Undertaking parlors where they were prepared for burial and then taken to the home at the corner of 11th Street and Harrison Avenue, where the funeral was held this afternoon and interment made in the Bandon cemetery.

The shock of her husband's sudden death prostrated Mrs. Anderson and she has been quite seriously ill for a day or two. She was sufficiently recovered today to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Anderson has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in her great sorrow.

## PIONEER LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Charlotte Stillwell, an Oregon pioneer, passed peacefully away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Jones, near Pat Elk Creek, early Friday morning, death coming as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

Isabelle Charlotte Smith was born in Illinois April 22, 1831, and crossed the plains by ox team with her parents in 1834, coming to Oregon. She was married to Elias Stillwell in 1845, and to this union eleven children were born, seven of whom still survive. They are: Bert Stillwell of Idaho, Frank Stillwell of Oregon City, Mrs. Wm. Calvin, Mrs. Nelson Jones, W. A. Stillwell and J. R. Stillwell, of this place.

Mrs. Stillwell, with her family, came to Coos county in 1864 and had lived here ever since. She was a member of the Methodist church and lived a consistent Christian life, dying at the ripe old age of 83 years, six months and 27 days.

The body was brought to Bandon for burial and the funeral was conducted at the Bandon Undertaking parlor, being in charge of Rev. J. S. Tilton. Interment was made in the Bandon cemetery.

### Public School Notes.

The reception of the patrons of the school will be held at the high school building Friday evening, November 13, at eight o'clock. It is hoped that a good crowd may be in attendance. Nothing is more conducive to the best interests of the children than these get-together meetings between parents and teachers. Officers for the Patron-Teachers Association will be elected and an informal program will be carried out. Come one come all.

We are very much indebted to the University of Oregon for the rans from the Frau Hall Druship, bridge on the University grounds. These have been planted in front of the High

school building and are doing nicely. The picture of "Falstaff," a gift from Mr. Fred Peeney, now graces the east wall of the high school assembly room. A few more good pictures would add greatly to the appearance of this room.

An effort is being made by the teachers to furnish the room known as the teachers' rest room. A small rug and two good rockers make a very substantial beginning.

The high school students enjoyed and extremely interesting talk on the customs of the Tani Indians, by Miss Noren in assembly last week.

Mende in Marshfield

E. H. Mende is now resident of Marshfield, having made arrangements to open a cigar and confectionery store there. It will be located in the new theatre building which is nearing completion for G. J. Lemmaki, to be run as a picture and vaudeville house. The building will be ready for occupancy early next month, and in the meantime M. Mende is enjoying his friends in Marshfield. It is understood that the Elks are assisting him in his arrangements for going into business, and with their patronage and that of his other friends old and new with the excellent location, he is assured of a nice trade.—Coquille Herald

Crater Lake.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 11th, the Rev. J. T. Abbott of Eugene, will deliver a lecture on Crater Lake, at the Methodist Church. A silver offering will be taken to help in the purchase of hymnals for the church. Come and hear the lecture and help a good cause.

Arthur Sweet and Miss Dorcia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith who reside south of Bandon, slipped quietly away to Marshfield Saturday and were married at the Chandler Hotel, Rev. C. Mayne Knight of Bandon performing the ceremony. News of the wedding came as a surprise to the staff of the Bank of Bandon with which Mr. Sweet has been connected for several years, and to the other friends of the newly wedded pair. Miss Smith is a former Eugene girl having come to Bandon with her parents last April.

## JUSTICES TO HOLD OVER

According to an opinion of the district attorney and others the law which says that county judges shall hold over for two more years, will apply to justices of the peace also, as the law says, "judges of all courts." If this be true then the recent election of F. J. Chaburn will not count as C. R. Wade, the present incumbent, will have four years more to serve. Mr. Wade stated to a representative of The Recorder that he would continue to hold the office until the matter was definitely settled and then he would probably resign as he does not care to hold the office longer. In that event Mr. Chaburn should be appointed to fill the vacancy as he received a big endorsement of the voters and is thoroughly qualified to fill the office, as he is a lawyer, and has been admitted to the bar in Missouri, and is eligible to admission in this state.

## BOY SHOOTS SELF IN ARM

Jessie Lobb, a 16-year-old boy of Bandon, shot himself in the forearm Saturday with a shot gun, tearing the flesh to such an extent that for a while it was thought it would be necessary to amputate the arm.

Young Lobb was carrying a double barrel shot gun, one of the hammers of which worked so hard that he could not cock it with his fingers. Placing the butt of the gun on the ground he forced the hammer back with his foot but instead of catching, the hammer flew back and the gun went off. The seriousness of the wound is accounted for by the fact that Lobb had his arm resting over the end of the barrel.

