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## PEOPLE TO VOTE ON WATER EXTENSION AND FIRE ENGINE

### Proposition to Establish New Water Supply on Little Creek And to Buy a Fire Engine to Come Up Before City Electors at Election to be Held Next June

Voters of Bandon will have an opportunity to vote on the proposition of bonding the city for the purpose of extending the water system and also for the purchase of a fire engine for the city at the coming June general election, according to resolutions passed by the city council at their regular session Wednesday night.

The proposition to extend or rather enlarge the water supply is to get hold of Ferry Creek, some times known as Little creek, and to lease or buy a tract of land along the creek to protect the water supply in the future. It was stated by Elbert Dyer, former manager of the Bandon Water Co., that the above mentioned proposition was the only feasible one to be had and that other places that had been talked of were impracticable. Mr. Dyer stated that a reservoir could be built out at this creek that would be at least 200 feet above the city and a pressure of about 55 pounds could be had on top of the hill and about 80 in the downtown section. This would give ample pressure for fire protection, and would furnish supply for city and domestic use for a city several times the size of Bandon. Mr. Dyer, also stated that the present water supply while it was sufficient for the present would not be adequate when the city grew larger as we all expect it to do.

The water supply proposition was taken up and thoroughly discussed by the council when the matter of buying a fire engine was approached. Councilman Dippel stated that he thought there should be a larger water supply before a fire engine was bought, as with the present supply it would be impossible to do anything with the engine because the pressure was not sufficient to hold out when the pump was put on. Mr. Chaburn seconded everything that Mr. Dippel said and added that he was in favor of a fire engine providing there was sufficient water supply in case of fire. It was generally agreed that the engine would be a good thing for the downtown district at all times as it can be used to pump water out of the river, even when there is no pressure on the water system. It was also pointed out by Councilman Pape that if the fire engine had been here at the time of the big fire in June that the loss would not have been one fourth as great as it was. Mr. Pape also stated that it was getting impossible to sell property in town because people are getting afraid of fire and would not invest in property as a result.

The fire engine is the same one that was voted on at the election last June and will cost the city \$9,500, and City Attorney Treadgold said it would be necessary to vote general fund warrants for the engine and then pay them out of the general fund bonds. However in the case of the water question it would be necessary to vote special bonds as this had to do with municipal ownership of public utilities, while a fire engine is simply a proposition for the protection of the property interests of the people.

The vote of the council for both propositions, to submit the question of bonding the city for the extension of the water system and for the purchase of the fire engine was unanimous. Of course this does not mean that either proposition will carry but it is generally believed that the proposition to get a water supply will carry by a large majority as the experience of the people with the present supply in the past has not been very satisfactory. The experience of the past few days, when the water was being used to sluice down the hill side for the bulkhead back of the Ellingson, Neilson and Cooper property on Second St., East, has been such that it will probably induce them to vote for the water bonds.

### JOHN LISK PASSED AWAY TUESDAY NIGHT

John Lisk, whose serious illness was announced in Tuesday's Recorder died at the Emergency hospital Wednesday morning about 2:00 o'clock. Lisk had been suffering for some time with a serious case of cancer of the stomach, and was brought to the hospital Monday. But it was too late then to do anything for him.

Little is known of Lisk here, and although he was a member in good standing of an Odd Fellow's lodge in Spokane and often attended lodge here, he could never be induced to talk or give any information about his relatives or his past life and it is not known whether he had any relatives or friends at all. About three years ago, Lisk took up a homestead of 80 acres about three miles south of Bandon and has been living there since.

During his recent illness the local Odd Fellow's lodge has been looking after him and the funeral was conducted at the Bandon undertaking parlors yesterday under their auspices.

Attempt is being made to find out if possible whether the dead man has any relatives in any part of the country, but so far nothing has been learned. The only property he had left was his homestead and he had not yet proved up on that, however if his relatives can be found they would have the first opportunity to prove up on it but if not then the land will revert back to the government.

### PORT COMMISSION MEETING

The Port of Bandon Commission will hold its regular meeting for February in Coquille, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Immediately after arrival of the early morning boats from Bandon. The regular meetings of the Commission are held on the first Saturday in each month. The meetings in the odd numbered months are held in Bandon in Attorney G. T. Treadgold's office and the even numbered months they are held in Coquille, either in the city hall or the court house.

