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## LEGISLATURE POSTPONES INDEFINITELY, ACTION ON PORT BILL

### Mission of Colonel Rosa and T. P. Hanly at Salem Made Easy by Action of State Solons. Right to Bond Port Still Holds. Commission May Buy Dredge.

Col R. H. Rosa telegraphed today from Salem that the bill drafted by District Attorney Liljeqvist and introduced into the House by C. R. Barrow, representative from Coos County which would change the state law and require a special election to be held in which the people would have to again approve of any bond issue for port improvements, has been indefinitely postponed.

This message caused general satisfaction in Bandon. Any action looking towards hindering the improvement of the Bandon harbor through technicalities in the law or through changes in the law will prove very unpopular in the Coquille Valley.

There is a growing tendency to view such action by the district attorney or others as a movement for certain interests located on Coos Bay that desire to prevent the improving of the Coquille River Harbor.

A friendly case to test the law was necessary, but any further actions must have back of them an ulterior motive.

A further agitation of the question of improvement can do no good and much harm.

It can never prevent the harbor work. The worst the knocker can possibly do is to cause delay and needless expense.

The people have already approved of the bond issue and delegated authority to the commissioners to carry on the work. The commission has shown so far that it will be very conservative in the issuing of bonds. It has already gone on record as intending to issue them only as needed. This saves interest charges and will prevent the total issue unless developments show the wisdom of so doing. Had the commission shown any tendency to extravagance, the agitation for a change in the state law would be excusable or even praiseworthy.

But the attitude and action of the commissioners so far give no possible sensible excuse for reopening and agitating the question.

Col. R. H. Rosa, chairman of the Port Commissioners of the Port of Bandon and T. P. Hanly, a member of the commission have gone to Salem where they will oppose the bill presented by C. R. Barrow, representative from Coos county which provides that all bond issues of ports shall be submitted to a vote of the people before they can be made. The present law allows the port commissioners to bond, not exceeding ten percent of the taxable property in the port boundaries without submitting to vote, but it is the contention of some that the people should decide whether the bonds should be issued or not.

It is understood that the bill was drafted by District Attorney Liljeqvist, who has been taking considerable interest in port measures and who put the port case through the courts of the state which was recently decided in upholding the legality of this port.

The contention of those opposed to

the bill is that the people voted the port knowing that the bonding was left to the commissioners and that it was carried by more than two to one and that should be sufficient evidence that the people favor the bonding if necessary, furthermore the voting proposition would only tend to delay the game and would necessitate the useless expense of an election.

There is considerable doubt as to whether or not the present bill would have any effect on the local bond issue for which an ordinance had been passed by the port commissioners some time ago. This ordinance calls for bonds in the sum of \$250,000 in denominations of \$50,000 each. The port commissioners felt that they could issue the bonds in this way and thus have the use of the money as they needed it and at the same time save the interest on a large bond issue if it was all made at one time. This issue having already been ordered, it is not likely that the bill could affect it, but would control any future bond issue the port might want to make.

Col. Rosa and Mr. Hanly will also look into the proposition of buying a dredge for the port. They have several propositions in view and if one can be secured at a reasonable figure, it will probably be purchased.

This would certainly be a wise move on the part of the port commissioners as it will enable them to do their work at all times without depending on any contracting dredge, and it will also enable them to get their work done at the actual cost of material and labor. This movement on the part of the port commissioners will no doubt meet with the hearty approval of the people of this district.

### BANDON DRY GOODS CO.

#### MAY MOVE TO MARSHFIELD

J. W. Murphy manager of the Bandon Dry Goods Co. announced yesterday that it was the present plan of that company to move the store of goods from Bandon to Marshfield. This action is being taken for the purpose of cutting down expenses, as the company now has stores at Bandon, Marshfield and Myrtle Point, and by consolidating them into one or two places it is considered that the expense of operating can be cut extremely low just now. Owing to their intention of leaving the Bandon Dry Goods Company has an ad in this issue calling attention to a bunch of real bargains they are going to offer from now until February 6th.

### VERY LOW BAROMETER

#### EARLY THIS MORNING

There is every indication of a big storm being headed this way as the barometer this morning was the lowest it has been for a long time registering as low as 29.12 at the life saving station and C. M. Spencer's barometer registered 29.20. This would indicate that a heavy storm is headed this way.