The boy was rushed to the hospital and the wound dressed immediately. It is thought by the attending physician that the arm can be saved, although complications may yet set in.

### Want Mail Route Changed.

Coos Bay Times: That the changing of the mail route from by way of Myrtle Point to that of Mapleton and the coast route which is claimed would result in more certain and quicker service has become more than a rumor and now stands as a probability is shown by the fact that Senator Chamberlain, Congressman Hawley and the United States Postoffice Department have written Judge John F. Hall inquiring into the new system of delivery and the possibilities of the coast route.

With the opening of the through service on the Willamette Pacific out of Eugene and the declaration of Gorat and Kinney of the Beach line that they will have one day communication opened between Coos Bay and the outside business men have persistently declared something must be done for quicker mail service.

Under the new contract mail is brought into Marshfield on the noon train and delivered at the offices later in the afternoon a fact which means practically the delay of letter writing until the next day.

Via the beach route would mean mail in here from Eugene in 15 hours instead of 36, the present time necessary through Myrtle Point, declares Judge Hall. Word just received from the Postoffice Department stated that rail communication has not yet been opened to Mapleton Judge Hall answered this statement today, declaring that the road is now open.

All mail contracts are made containing the clause that they may be terminated by giving six months notice, a fact that does not make it an impossibility that a few months from now Coos Bay mail will be brought down the beach. This, however, would not mean the complete taking away of the other stage route for reference has been made only to Coos Bay mail. The Willamette Pacific train now leaves Eugene daily at 9 a. m.

## TO PREVENT GYMNASIUM

From somewhere, yet no one seems to know the exact source, comes the report that an attempt is to be made to prevent the erection of a gymnasium by private subscription on the High School grounds. The grounds for such an action are not known, but from the appearance of things only one conclusion can be drawn by those who pretend to be interested in the welfare of our schools.

Three years ago the proposition to erect a suitable building for physical training at the expense of the District was voted down. At that time the voters did not feel that they could afford the outlay. The following year brought about the same result and this year, with financial conditions as they are, it was hardly fair to expect the decision to be reversed. Taxes for school purposes are high and the District considerably in debt, the money market tight and it is difficult to float such warrants and bonds as are necessary to carry on the routine expenses of the schools.

Recognizing these facts and another the necessity of a physical training building in the local schools—public spirited citizens have come forward with money to erect such a structure, only to meet with opposition in the form of spite work. Only reckless juggling of the facts could foster any other reason for opposition.

This subscription lists being circulated state plainly that when the full amount of money has been subscribed (not before) the funds shall be turned over to the School Board and that body shall at once order the building erected under their supervision. Not one word is said about the Board being required to hire a physical instructor, nor is the board asked to go to any expense in the construction or maintenance of the building.

### Death of Major Tower.

Major Morton Tower died at his residence at Empire on Sunday morning. His health had been failing for some time past, but his condition was not considered really serious by his death. He came to Empire from the east in 1874, and made his home there ever since. He was customs officer for ten years, and also served the government for a time during the rebuilding of a portion of the north jetty.

Major Tower was born in Randolph Massachusetts, and his age was 74 years and eight months. His immediate of family consists of but the widow, Mrs. Tower, and his son Morton L. Tower, who is a government engineer in charge of work at Eureka, California. The son was present during the Majors last days.

Besides Major Tower's own family he leaves two sisters and a brother, C. W. Tower, of Marshfield, and Mourovia, California, Mrs. Ella Mann, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Adelia Mann, of Freeport, Illinois.

Major Tower was enlisted in the Union army as a private in Company B 4th Battalion Rifles, Mass. Vol. in April 1861, and afterwards reenlisted as sergeant of Company B. 13th Mass. Volunteers, July 16, 1861. In July 1862, he was promoted to second lieutenant and to first lieutenant on October 2nd of the same year. Major Tower served with the first army corps of the Potomac and did picket duty during the winter of 1861 and 1862 on the Potomac river. During the first day's fighting at Gettysburg, Major Tower was captured by the Rebel army and was confined in Libby prison. He was one of 109 officers who escaped from Libby February 9, 1864, through the tunnel. Fifty-six of the officers were re-captured, but Major Tower was among the others who made their way into the Union lines. He was discharged from service in August, 1864, by reason of expiration of enlistment. Major Tower was slightly wounded in the battles of Second Bull Run and at Fredericksburg.—Coos Bay News.

Raynor Geisendorfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Geisendorfer, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at the Bandon Hospital today, and is reported to be getting along nicely.

