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## RECEIVER IN CONTROL OF THE C. A. SMITH COMPANY

### Re-adjustment of Affairs of the Big Lumber Company Made Necessary by Stringency in the Money Market. Mill at Marshfield To Be Continued in Operation

Like a bolt out of the clear sky came the announcement Wednesday that the large lumbering interests of the C. A. Smith Co., centering at Marshfield had been turned over to the creditors of the concern.

The Marshfield papers are very guarded in their reference to the event but the opinion prevails that the action is made to readjust the financial affairs of the company and that the big mill on the bay will not be forced to close down. Concerning the matter, the Coos Bay Times says: "C. A. Smith, head of the C. A. Smith Lumber company, and numerous subsidiary companies in California and Oregon, has placed his business affairs in the hands of his creditors, according to an announcement today.

His holdings are reported to be worth \$15,000,000. Mr. Smith is now in Chicago, seeking a re-adjustment. Inability to pay interest on \$5,000,000 for which the Smith companies are bonded, is the chief reason for the transfer of the business affairs. The C. A. Smith Company, the principal creditor, has offices here and yards and mills at Oakland, Bay Point and Marshfield, Oregon."

The above is Associate Press report sent out from San Francisco, and commenting on it the Times says: "The statement that Mr. Smith's holdings are reported to be worth about \$15,000,000 is evidently an error as several years ago his holdings were rated at over \$15,000,000, so that the \$5,000,000 bond issue was comparatively small. In addition to his immense timber holdings in Oregon, California and in Minnesota, he is said to have some of the most valuable copper lands in Wisconsin.

"It is understood that the change will not affect his business locally, as it is merely in connection with the financial end that it applies.

"For some time it has been stated that the Smith interests have been made the butt of keen attacks by rival concerns in the lumber trade in San Francisco, and it is understood that some of the rival concerns will probably try to put a wrong interpretation on it. Despite the keen competition the Smith company has become the biggest operator in the San Francisco market."

For some time the report has been current in lumber circles that Mr. Smith has been working to make this change in his financial affairs in the hopes of unifying and placing his business on a more substantial basis.

During the past nine months, while the lumber market has been at a standstill, the big Smith mill has been running all the time. That there has been a deficit connected with the operation is suspected and this may partially account for the action coming at this time.

The report that the mill will continue in operation is reassuring as its closing down would not only be a severe blow to Marshfield but to all of this section of Oregon as well.

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

The next meeting of the Teacher-Parents association of the Bandon public schools will be held in the high school building next Thursday, Feb. 18th. The following is the program: "Within My Heart a Song I Found," "My Old Kentucky Home"—Ladies' Glee Club.

"Proper Choice of Reading Material"—Miss Henry  
Vocal Solo—Professor Richards  
"Literature for Children"—Miss Rodgers  
Piano Solo—Mrs. Barackman  
Reading—Mr. Averill

All in any way interested in the progress of the schools are invited to attend.

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### WILL PETITION COUNCIL FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

Petitions are being circulated among the business men of Bandon and will be presented at the next meeting of the city council Wednesday evening asking for improvements in the fire alarm system and a more efficient method of handling the chemical apparatus which the city now owns.

During the last nine months we have had 14 fires in the city and the chemical engine has been on the scene but once. No adequate means of handling the machine accounts for the uselessness of the machine. Except in the business part of the city it is impossible for the chemical to be hauled to the scene in its present shape. No horses are provided to draw it and it is too cumbersome to be handled by hand. During the fire which destroyed the house of Chas. Peterson last fall the chemical was hitched to the rear of an automobile with disastrous results; the wagon was overturned and put out of commission. In the fire last night, attempt was made to drag the apparatus up the hill. It did not even get a good start.

Briefly stated, the proposition which the business men will put up to the council is that the council purchase an auto truck and mount the present chemical apparatus on it. This truck would be kept in a convenient place and every member of the police force instructed in its operation, so that it would be ready for action at any moment. The chemical apparatus as it now stands has a capacity of 80 gallons, sufficient to quench quite a fire if rushed to the scene.

An alarm bell of sufficient size and mounted in such a place that it can be heard in all parts of the city, is the second improvement which the committee of business men will ask. The present excuse for an alarm they say, can not be heard the length of First Street on a windy night and would not wake the lightest sleeper a block away.