George Manciet, one of the proprietors of the Sugarie confectionery, is confined to his house by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

## RUMORS OF COAST LINE STILL PERSIST

Additional reports are rife on the Bay concerning the probable commencement of work on the last link of the Southern Pacific's coast line between Coos Bay and Eureka, Calif. this spring.

There has been no official announcement or confirmation of the reports except that they apparently come from reliable sources. In further substantiation of the report last week that Houser & Houser were to have contract for 65 miles of the road south from Coos Bay, and to start work on it about May 1, employees

of Houser & Houser have been told to remain here as they would be given work again about that time.

At North Bend it is stated that the Southern Pacific has adopted the Porter Hill survey for the extension south via Bandon. It is stated that the plan is to tunnel under Porter Hill to the Pony Inlet Basin and thence to proceed south along the coast. If this is correct, the report that the S. P. would locate its shops and yards in the Pony Inlet Basin will probably be realized.—Coos Bay Times.

### SOME HINTS TO THE OWNERS OF FRUIT TREES

By M. G. Pohl

This is the proper time to prune your trees. By the latter part of February it should end. Never prune as long as there is frost on the twigs or limbs. First let it melt off. All cuts must be close to the part from which it is cut off; using a saw. Don't leave any stubs. Cut close off and thus prevent dead wood drying and thereby injuring the tree.

If you hire the work done, ask the pruner to first cut off a limb. If he leaves a stub don't let him do work of which he knows nothing.

Don't cut holes into the tops or sides of trees, but leave the tree balanced in shape.

Spray after pruning with sulphur-lime spray.

A force from the city engineer's office are setting the grade stakes for the grading and planking of Oregon avenue.

## FERN DELONG WINS COVETED HONOR

### Awarded First Merit as Debater and Name Will be Inscribed on Trophy

Thursday afternoon at 2 P. M. a debate was held in the High School auditorium by those students who will represent Bandon in the Coos County Inter-district debate, to be held tonight.

This debate had no connection with the Friday night debates except that the same subject was under discussion. The object of Thursday's debate was to determine this year's best debater, attending High School.

The High School was presented with a loving cup several years ago on which the name of the school's winning debater is engraved.

The question was: Resolved—that the U. S. Federal Government should own and operate all railroads, acting as common carriers; constitutionality waived.

Jack Kronenberg and Helen Stoltz spoke in the negative and Geo. Stoltz and Fern DeLong for the affirmative. The judges were C. R. Wade, Ernest Sidwell and P. E. Kreamer.

The question was so ably represented by all the contestants, that there was little difference in the ratings given each one but the decision was unanimously awarded by a small margin to Miss Fern DeLong.

The young ladies excelled the young men in being more at ease and more self possessed, which is quite natural in young people of their age.

All were exceptionally well posted on the question and the debate was pleasant and instructive.

The affirmative debaters will contend with the North Bend representatives tonight at the High School and the negative debaters will go to Coquille for a contest the same night.

The other names on the trophy among which Miss DeLong's will be engraved are: Jack Kronenberg and Kate Chatburn.

Coquille, Myrtle Point, Bandon and Eureka now own their water systems Eugene controls her plant and Roseburg is making a fight to obtain possession of the franchise at that place. Salem will be a municipally supplied city before long, as the campaign is now on there to buy the privately operated plant.

Here in Marshfield the matter of buying the system is still undecided upon and very likely the matter will be agitated for a time and then let pass without accomplishing anything despite the fact that rates here are altogether too high.—Marshfield Evening Record.

The Marshfield Moose Lodge has closed a deal for the purchase of the J. Wright Wilson property at the northeast corner of South Second and Elrod Ave. as a site for the future home of the lodge. The lot has fifty feet frontage on Second St. and 140 feet depth along Elrod. There are two houses on the property, making it pay an income on the \$5,500 investment.—Coos Bay Times.

## WHO IS JUDGE? ASK THE COURT

### Supreme Court Still Silent on County Judge Muddle and County Business Lags

County Commissioner Geo. J. Armstrong was at Coquille Wednesday to attend the meeting of the county court but the court was obliged to adjourn again until next Wednesday which will be the regular meeting for February.

