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BANDON STILL LEADS COUNTY

School Census Just Completed Shows 960 Children of School Age in This District.

INCREASE OF 35 OVER LAST YEAR

Lacks Only 40 of Having Required Number to Become an Independent District.

Bandon still leads in school population of the school districts in Coos county, according to the official census just completed by J. W. Mast, secretary of the local school board.

The total number of children of school age in the district is 960, being divided as follows: males, 473; females, 487, making a majority of 14 for the ladies.

This census shows an increase of 35 over last year, there being 925 in the district then. This substantial increase in school population comes as an agreeable surprise to many Bandonians who thought that owing to the big fire and the closing down of the mills that many families had left the town, and it was thought there would be a decrease in the city school population, but in face of these surmises, the opposite has proved true and although a few families have gone many more have come in, thus showing confidence in the future development of Bandon as those who have come in are investing their money here and expect to make this a permanent home.

Not only is Bandon the largest district in the county in point of population but we have also made a bigger increase than our nearest competitor—Marshfield according to the census has about 920 with an increase of only about 12 or 15 for the year.

Another interesting fact about the large number of school population in the district is that we are only 40 short of having an independent district. According to the school laws of Oregon a district becomes an independent district when it can show a school population of 1000. We had a gain of 35 this year and by increasing that gain by five next year we will reach the desired goal. This ought to be easy as there is every indication that there will be a big business revival in the spring and many more people will be coming in next summer.

There are a great many advantages in being an independent district, among which are that the district can largely choose its own course of study, and will have five members of the school board instead of three, and are more independent of the various states school regulations.

New Grange Officers.
At the regular meeting of the Bandon Grange, No. 398, the following officers were elected and will be installed at the next regular meeting, the first Saturday in January:
C. D. Jarmon, Master.
Mrs. Dora Hanly, Overseer.
Mrs. Mahel Jarmon, Lecturer.
C. G. Fahy, Treasurer.
Geo. McDonald, Secretary.
F. M. Sanderlin, Chaplin.
Pauline Hunt, Ceres.
Polly Randleman, Pomona.
Mrs. C. B. Zeek, Flora.
Clara Canterbury, Lady Assistant Steward.

Officials to Portland.
A number of county officials will go to Portland for the convention to be held there from Wednesday next to Friday. Judge John F. Hal and G. J. Armstrong, officials of the county court, will leave tomorrow on the steamship Breakwater, and Commissioner Taylor Dement and Surveyor elect C. S. McCulloch, of Bandon, will also attend. The convention will include surveyors, county judges and county commissioners. During the officials visit to Portland a good roads convention will be held.—Marshfield Record.

CASE COMES FRIDAY

DETECTIVE MITCHELL FORECASTS SENSATION

Has Nothing to Say at Present Regarding His Position in the Scandal Cases

Tomorrow the grand jury will roll up their sleeves and sail into the preliminary hearing of the charges in the Coos case, according to information given out by W. J. Mitchell, the detective, who arrived in Bandon last night to attend to matters pertaining to the case. The grand jury has a big task before it judging from the drift of Mr. Mitchell's talk, and their findings are apt to be prove highly sensational.

"I have nothing further, beyond the remarks I have already made, to make public," said Mitchell. "I will stay with the case until it is cleared up, and in the near future I will make a statement covering the case and my position in it."

Mr. Mitchell came to Bandon last night along with Joe Coach and wife, Bird Nosler and bride and Miss Lolita Simpson.

DOES FILM ACTRESS TAKE DOUBLE PARTE

A great many people who are following the "Trey O' Hearts" pictures now being shown at the Grand theatre every Thursday night are of the opinion that Cleo Madison, the leading lady, does not play both characters—Rose and Judith Trine. They maintain that it is impossible for Miss Madison to appear in both roles at the same instant. However, the next time you see the "Trey O' Hearts" observe closely when both Judith and Rose appear in the picture at the same time, and see if you can detect the trick that the camera is playing in having Miss Madison seemingly appear as both Rose and Judith Trine.—Judith, she of the fiendish nature, seeking the destruction of Alan Law; Rose, of the refined, shrinking temperament who abhors crime. Does Miss Madison play both characters? That's the question we will leave it to your decision.

CONDITIONS IN COOS BETTER THAN OUTSIDE

Edmund A. Keane, who was at one time in Coos county and put on one or two newspaper subscription contests and did other newspaper work in this section, has just returned to the county from the Puget Sound country and states that he is much surprised at the conditions here and that they are better than any other place on the coast.

