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MARSHFIELD CLAIMS MOST

Village on the Bay Gets Peeved When the Bandon School Roll Is Called.

Marshfield, a Coos Bay town situated close to the city of North Bend, has slipped one over on s according to the report printed in the Friday issue of the Coos Bay Times.

After splurging at some length over the fact that the total school population of Marshfield, as shown by the report filed with the county court last week, is 961 or one more than the school census of Bandon, the report goes on to say:

"The fact that Bandon ranks high in school attendance, being less than half the size of this city, might on first notice make even Teddy Roosevelt grin, but it must be considered that the school district of the south is wide in its territory. Its southern boundary is the Curry county line, its western limit the Pacific ocean and north and east the extension runs far. This it is possible for Bandon to bring up its school census, get astonishing sums for the support of its school and enable it for years to scrape out ahead of Marshfield in school attendance."

Speaking of grins, Teddy might be tempted to twitch his jaws a bit over the reported increase in Marshfield during the past two weeks. About a fortnight ago the Times printed the "complete school census of Marshfield," giving the total as 920 or an increase of about 15 over the number of the previous year. Since then they have added 41 names to the list and according to the mathematical calculations of the writer of Friday's article in the Times, 41 and 15 added together still remain 41, the total increase for the year.

After passing out such information, we could hardly expect the writer's knowledge of the boundary lines of the Bandon school district to be very accurate and the statements have a tendency to suggest that something is slightly warped. Between Bandon and the Curry county line are three school districts, all of them larger in area than District 54, in which this city is located, and this district bears no more comparison to the state of Oregon than does the Marshfield district. On the west and the north the boundary lines of the district are identical with the boundaries of the city and to the south and west they extend one-half a mile beyond the city limits.

We might suggest in fact, that the "large and prosperous (and inflated) city of Marshfield" has more area within the limits of its school district than we have.

JAMES WATSON MAY YET BE COUNTY JUDGE

Governor West takes issue with the Supreme Court of Oregon regarding the office of county judge and does not believe that the present judges will hold over two years longer as is the opinion of the court.

It seems that in its decision just before election that the Supreme Court banked on the original initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution which provided that initiative bills should go into effect immediately after they were adopted. Governor West has, however, pointed out what he evidently thinks was an oversight on the part of the Supreme Judges in their decision. Mr. West says they evidently did not take into consideration the article in regard to amendments. This provides that the legislature may submit amendments to the constitution and after they have been voted on, the vote shall be canvassed and if the amendments have received a majority vote, it becomes the duty of the governor to issue a proclamation declaring such amendment to have been adopted as part of the constitution.

The law making the term of office of county judge four years was passed in 1910 and the amendment came later and Governor West says that the amendment does not apply to that election.

Those interested will await with interest the outcome of this controversy and it appears that Mr. Watson may yet take his seat as County Judge in January.

JUDGE COKE HOLDS LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

"The Congress of the United States has no legal right to regulate or attempt to regulate the taking or killing of migratory game birds within the state of Oregon," said Judge Coke of the Circuit Court in a decision rendered in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Hillis Short, Friday morning.

This is the first time that the Constitutionality of the federal law in regard to the regulation of the taking or killing of migratory game birds has been questioned and Judge Coke is the first judge to hold that in this matter the State is supreme in its jurisdiction and that game wardens under the federal law cannot legally enforce that law.

The trial of Short was in the nature of a test case, he being arrested by State Game Warden Thomas, at the instigation of Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist, for killing ducks from a power boat on Ten Mile Lake. Under the state law the killing of ducks from a power boat is expressly prohibited, but the attorneys for the defense pleaded that the federal game laws did not prohibit this mode of hunting and that the federal law was supreme. The question of whether Ten Mile Lake is a public or privately owned body of water was brought up.

This is only the beginning of the case which will be carried to the State Supreme Court and probably to the United States Supreme Court.

GERMANY NOT SO BAD OFF AS REPORTED

Otto Groke of this city has received interesting letters from his brothers in Germany, says the North Bend Harbor. One is 24 years of age and the other 40 and both are trained as soldiers but the men of their age have not yet been called into service. The younger brother writes that he is anxious to be at the front. He is employed in a big machine shop and says that forces are working day and night making locomotives to be used by the Germans in Belgium. He writes that Germany does not want any more volunteers now and that the losses have been nothing like what the allies tried to make out. The writer says the general belief is that Russia will soon be overcome and that Germany will then turn her attention toward England. He says that if all men from 17 to 50 years of age were called out Germany and Austria could put seventeen million soldiers in the field. Mr. Groke also received a letter from his older brother, who states that in Germany it is believed that England is trying to get the United States involved in the war trouble.