The reason for adjourning is that the Supreme Court has not yet handed down a decision in the Judge Election case, and it is not known who is the county judge.

At the election last fall, James Watson was elected judge and then came a decision that all county judges held over for two more years and it was thought this would settle the case but Governor West called attention of the court to what he considered errors in their decision. This had the effect of causing the court to take up the matter again and not until their final decision is handed down can the county court do any business.

James Watson, county judge elect, has already qualified and the court can do nothing now because, should the Supreme Court decide that the newly elected judge should be installed, then the actions of the present court would be illegal because Judge Hall would have no right to act. On the other hand if Mr. Watson should take his seat and take up the work, and the Supreme court should decide that Judge Hall should hold over then the actions of the court would again be illegal. So it seems there is nothing to do but for the county court to continue a "watchful waiting" policy until such time as the Supreme Court shall hand down their final decision, which may be in a few days or may not be for some time.

### CURRY COUNTY HAS SLOW MAIL SERVICE.

For a long time the Curry county mail service has been the cause of much grief for its residents and others trying to make use of the service. It requires longer for mail from Marshfield to reach there than it does for mail from Portland and that is some time as is indicated by the following from the Gold Beach Globe:

It takes Curry county longer to get mail between San Francisco and Gold Beach than it does between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands and twice as long as between New York and San Francisco. It takes as long to get mail from Portland as it does to get mail from the Hawaiian Islands to San Francisco. Mail sent from New York to San Francisco at the same time as mail is sent from Portland to Gold Beach will be in San Francisco two days ahead of the mail from Portland two days ahead of the mail from Portland to Gold Beach. It seems to be the consensus of opinion in these parts that the Government has overlooked us and possibly thought that we were neutral territories between the United States and Germany or others.

Mail can be sent from England to San Francisco two days quicker than to Gold Beach.

### PROTRACTED MEETING

Elder A. C. Barmore is holding a protracted meeting at the Saints' church, Filmore street. It began Thursday, Jan. 28th and will continue until Friday, Feb. 12th. Preaching every night at 7:30 and Sundays at 11 A. M. The series will include the following illustrated lectures: Monday, Feb. 1st, "In His Steps, or What Would Jesus Do?" based on Chas. M. Sheldon's famous story; Friday, Feb. 5th, Australia, the Newer America; The Land of Equality and Fraternity. The lecturer spent seven years in Australia as a missionary, Wednesday, Feb. 10th. The Life, Doctrine and Prophecies of Christ.

All are welcome. Sheriff Alfred Johnson, Jr. was in the city on business in connection with his office Wednesday.

### ALFRED JOHNSON, SR., SICK AT SAN FRANCISCO

A telegram was received here Wednesday evening announcing the very serious illness of Alfred Johnson, Sr., president of the Alfred Johnson Lumber company. Mr. Johnson has been at San Francisco for some time and has been in reasonably good health until day or two ago, consequently the message came as a shock to his relatives and friends here. Mrs. J. C. Slagle and Mrs. T. H. Mehl, daughters, of this city and C. Mc Johnson of Coquille, sons, left yesterday for San Francisco to be in attendance at his bedside.

The exact cause of his illness is not known here.

Mr. Johnson is one of the best known lumbermen on the coast and is one of the most highly respected citizens of Oregon.

Dr. Lee Pemberton of Langlois, came up to Bandon on Wednesday and returned yesterday afternoon after transacting business in the city.

## WORK ON THE JETTY STARTS IN A MONTH

### No Positive Announcement But Understanding is that Work Will Start Soon

A number of people have asked a representative of the Bandon Recorder just when the actual work on the jetty by the Government would begin. This question would of course, be hard to answer, even by the Government engineers themselves, but we are informed that it is hoped that work will begin in about a month, and then it is expected that there will be no cessation of activities until well along into the winter, and that there will be employment for about 75 men and it is stated that there have been more than that many applications already. It is understood that preference will be given to men with families, should there be more applications than there are jobs.

This will also depend, of course upon the efficiency of the applicant to handle the work for which he applies. As has been formerly stated in the Recorder, the first work to be done is to repair the inside jetty, which was washed out a year or so ago and then it will be possible to go ahead with the extension of the north jetty.