"I was agreeably surprised," said Mr. Keane, "on returning to this section to see the people so prosperous and business so active. I expected to see business conditions curtailed about the same as on other parts of the coast and to see things very dead. The reverse is true, however, and although there is not the great activity there might be if times over the country were more prosperous, yet there are great evidences of activity and in some places it seems there is more doing than in 1910, when loggers demanded strawberries and cream in camp. Right now Coos county is particularly fortunate in its location and undoubtedly the reason of much of the good condition of affairs is due to the fact that there are no really poor in Coos county to be taken care of. In Portland it is not uncommon to see hundreds of men make application when an employer advertises for help, and so far as possible, arrangements are being made to give employment to those living in the city by giving them work on the roads."

Mr. Keane has traveled over most of the coast country in the last few months and is in position to know just how conditions are everywhere.

Too Apply For Pensions.
There were ten applications before the court for widow's pensions and four were passed upon favorably, while six were rejected.

Mrs. William Wirth of Willanch inlet, whose husband was killed in the automobile wreck at Pony inlet was awarded a monthly payment of \$10. Mrs. Hatcher a like amount, Mrs. Single, of Coquille, gets \$17.50 and Mrs. Minnie Steinhilber, of Alsea, \$19.—Marshfield Record.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS FREE

Men Arrested in Salem Charged With Kidnaping Simpson Girls Are Released.

EVIDENCE IS NOT HELD SUFFICIENT

County Prosecutor Thinks He Has Enough Evidence to Sustain a More Serious Charge.

W. J. Mitchell, B. L. Nosler, Joe Coach and John Herron, tried before Judge Shuster in North Bend Friday on the charge of having kidnaped Ruby and Lolita Simpson, were released on account of insufficient evidence, but according to prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist the evidence was sufficient to warrant an investigation by the grand jury on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Evidently things in connection with the cases have not been handled in a way to suit the prosecuting attorney for it was generally expected in Marshfield before the trial came off that the men would not be bound over and on Saturday Liljeqvist dismissed the charge against Ruby Simpson-Nosler of having contributed to the delinquency of her minor sister.

The testimony of Miles A. Simpson, the father of the girls, upon whose evidence hinged the whole affair, proved somewhat of a farce. He stated that he had no particular grounds for bringing the kidnaping charge other than that he feared that the girls were being taken away for immoral purposes and that was the best way he knew of stopping the party. As an explanation of why he had gone to G. T. Treadgold on this occasion he stated that Mr. Treadgold had always been his attorney and that it was natural to take the affair to him.

Early in the case at North Bend it became evident that Liljeqvist was digging for evidence which he would use in the grand jury investigation. His cross examination quickly ran from the kidnaping charge and it was evident that he was gathering evidence for use in the more serious charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The attitude of the two girls on the stand was rather flippant and they giggled and laughed during their time in the witness stand.

When asked why she had registered at Mapleton under the name of Miss Kelly, Ruby, the elder sister, answered: "Oh I just wanted to go away and get married and then come back and surprise the people."

Later Liljeqvist asked her why she left Bandon.

"Oh, I like the climate here a good deal better," was the reply.

"Yes, I guess it was a good deal better in Bandon," shot back the attorney. Here the nature of the testimony shifted and from then on referred to the more serious charge.

It developed that the places where the girls had resided, both in North Bend and Marshfield, were questionable. August Fritzen, owner of the house in which the girls resided in Marshfield, stated that the rent of \$15 for the house had been paid in advance by Ed Murray, but that he would not rent the house to them for a second month as the neighbors had complained about the place because of the many automobiles going there at all hours of the day and night.

Liljeqvist states that there will be no halfway step in the case and that he is not afraid that any of the persons wanted will attempt to get away as that would be very damaging evidence against them.

Lois Hansen Dies.
Lois Hansen, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Hansen, died Tuesday, December 1st, at Gendora, Calif., where the Hansen family have been spending the winter. Spinal meningitis was the cause of her death. The Hansen family is well known in Bandon, being proprietors of the Hansen rooming house on the hill, and the news of their daughter's death will be received with sympathy by their many friends in this city.

CONGRESSMAN INSPECTS PORT

C. N. McArthur Spends a Few Hours in Looking Over Needs of the Coquille River.

WILL WORK FOR APPROPRIATION

Statement Weather Does Not Allow Visitor to See Much of Bandon.—Returned Today.

Congressman C. M. McArthur, of Multnomah county, arrived in Bandon this morning on the early boat in company with J. S. Barton, of Coquille, on a tour of inspection of the river and harbors of this district.

Taken in hand by a committee of business men who would explain the differences between the streets and the river after the heavy rains of the last few days, Mr. McArthur will show the needs of the Coquille river and especially the need of money for the repair of the jetty. Although he did not promise that an appropriation would be forthcoming for the local harbor at the next session of Congress, he stated that he would do all within his power to help Bandon out.