Since the above was put into type Port Attorney Treadgold informed the Recorder that owing to the fact that E. E. Johnson was away and that J. E. Norton had to be in Bandon anyway that the port meeting would be held in Bandon tomorrow instead of Coquille.

### COL. R. H. ROSA AND T. P. HANLEY RETURN.

Col. R. H. Rosa and T. P. Hanley of the Port of Bandon who have been at Portland and Seattle investigating the dredge proposition, returned last evening, and will report at the meeting of the Port Commission to be held in Atty. G. T. Treadgold's office tomorrow. In talking to a representative of the Recorder today Col. Rosa said they did not do anything definite but they had several propositions to submit to the Commissioners tomorrow.

Recorder readers are already familiar with the fact that an attempt is being made to get the Dredge Portland and other propositions have been investigated.

### LADIES' GUILD WILL HOLD RUMMAGE SALE

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church will hold a rummage sale in the vacant room of the first National Bank building, beginning Thursday, February 11th and continuing Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th. They will also serve refreshments in the afternoon of each day.

The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church and as it is a worthy cause it should receive the support of the general public.

### WILL OBSERVE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

Bandon Post, G. A. R. and affiliated organizations are making preparations to observe Lincoln's birthday and Union Defender's day, Friday, February 12th. They will first visit the high school in the forenoon and Rev. C. Mayne Knight will deliver an address to the school on "Lincoln and his Character and Achievements". There will also be other short talks and a short program by the school.

In the afternoon all organizations will visit the grades and Mayor Topping will deliver an address. A number of the old soldiers will also give short talks.

The mayor of Portland has issued a proclamation declaring this day as clean-up day, but many believe that so sacred a day as this should not be used in that way, but should be made a day of patriotism in which to do honor to the great leader.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. C. H. Hurley next Wednesday, February 10th. Visitors are cordially invited.

The plumbing shop of Joe Hattus was sold on writ of attachment yesterday afternoon, the sale being made to satisfy claim for back rent remaining unpaid.

## FIRE FIEND STILL ON THE RAMPAGE

### Two Houses Burned Tuesday Night. Mr. Beaulieu and W. Z. Dunmire, Victims

Tuesday night witnessed two more fires in Bandon and vicinity, one being the residence of P. J. Beaulieu, at the corner of Third Street and Harlem Ave., and the other the home of a rancher on China Creek, about three miles south of the city.

Mr. Beaulieu, who had been down town all evening, returned home about midnight and lighting a lamp started to set it on a shelf. There were papers on the shelf, which protruded over the edge and instead of getting the lamp on the shelf he set it on the papers. Falling to the floor the lamp exploded and Mr. Beaulieu rushed into the next room for a quilt with which to smother the flames, but when he returned the fire was beyond his control. Instead of turning in the alarm he busied himself in saving what few things he could.

It was not until the flames were shooting out of the roof that the alarm was turned by the night police, who saw the flames from the business section. The hose cart was rushed to the scene and under the direction of Chief Chas. Lorenz the fire was extinguished before the entire building was destroyed. Mr. Beaulieu had \$300 on the house and \$300 on the contents.

The China Creek house belonged to W. Z. Dunmire. It was a two story house and well built. Mr. Dunmire who is a bachelor, was in town all day the day of the fire and there had been no fire about the premises, consequently he does not know how the fire originated, but it looks very much like incendiaryism. Mr. Dunmire had \$800.00 insurance on the house and \$100.00 on the contents.

In Tuesday's Recorder we stated that there had been ten fires in Bandon since the big fire June 12 and the Tuesday night fire makes eleven and the China Creek fire was very close and might almost be classed as a town fire.

### She Edited the Recorder

The Recorder had the pleasure yesterday of a call from one of its former editors, Mrs. Robert Walker. A number of years ago, Mrs. Walker, with the assistance of Miss Blanche Bates, edited and published the Recorder for one whole month. Mrs. Walker has been a continuous subscriber to the Recorder since its first issue.

Pauline goes to the ocean bottom in a submarine—a real one—and is shot by her in collecting the water rents and looking after the office for the city during the first half of January.