## TWO MILE RESIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER VICTIM

### Mathew West, Missing Rancher, Found Dead With Two Bullet Holes in His Body.

Mathew West, the bachelor who was discovered missing from his ranch on Two Mile November 2, was found dead in the woods near his cabin Saturday by the man who had lost their way and were roaming around in search of the road. Two bullet holes, one across the back of the neck and the other through the body from the right side to the left, point to the theory of murder.

When found, the body was lying backwards across a log and badly decomposed, with the appearance of having been mutilated either before or after death. The upper half of the body was practically severed from the lower part as though cut with some sharp instrument, and they were only held together by the clothing. Some distance away West's rifle lay with one empty shell in the chamber.

At the inquest held Monday, the coroner's jury decided that West met his death at the hands of a second party, but made no suggestions and reported no clues. The sheriff has made no statement, but it is thought that two different men are under suspicion.

From unofficial sources all sorts of theories are being advanced. Neighbors of West say that he has had more or less trouble with different parties and that even threats to shoot on sight have been made. His latest quarrel is said to have been with two men who were working on the road near his place.

Little or nothing is known of West's past life, he having lived much to himself. Although he has been in this part of the country for several years his former home is not known.

## WATERFRONT CONTROVERCY

Dr. L. P. Sorensen and Geo. P. Laird may be building a "dry" dock on their property along the waterfront, or to be more exact, they may be building a dock without any waterfront, if the chart of the river frontage received from the United States engineer's office last week, by W. D. Marshall, is correct. The chart in question shows the Laird and Sorensen property as coming to an invisible point at the harbor line.

"There is a mistake somewhere, as we received a permit from the Engineer's office a year ago to build our dock, along with a chart showing the location and extent of our property," said Dr. Sorensen today. "I do not know how the matter will come out, but I think it is a case of an error on the part of the Port Commission."

The settlement of this matter and the construction of the Laird-Sorensen and Marshall docks before the lumber market reaches a normal stage again is of considerable importance to Bandon. Heretofore when the lumber traffic has been brisk, the dockage room has been insufficient to accommodate the vessels operating in and out of this port. The completion of these two docks will give Bandon nearly three-quarters of a mile of improved waterfront.

### COQUILLE RIVER CANNING CO. HAS A GOOD PACK

John Neilson, secretary of the Coquille River Co-operative Canning Co., reports that this cannery has packed 9,000 cases of salmon this season, which is the second largest pack they have ever made, the largest being a little over 12,000 cases. And ranging from that down to 4,500 cases which is the smallest pack in the history of the cannery.

The salmon season for this year is practically over. However, they may succeed in getting a few hundred cases yet.

Edmund Gallier is telling some fish story around the hotel, but contrary to tradition he has the fish to show for his efforts, a 36 pound Chinook salmon which it took him 55 minutes to land with a six ounce rod, No. 6 spoon hook and a casting line tested for 23 pounds. The big fellow, along with two smaller ones, was caught in New River last Thursday.

Among those who arrived in Bandon Monday were Frank L. Lowe, of Marshfield, J. E. Norton of Coquille, Geo. W. Wright of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stinson of Myrtle Point.

## HANLY AND MC NAIR WIN

The complete returns on the vote for Port Commissioners show the election of T. P. Hanly and A. McNair. The vote was as follows:

T. P. Hanly	1068
A. McNair	1019
J. L. Kronenberg	870
C. R. Moore	550

## MAY SELL SCHOOL BLDG.

At the special meeting of the voters of School District No. 54, in the High School building Friday evening, the School Board was authorized to sell the old school house for a sum of not less than \$5,000. The building in question, situated on the bluff adjoining the life saving station, has not been used for school purposes for five years. After the burning of their church three years ago, the Presbyterians used the old structure as a meeting place until the church at Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue was completed. At the present time the High School basketball team is using the large room on the second floor as a practice hall.

The report that the city may buy the building and remodel it for a city hall is meeting with some criticism on account of the location.

The Art Club entertained their husbands, past members and their husbands and the Thimble Club and their husbands at a whist party at the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening. The decorations, score cards and place cards all bore appropriate Halloween designs and a suitable luncheon was served at the close of the evening. First prize for the ladies was won by Mrs. Herbert Brown and the second prize by Mrs. E. Lewin, while the gentlemen's prize went to Mr. Hurley and L. J. Radley.

The Elizabeth arrived in port Sunday noon with a large cargo of freight and the following passengers: J. Sullivan, B. Judell, C. E. Broadbent, J. E. Richards and wife, E. Lewis, Mrs. A. Oswald and two children, E. Estwood, B. McLean, C. Mullares, C. Croor, E. McAllister, C. Cunningham, N. H. Bowen.

The Speedwell sailed from Marshfield Saturday for San Francisco and will sail again from San Francisco for Bandon next Monday.