BIG SAN FRANCISCO LUMBER MAN SEES BETTER TIMES

Charles R. McCormick, head of the McCormick Lumber Company of San Francisco, is authority for a state made last after the first of the year the lumber market, which has been on the slump for the past six months, will experience a stimulus that will put it some where near its normal condition again. Mr. McCormick cites several reasons for his belief that lumber will soon be on the move. "The railroad companies," explains Mr. McCormick, "have not purchased any lumber of consequence for some time. It is my belief that they soon will have to be laying in supplies of this nature. The roads will have to be kept in good shape, as there is indication that there will be an enormous business the coming year. The two world's fairs in California—one at San Francisco and the other at San Diego—are attractions which will bring large crowds to this coast. Under normal conditions the railroads use great quantities of lumber. Another probable purchaser of lumber on a nextensive scale cited is Mexico. As soon as conditions down that way become anything like settled, Mr. McCormick seems certain the business interests there will begin importing lumber heavily from the United States."

MRS. C. H. PULLEN PASSED AWAY LAST SATURDAY

Mrs. C. H. Pullen, a resident of Coos county for the past 19 years, died at her home in East Bandon at seven o'clock Saturday morning after a lingering illness of over a year. Mrs. Pullen was 51 years old at the time of her death. The funeral was conducted from the Brethren Church yesterday afternoon and the remains interred at the Knights of Pythias cemetery.

Huldah Alice Milton was born in Lane county, Kansas, March 20th, 1863, and spent her early life in that locality. On January 1, 1892, she was married to C. H. Pullen at Goldendale, Wash., and soon after they came to Coos county. Three children came of this marriage, all of whom survive their mother, and at present are residing in Bandon. They are Mrs. Norman Hayes, formerly Miss Inez Pullen, Leslie and Ivan Pullen.

ATTY GEO. N. FARRIN DISBARRED BY SUPREME COURT

Salem, Or.—Prosecuting George N. Farrin, a Portland attorney, and one of the Republican candidates for attorney general at the last primary guilty of wilful deceit and misconduct, the Supreme Court has disbarred him from practice in all Oregon courts. According to the charges preferred against Farrin, he collected \$400 from the Weyerhaeuser Land Company for Alvin Smith and J. A. Smith of Marshfield, by endorsing their names to checks without their knowledge.

Mr. Farrin is well known in Coos county, having formerly been located at Marshfield and was in Bandon and other Coos county towns many times on legal business.

CAMP TO BE SOLD

SEELEY & ANDERSON OUTFIT UNDER HAMMER

Dollar Says Lyons and Johnson Mill Not to Open Until Market Picks Up

The following report from the Coos Bay Times of December 5, is of considerable interest to the people of Bandon, inasmuch as the mill and logging camp mentioned when running employ a large share of the men on the local payroll:

Stanley Dollar, receiver for the Seeley & Anderson Logging Company and representative of his father, Capt. Robt. Dollar, who is receiver for the Johnson Lumber Company arrived here today from San Francisco. He came up on the Paraiso and was accompanied by Mrs. Dollar. His trip here was for the purpose of attending the sale of the Seeley & Anderson Logging Company on December 9 to satisfy the creditors. The Dollar Company is a big creditor; but one of the largest is J. E. Wheeler, the Portland lumberman and owner of the Portland Telegram. Owing to the general belief that the Dollar Company, one of the largest shipping and lumber concerns in the country will eventually take over the Johnson and other lumber interests in the Coquille, it is expected that there will be spirited bidding between the Dollar and Wheeler interests, the latter having to run it up to protect his mortgage.

Stanley Dollar was reticent about it today. He said that the lumber market continued poor and that until it picked up, the Johnson mill on the lower Coquille will not resume operations. Until then, nothing will be done with the Coquille mill recently bid in by the Dollars.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE NEXT FRIDAY MORNING

The tryout for the Coos County High School debate, by the Bandon High School will be held at the auditorium next Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and to which the public is invited.

There will be six entries in the tryout, and it is probable that two debating teams of two each will be selected from the six, these teams to represent Bandon in the County High School debate this winter.

Those entered for the tryout are: Tom Chatham, George Stoltz, Fern DeLong, Dick Crain, Helen Stoltz and Jack Kroenber.