LONGSHOREMEN LOSE THEIR COATS IN SINKING SCOW

A number of longshoremen lost their coats when a scow on the North Bend waterfront sunk Wednesday morning, says the North Bend Harbor. The steamer "Speedwell" was being loaded with ties and there were two scows along side of the boat. One scow which was between the vessel and another scow, gave way under the weight and sank in the water. All of the ties excepting about thirty were recovered but most of the men who were at work had taken off their coats and left them on the scow and when it went down the garments were carried down the bay. It is supposed the scow must have sprung a leak and with the weight of the ties aboard, and being wedged in between the vessel and the other scow it sank.

BOY CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SHOP LIFTING

A young boy about 12 years of age was caught in the act of filling his pockets Saturday morning with toys in the Peoples 5-10-15c store by the manager, Mr. H. A. Murphy, shortly after the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Mr. Murphy was intending to hand the boy over to the police but after exacting a number of promises from him never to do so again he was released, but if this happens again, Mr. Murphy says he will not be so lenient, so boys who have such ideas in their head had better be careful.

MILLER WANTS NEW TRIAL IN BANK ROBBERY CASE

Grove H. Miller, now serving a sentence in the state penitentiary at Salem for the Myrtle Point bank robbery which occurred about a year ago, is asking for a new trial through his attorneys, but District Attorney Liljeqvist is considerably opposed to allowing it. It seems that there is talk of a number of new confessions, but Mr. Liljeqvist does not take much stock in any of them and it is not known just what will be the outcome yet.

COACH-HERRON LIQUOR CASES DISMISSED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Coke Held That Evidence Was Insufficient to War- rant Conviction.—Witnesses Reverse Their Testimony in Some Instances.

Judge Coke, of the Circuit Court, yesterday dismissed the cases of the City of Bandon against J. W. Coach and John Herron without even allowing them to go to the jury, on the grounds of insufficient evidence. Both Coach and Herron were found guilty of supplying minor girls with liquor by Recorder Kausrud, of the local municipal court, but appealed their cases.

"Although I am convinced that both of these men are guilty, there has not been sufficient evidence produced by the prosecution to warrant their being held," said the Judge in upholding the motion of Attorney Feeney, of the defense, for non-suit.

The testimony of all of the witnesses was practically the same in both of the cases and although several said that they had seen Coach with the two Simpson girls drinking something they would not swear that it was liquor. Ed Bisk, called to the stand by the prosecution, stated that he had seen Coach and the girls sitting at a table upon which were beer bottles and glasses containing liquid and that he saw them drink.

"Would you swear that they were drinking liquor," asked Feeney when Bisk gave this testimony.

"No, it looked like it but I did not taste it, so I could not swear that it was beer," was the answer.

"It might have been white Rock?" shot back the attorney.

"Yes it might have been," admitted Bisk.

Among the other witnesses called all of them by the prosecution, were

Ruby Nosler, nee Simpson, and her sister Lollita, Mrs. Mary Partner, "Red" Denner and Art Gilbert. In her testimony on the stand yesterday Mrs. Partner, formerly Mary De Costa, asserted that the evidence she gave at the time of the first trial last June was false; that in the first case she swore that she had seen the Simpson girls drink "whiskey with beer chaser" in company with Coach and Herron, because Lollita Simpson told her that unless she testified to that effect charges would be made against her for conducting a house of ill fame.

Gilbert testified that he had seen them drinking and supposed that they were drinking liquor.

As it has been supposed for some time, the testimony of the Simpson girls was just the reverse of that which they gave at the time of the hearing before Recorder Kausrud.

One of them was asked why they swore that Coach and Herron gave them "booze" at the time of the first hearing and she answered:

"I was threatened."

"Who made the threats which you refer to?" asked Attorney Feeney.

"He did," came the answer as the girl pointed at Treadgold.

What the threat was and when it was made she would not divulge.

In dismissing the case against Herron which preceded the Coach case, Judge Coke stated that he was of the opinion that some of the witnesses had not told the whole truth and he was sorry that he could not submit the case to the jury.

No appeal will be taken by the city.

FORMER PROSPER MAN FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Olander Smith, for many years a resident of Prosper and who was employed by the Prosper Mill Company up until about seven or eight months ago, was arrested in Grants Pass Saturday on the strength of an indictment by the Grand Jury for having assaulted small girls at Prosper and is being held pending the arrival of officers to return him to Coos county.