## MAY AMEND CITY CHARTER

### Suggested at Council Meeting. Protest Dist. No. 6 Sewer Other City Hall Notes

City Attorney G. T. Treadgold, at the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening stated that among other things that should come up before the people at the city election next June was the amendment of a few sections of the city charter.

The council is anxious to do something to relieve the situation in the water supply is evident from the fact that City Engineer J. C. Sawyer was ordered to make a survey of Little creek to ascertain the possibilities for a water supply and a resolution was passed designating that the council would act as a committee of the whole to assist in the work.

The condition of the cesspool on the James Armstrong property on Douglas avenue was called to the attention of the council and the city health officer was ordered to investigate and order relief necessary.

The water committee was instructed to look into the matter where new water mains were needed and it is the intention to buy about 5,000 feet of new pipe to be used as needed. It was reported by the water bailiff, Fred Lorenzen that there were about nine city blocks that were being supplied by 3/4 inch mains and in some places these were corroded so that the water supply was very poor. It was decided by the council that these places should be looked after at once so that the people could be supplied with plenty of water. City Recorder Kausrud reported that some people in West Bandon had not been able to get any water since last Saturday.

There is a fact that should be understood by water users however, and that is, the committee is doing all in its power to remedy the situation but it is impossible to get everything adjusted in a day or two. It may take a month or two yet before conditions are all relieved but they will be as rapidly as possible.

A remonstrance against constructing a sewer in Sewer Dist. 6 was read. The remonstrance was signed by nearly all the property owners in the district and it was stated by some of those present that the sewer would not serve more than about eleven families and that the service would not justify the expense at the present time. This sewer district covers Edison venue and the streets leading into it and is sometimes known as the Edison Ave. Sewer district.

Plans and specifications for Sewer district No. 4 and No. 7 were submitted by the engineer and accepted by the council. Sewer District No. 7 comprises Seventh St. West from the manhole on Franklin avenue, west to the end of the street, and the engineer's estimate as to the cost of constructing the same, was \$1,164.76. Sewer Dist. No. 4, commences at Elmira and Eleventh St. and takes in Caroline St., Harlem Ave., the country road and a few other streets in that section of the city.

Councilman Pape, chairman of the special committee to look after the washout on Baltimore Ave. reported that the street should be repaired at once as there was danger of further damage and it might cost several times as much to fix it later on. It was decided, however, that with proper drainage of the spring under the street so as to stop the slide, the street would not get any worse and it could be repaired to better advantage later on, and possibly at less cost. The city engineer was authorized to put in the proper drainage.

The city engineer was ordered to have a few loads of dirt dumped at the west approach of the bridge on Fourth street West to protect the macadam that was put down last summer.

Miss Ethel Dyer was allowed \$10.00 additional salary for the work done by her in collecting the water rents and looking after the office for the city during the first half of January.

She had previously been allowed \$15.00.

The usual number of bills were allowed and the council then adjourned.

### MRS. C. M. SKEELS DIES AT JUNCTION CITY, ORE.

Word was received here today that Mrs. C. M. Skeels, mother of Mrs. Chas. Lorenz, of this city, died last evening at Junction City, Ore., where she had been visiting. Mrs. Skeels' home is at Coquille and she was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the town. She was also well known in Bandon and had many friends here.

Mrs. Henry Lorenz and Mrs. Geo. Lorenz came down from Coquille on the morning boat today and will accompany Mrs. Chas. Lorenz to Coquille tomorrow where the body will be brought for burial.

### TO RAISE BEAVER IN COOS COUNTY

State Game Warden Overton Dowell, Jr., has shipped one male and two female beavers to C. A. Lagerstrom at Marshfield. The three animals are to be placed on tracts of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company's land which has been made a state game reservation. They were captured on the Siuslaw river some miles above Florence in the State Game Reservation.

## LIGHT HOUSE MAY BE MOVED TO TOWN

### Letter to the Recorder From Congressman Hawley In- dicates This Change

Rumors that have been going the rounds to the effect that the Bandon lighthouse would be moved over to this side of the river, would seem to have confirmation in the following letter received by the Recorder yesterday from Congressman W. C. Hawley. The letter which is self explanatory follows:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28, 1915  
The Bandon Recorder,  
Bandon, Oregon:

My Dear Sirs:  
I take pleasure in advising you that late yesterday afternoon the House of Representatives passed a bill for the improvement of the light house service in which I had an item of \$6,000 for "improvement of aids to navigation at or near the entrance to Coquille river, Oregon."