TWO SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENTS AT MARSHFIELD

Marshfield, Dec. 7.—Two serious automobile accidents occurred here Saturday night, in both of which occupants of the cars narrowly escaped death. Saturday morning, about 5 o'clock, when Edgar Simpson was going from Marshfield to North Bend in his big 30 horse power Simplex machine, he hit the 20-inch pipe of the Dredge Seattle, laid across the Willamette Pacific tracks below the saw mill. Simpson was thrown against the steering wheel and seriously injured. It was necessary to take five stitches in his forehead and he will probably be confined to his bed for two or three weeks. The machine was badly damaged.

The other accident occurred when a car in which W. J. Conrad and Dr. H. E. Kelly were riding, crashed into the big auto of the Gorst and King line, driven by Claude Truckle. Mr. Conrad was quite seriously cut about the head and face and Dr. Kelly was slightly injured.

ATTORNEY GRAVES BARRED FROM SUPREME COURT ONLY

According to report, Attorney R. O. Graves of Marshfield, who was supposed to have been suspended from practice in all courts for a period of three months for the part he took in reporting the I. W. W. members from Coos Bay a little over a year ago, was suspended only from practice in the Supreme Court. This report was received by one of his attorneys, C. F. McNight. This report was received only a half hour after Graves had left for Portland on the Geo. W. Elder Thursday. If it had been received a little sooner Graves would probably not have gone to that city. In the decision it stated that "Graves was an estimable citizen, law-abiding and peaceable and that the part he took was committed under excitement and a mistaken sense of patriotism." This report is received with much joy by Mr. Graves' friends who do not think he should have received any such punishment as was supposed to have been meted out to him.

DEER SLAYERS ARE CAPTURED

Curry County Posse Takes Gang of Men Who Have Been Violating the State Game Laws.

OFFENDERS ARE HEAVILY FINED

Kill 400 Doe, Fawn and Bucks During Last Three Months and Use Hides to Make Gloves.

Gold Beach, Dec. 7.—Deputy Game Warden Wm. Powell and John Adams, backed by a strong posse, yesterday made a raid on the Brownville glove factory, located on the Will Clarno place near the headwaters of the South Fork of the Pistol River, and arrested Geo. Fischer, Clifford, Van Norwick, Robertson and Gilden, five men who have been suspected of the illegal killing of deer in Curry county. A man named Bolton, who has been traveling around the country selling tanned deerskin gloves, the output of the factory, was arrested near the Hardenbrook ranch. All of the men were taken to Gold Beach and arraigned for trial before the justice of the peace.

The arrest of these men marks the conclusion of one of the most flagrant violations of the law that has ever come to light in Curry County. Since September, and perhaps before, the gang has been slaughtering scores of deer with utter disregard for the game laws and the game wardens. Neighbors estimate that the men had killed 400 deer in and about that section of the country for the skins and say that the gloves turned out by the men were high grade, the tanning being exceptionally good and evidently done by an expert.

During the month of September the gasoline schooner Rustler brought the complete glove making plant into this port and it was shipped overland to the Clarno place. Fischer was at the head of the outfit and it is rumored that he made the remark that the game wardens might get him but that he would do some getting himself if they came after him.

At the time of their capture there were 75 hides on the premises. At the trial in the afternoon, Fischer was given the heaviest sentence \$300.00 fine and 60 days in jail. Clifford got a fine of \$150 and Van Norwick and Robertson, who pleaded guilty, each drew \$50. Golden turned states evidence and was not prosecuted.

All of the men have been convicted of violations of the game laws in other counties of the state and are hardened offenders.

Court Cases.

The following cases have been filed in the Circuit Court here since our last issue:

Nov. 30.—H. McAdams vs. D. D. Pierce, Mary A. Pierce, his wife, and C. T. Skeels.

Nov. 30.—City Street Improvement Co. vs. Coos Bay Paving and Construction Co.

Dec. 2.—National Sales Co. vs. L. H. Manciets and Geo. Manciets.

Dec. 2.—Frank R. Shores vs. Benjamin Gotter and Mary Gotter, his wife. Tax foreclosure.

Dec. 2.—W. H. Bunch vs. Adolph G. Raab and Charlotte E. Raab. Mortgage foreclosure.

Dec. 4.—George Thomason vs. J. Wright Wilson and Linnie L. Wilson Dorsey Kreitzer and Mrs. Dorsey Kreitzer, and L. C. Bros. Typewriter Co. Suit to foreclose mortgage.

Dec. 4.—S. avits vs. A. F. Estabrook Co. Breach of contract.

Dec. 4.—U. S. Palmer vs. Christian Richert. For damages by allowing fire to get into plaintiff's timber.

Dec. 4.—Same vs. same, for failure to fulfill agreement to arbitrate above damage case.—Coquille Sentinel.

G. T. Treadgold is in Coquille attending court.