Smith's assault on the three little girls of the river town, all of them under 14 years of age, was brought to light by his own confession, made before a small congregation at a revival meeting where he was converted and taken into the church. However he only confessed to his own wrongdoings at that time, but the evidence furnished by the girls in their testimony before the grand jury may make him a defendant in another serious charge, that of white slavery, as he is accused of having brought other men to the little girls.

No charge has been made out against Smith because of the fact that the physician who examined the girls was not in Coquille when the indictment was returned. The citizens of Prosper are much excited over the affair.

Smith is a married man and has several grown children and many relatives around Prosper.

GOVERNMENT TO WAGE WAR ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

According to the announcement of the district forester at Portland, the recently passed agricultural appropriation bill contained a provision by which \$100,000 is to be set aside toward the destruction of predatory animals.

It is estimated that over \$15,000,000 worth of stock is destroyed annually in the United States through the depredations of such animals as wolves, coyotes, wildcats, cougars and bears.

While the Biological Survey will have charge of the work, the Forest Service will co-operate with them in the regions of the west where there are national forests. The service has already had some experience in hunting wild animals. The invasion of the National Forest Range in years past by wolves, coyotes and cougars has been marked, and it has at times been found necessary to employ trained hunters to trap and kill these invaders. The rangers, too, have done excellent work in trapping and poisoning these preying animals. But the service has been handicapped for lack of funds to spend in hiring men for this purpose and furnishing them with the necessary arms and ammunition. Hence, the work done has been but a temporary relief.

Now, however, that an appropriation has been made, the work can be carried on with some hope of success, and stock owners, both inside and outside of the National Forests, may look forward to the time when their sheep and cattle will be free from the attacks of these rapacious marauders.

As a result of this activity on the part of the federal government, the stock owners themselves have awakened to the needs of the situation. At a recent meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association, a resolution was passed and a petition mailed to Washington, urging Congress to make an appropriation of \$300,000 for the extermination of predatory animals in the United States. While it is felt that the present appropriation of \$100,000 will do much good in reducing the menace, it is not sufficient to bring about a permanent relief. Therefore, Congress is urged to increase the appropriation with a view to the complete extermination of all predatory animals in every part of the United States where they have done damage to stock.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The regular Christmas services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, December 20. In the evening a special program of music has been arranged as follows:

- Professional.
- Invocation.
- Gloria.
- Hymn No. 71.
- Prayer.
- Response by Quartette.
- Hymn No. 75.
- Scripture Reading.
- Christmas Praise, Choir.
- Duet, Miss Boak and Mrs. McAllister.
- "I Bring Ye Good Tidings" Quartette.
- Hymn No. 77.
- Selection from Ben Hur.
- Solo, Mrs. Hopkins.
- "The Star Still Leads" Male Quartette.
- "Beyond the Starry Skies" Quartette and Choir.
- Benediction.

COOS PIONEER PASSES AWAY

T. T. Allen, Highly Respected Citizen, Answers Last Roll Call

Theophilus T. Allen, an Oregon pioneer and highly respected citizen passed away at his home in this city about one o'clock this morning.

Mr. Allen was born in LaSalle, Illinois, February 7, 1841, and died at Bandon, Oregon, December 14, 1914, being 73 years, 10 months and 8 days old at the time of his death.

In early life Mr. Allen moved from Illinois to Iowa and later to Colorado. He was married at Iowa City, Iowa, to Miss Louise Rouyer, in 1871, and they went immediately to Colorado where they lived until 1886 when they came to Curry county, Oregon, and settled on a farm on the Sixes river. About 14 years ago the Allen family moved to Bandon where they have since resided.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have three children: Harry Allen, Mrs. W. L. Davidson and William Allen, all of whom reside in this city and were here to comfort their mother in her great bereavement.

Although Mr. Allen had been afflicted for about three years, and was forced to undergo an operation last April in which one of his legs was amputated, he had been considerably better for the last few months and only yesterday morning when he arose he seemed to be in his usual health, but shortly afterwards he went out into the back yard and later came in telling Mrs. Allen that he was in great pain. A physician was called at once and it was found that Mr. Allen had a hemorrhage, having burst a blood vessel and from that time on he grew worse until the end came.

Mr. Allen was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in Company E, Third Colorado volunteers and served about a year at the end of the war. He was a member and Post Commander of Bandon Post, G. A. R. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 at the Latter Day Saints church, and will be in charge of Elder F. J. Chaburn. Interment will be in the G. A. R. cemetery, and the local Grand Army Post will have charge, and will attend in a body.

Mr. Allen was one of the most highly respected citizens of Bandon and the many friends of the family will extend sincere sympathy in their time of bereavement.