With best wishes, I am  
Truly Yours,  
W. C. HAWLEY

### BASKETBALL SATURDAY. BANDON, MARSHFIELD

Bandon's fast aggregation of High School basketball players will lock horns with the team from the Marshfield High School at Dreamland Pavilion in this city Saturday evening, and the outcome is being watched with eagerness by local basketball fans for if the locals lose this contest it will take all championship chances from their grasp, but if they win they will still be in the running with good prospects of carrying off "the rag"

Those who go to the game will get to see a double header as the Bandon Has Beens will try to take the Second team from the high school to a trimming.

Unless the local boys show more class than they have been in practice during the last few days, they are more than apt to get the short end of the score. Marshfield, under the coaching of Roy Niles the Whitman College star, has developed a big burst of speed since the first game they played this season and are now tied with Bandon in the percentage column of the league. Each team has a percentage of 500. The game tomorrow evening will put one of the two in the league cellar.

It is probable that Coach Quigley will play the following line-up: Windsor, center; L. Pullen and Stoitz, forwards; Webb and Chaburn, guards.

It is understood that the basketball game will not interfere in any way with the regular Saturday night dance at the pavilion.

## RIVER BOATMEN GET VACATIONS

### Federal Inspectors, After two Days Consideration, Sus- pend Licenses 20 Months

As result of the investigation of the recent troubles between captains and engineers of the Coquille river Transportation Co. and the Myrtle Point Transportation Co., by inspectors Edwards and Fuller of Portland, the local inspectors for the U. S. government, the papers of Captains Walter and Allen Panter and Engineer Wm. Panter of the Myrtle Point Transportation Co., and Captain O. R. Willard and Engineer Elmer Willard of the Coquille River Transportation Co. were taken away from them for a period of 20 months during which time all of the above named parties are forbidden from navigating boats on the Coquille river or elsewhere. The decision of the inspectors was handed down Wednesday after a trial which lasted two days.

Recorder readers are familiar with the causes that lead up to the investigation. There has been bad blood between the boat men for some time and a collision of the Dora and Charm about two weeks ago was followed by results that brought the matter to a focus and the investigation followed. Both parties claimed that the other was to blame and the consequence is that the same penalty was meted out to both parties.

The fact that these men will be off their boats for so long a time is a matter of regret to the people of this vicinity as they were all held in high esteem. It is regretted that they let their tempers get away with them at inopportune times. Now they will have to hire men to take their places during the twenty months when they can not navigate their boats for themselves.

The Telegraph, which was in charge of Captain Walter Panter is still on the run with Harvey Dunbar as captain but the Charm has been laid up since Tuesday waiting the arrival of an engineer from the North, when she will be on the run regularly again.

### JAMES WATSON IS COOS COUNTY JUDGE

Judge John F. Hall has resigned and Governor Withycomb has appointed James Watson, county judge of Coos County in the report received from Salem yesterday. This will now put an end to the delay of the work of the county court which has been held up because it was not known who was judge. Nobody will be more pleased that the matter is now settled than will the court itself. As they have been held up for so long a time, the proposition of the county judge election has been discussed so much in the papers that everybody is familiar with it.

### PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE ACT AT THE GRAND THEATER

When a vaudeville team can command a salary of \$100 per week they must be able to deliver the goods. In securing Dale and Long Manager Sellmer can positively state that this act is the best that has appeared in Bandon for a long time and is sure to win favor with any audience.

Dale and Long will appear in songs and dances and comic monologues that will create spontaneous applause from the audience. These entertainers are in a class that seldom visit this section of Oregon and although the salary paid them, \$100 per week is rather high, we feel assured that liberal patronage will warrant our going to the expense of securing these people who are sure to please. Don't fail to attend the show next Saturday and Sunday nights.

The Perils of Pauline No. 18 will be exhibited Saturday night in connection with the vaudeville act—four rolls of entertaining film. Admission 10-20 cents.