### KILLED REAL RATTLE SNAKE NEAR FOURMILE.

Wm. Connor, better known as "Boot Black Bill" returned yesterday from a trip down the coast and brought with him a real rattlesnake that he had killed on the beach just south of Fourmile. The snake was about two and a half feet long and had seven rattlers, indicating that he was seven years old.

Rattle snakes in Coos County are certainly rare but this one is a real rattler and Bill has him preserved in a bottle so that anyone who has a tendency to be a doubting Thomas can be convinced by calling on him for the evidence.

### WILL HAVE DAIRY EXHIBIT AT O. A. C. FARMERS' WEEK

Coos county which has the second largest number of cows under test of any county in the United States, will have a dairy exhibit Farmers' Week at O. A. C. February 1 to 7. The entire number of cows under official test in Coos county is 2856, being grouped under five associations. The remarkable strides made in advancing dairy interests in Coos county indicate that the exhibit staged by the Coos Co. dairy men will be of high quality and great interest generally. The exhibit was collected under the supervision of J. L. Smith, county agriculturist.

Stewart Whitsett went over to Marshfield Thursday morning to look at the new model of the Cadillac and Dodge automobiles which have arrived and are being demonstrated on the bay. From appearances and the accounts printed of the cars, they are to be among the winners this season.

## LAUNDRY MEN TO MAKE ICE

### Laundry Company Takes Over Ice Plant and Prepares For Summer Business

Bandon is to have the best of ice and plenty of it at all times, is the announcement made by A. F. Derringer, manager of the Bandon Steam Laundry, which firm has taken over the ice plant formerly run by J. C. Slagle. The transfer of the property was made during the fore part of the week and at the present time the new owners are occupied with the task of moving the ice making outfit from the old quarters at the foot of Chicago avenue to the new home of the laundry. By Monday the plant will be turning out ice again. But in the meantime all orders for aqua pura in its frozen state will be filled from Coquille.

In making the transfer all the machinery is being overhauled and replacements or alterations made wherever it is thought the efficiency of the plant can be increased. Power for running the machinery is to be secured from the power plant of the laundry and the water will be drawn from the huge concrete supply tank on the hill back of the building. "The best water in town, it will make good ice" says Mr. Derringer.

### STEAMBOAT CONTROVERSY MAY BE BROUGHT TO HEAD

Troubles of the Coquille river steamboat men will be aired in court in a few days, according to a report coming from Coquille. The long controversy was brought to a focus recently when the steamer Dora collided with the Charm, and both Captain Willard and Captain Panter claim that it was the other fellow's fault. Following the collision there were words between the crews that were not the most congenial and some one is said to have thrown a gaspique through the window of one of the boats and also heaved a can of coal oil at the Dora.

Sheriff Johnson's attention was called to the trouble by someone who thought the safety of the passengers was being endangered by the bad blood existing between the crews, and the sheriff called the attention of the U. S. Inspectors to the situation. The Inspectors asked the sheriff to have Captain Panter and Captain Willard make written reports of the matter and intimated that further hearing and investigation would be made.

The whole affair is of peculiar interest to the people of the Coquille valley who hope that the boat companies will come to an amicable settlement of their difficulties and that the business of transportation on the Coquille river may continue, unhampered by any bad blood between the boat companies.

### OREGON HARBORS FARE WELL

The rivers and harbors bill passed the House by a vote of 161 to 81. It carries more than \$34,000,000, of which \$2,289,175, or seven per cent of the entire amount provided by the measure is the appropriations for waterways in the first congressional district of Oregon, of which W. C. Hawley is the representative.

The detailed appropriation is as follows: \$8,000 for Coos Bay, \$75,000 for Coquille, \$116,175 for Nehalem, \$3,000 for Yaquina, \$42,500 for the Willamette river above Portland \$692,000 for the lower Willamette and Columbia rivers, \$1,250,000 for Columbia Bay, \$1,900 for the Clatskanie \$3,000 for Coos Bay and \$117,500 for the Siuslaw.

Surveys are provided for the Umpqua, Coquille, Rogue and Clatskanie rivers and for Coos Bay and Yaquina Bay.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. D. Sherrill returned Wednesday from a visit to Curry County and Mr. Sherrill went to Marshfield today to see the new Dodge Car for which he has the agency for Southern Coos and all of Curry County.