SALE OF SEELEY & ANDER- SON LOG CAMP POSTPONED

The sale of the Seeley-Anderson Logging Company's property which was to have been held at Coquille at the Court House last Friday, was postponed upon the request of the Robert Dollar interests until the coming Friday. The Dollar interests stated through their attorneys that they were unprepared to bid last week.

Bidding at the sale will probably be confined to the Dollar Company and J. E. Wheeler, owner of the Portland and Telegram, who holds a first mortgage for \$30,000 against the plant, the heavy indebtedness of the property making it almost impossible for an outsider to bid. The Dollar people hold four mortgages against the property which aggregate the sum of \$127,000, bringing the total debt up to \$157,000. The last inventory shows the plant to be valued between \$50,000 and \$70,000 or less than half of the mortgaged indebtedness.

M. G. POHL IS OLDEST OPTI- CIAN IN UNITED STATES

In the last issue of "Optometry" a journal devoted to oculists, opticians, etc., published at Kansas City, Mo., appears the picture of our well-known townsmen, Mr. M. G. Pohl, accompanying the photograph is a short write-up of Mr. Pohl and among other things the interesting fact is given that he is the oldest optician in the United States. He will be 80 years old next year and plans to close his optical practice at that time.

In the early days in the Northwest Mr. Pohl was pioneer, prospector and Indian fighter. Notwithstanding his eighty years Mr. Pohl is vigorous and can hold his own with the best in his profession.

THE BANDON STEAM LAUNDRY STARTED UP

The Bandon Steam Laundry, which has been out of operation since the fire last winter that destroyed their plant on Second street, resumed business this morning in their new plant on Fourth Street East.

Although no radical change has been made in the equipment of the laundry in the way of new machinery there are several improvements in the matter of arrangement and convenience and every possible precaution has been taken to prevent a repetition of a conflagration such as destroyed the former plant. Especially in the boiler and engine room, where the walls are lined with sheet iron, is the anti fire feature of the construction carried out. On the bluff above the building a reserve tank or cistern has been dug and from which water for washing will be drawn. In the case of fire the water for the sprinkling system will also be drawn from this tank.

For the present the laundry will employ 10 people and this force will be added to or cut down as business warrants, said Manager Derringer today. Laundry collected by the driver on Monday mornings will be returned Wednesday, giving the patrons much better service than they have enjoyed during the period in which they have had to send all of the laundry to Coquille, tow high place it was taken on Monday and not returned until Saturday or perhaps the following Monday.

BRETHREN CHURCH CAN USE YOUR DISCARDED CLOTHES

"The poor ye have with you always." Anyone having discarded clothing, new or old, will do a favor to donate them to the Ladies Aid of the Church of the Brethren to be given to the poor of Bandon. Bring them to the church and deposit them in the Aid box, or to the residence of the pastor, L. B. Overholser, corner of Jackson Avenue and 11th Street, or notify Mrs. L. B. Overholser by mail and someone will come and get them. Please see that the articles are clean. L. B. OVERHOLSER.

BASKET BALL SEASON OPEN NEXT THURSDAY

Thursday evening, December 17, the basket ball season of the Bandon High School will open with a game between the school and the All-Star team, composed of former high school players of whom there are several in the city at the present time.

Not only will this be the first game of the season, but it will also be the first game to be played at the Dream land pavilion, which the school has secured for its basket ball hall.

Coach Quigley promises that it is going to be some game and he expects the high school boys to show up in fine form, although the All-Stars will have the advantage of considerable weight and will be the pick of the former stars of the school.

Among those who will oppose the school team are Tom Laird, Carl Bowman, Victor Bruer, Ernest Watkins, Leslie Sparks, Fred Harvey, George Mollen, Buchie Mast and Ralph Dippel, giving the All-Stars an opportunity to make repeated shifts in their line-up.

FOREST NOTES

The timber industry represents 37 per cent of the annual production of wealth in British Columbia.

Boxmakers in the United States use more than four and a half billion board feet of lumber each year or more than one-tenth of the entire lumber cut in the country.

Of two million sheep annually grazed in the state of Utah, more than a million are on the national forests, or, including lambs which are fattening for market on the forest ranges, over a million and three quarters.

In addition to his own fire detection system, the supervisor of the Palisade national forest, Idaho, was notified of each fire by from five to ten different local settlers, who thus showed their co-operation in working for fire suppression.

The Uinta mountains of Utah, included within the Wasatch, Uinta and Ashley national forests, should become a favorite recreation region, because of the many small lakes within its depressions scooped out by glacial drifts. Recently such lakes can be counted from Red's peak, and one particular township, 30 miles square contains more than a hundred.