### Lets Tie Timber Contract

Herbert Lockhart, a capitalist of Marshfield was in Bandon this week and we understand that one of our local citizens got a contract for a large tract of timber for tie purposes, for the coming summer from him.

### ANNUAL BALL

Saturday evening of this week the Bandon chapter of the L. O. O. M. will hold their annual ball at the Dreamland Pavilion and the affair promises to excel all their former dances in the way of brilliancy and joviality. O. W. Gibson, Harry Pierce Leslie Cornwall, Alvin Munk and I. C. Zeh are the committee that have been appointed to have entire charge of the affair and under them are such sub-committees as they see fit to appoint and have use for. The dancing, to music furnished by Kausrud's orchestra in its entirety, will begin promptly at nine thirty and during the evening punch will be served by the lodge.

### RE-HEARING ASKED

District Attorney Liljeqvist is having his brief printed in which he asks the Supreme Court for a rehearing in the case against the Port of Bandon. It seems that the failure of a certain attorney to file a certain plat as he agreed, caused the Supreme Court to overlook the very important fact that the boundaries of the port, as voted on, took in a considerable portion of the Coos Bay watershed, and Mr. Liljeqvist relies on this as a strong point in the case.—Coquille Herald.

County Judge James Watson is reported on the sick list this week.

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### MORE FIRE PROTECTION

Interviews With Prominent Bandonians on the Subject

"We have no fire protection," exclaimed "Bill" Selmer, owner of the Grand Theatre, when asked what he had to suggest in the matter of improving Bandon's fire protection.

"If we are going to have a system of fire fighting the first thing we must have is an efficient fire alarm system. At the present time half of the town could be burned up during the night and not over a dozen people know anything about it. Along with an alarm system we should have a chemical apparatus that can be on the scene five minutes after the fire is discovered. Mr. Savage representative for the LaFrance Fire Engine Company has stated that 90 per cent of the fires in large cities are put out by chemical engines, because of their ability to reach the blaze before it has gained a headway.

"It is foolish to think of purchasing a big auto pumping engine. In the first place it could not be used on the hill because in the winter it could not be taken off from the paved or plank streets."

### LOCALS TO PLAY AT MYRTLE POINT

#### Coach Quigley and Band of Hopefuls Start Last Lap in Championship Series

Coach Quigley and eight of his basketball hopefuls left on the early boat this morning for Myrtle Point to meet the quintette from that school on their home floor this evening.

Equally important as was the contest with the Marshfield five last week is this game, for should Bandon lose this game the chances to land the championship are about gone. Coquille, having played one more game than the local boys, is leading the league with Bandon in second place. Coquille meets Marshfield at the bay this evening and according to the dope they are scheduled to lose and if Bandon pulls out to the good in their contest at Myrtle Point, there will still be a fighting chance to carry away the pennant. Only a fighting chance however, for should the local boys win tonight and Coquille lose, the local boys will have to tuck away every game during the rest of the series in order to come out on top, unless Coquille should meet with another defeat, a trick which Quigley's five bid fair to accomplish on the local floor.

As yet, little is known locally of the strength of the North Bend team as they have only played two games in the league schedule, both of which they lost.

Windsor at center, Stoltz and Leslie Pullen as forwards and Webb and Chathurn at guards will open the game tonight, while Ivan Pullen Harold Johnson and Myers will await the emergency call on the bench. They are due to win even though playing on a strange floor, judging from the fact that they defeated these same opponents 36 to 12 here at home and the Marshfield team which took the short end of the score here Saturday evening, beat Myrtle Point 20 to 17.

### W. C. T. U. PROGRAM

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Ella Nelson, Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 2:30, p. m. This is the Francis Willard Memorial day and all are invited to be present. The following is the program: Devotional—Mrs. Philpott  
Business meeting  
Life of Francis Willard  
Quotations from Francis Willard or A. Lincoln, by each member  
Music—Mrs. C. McAlister and Miss Kate Chathurn  
Current events—Mrs. Anna Dyer  
Reading—Lecture of Abraham Lincoln, delivered in 1842  
Closing

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### MORE TROUBLE FOR BOATMEN

#### Dispute as to What Constitutes a Navigator's License. May Lose Same

Should the assertion of Harry J. Kimball, United States Collector of Customs at Marshfield be true, the Myrtle Point Transportation Company has laid itself liable to two fines of \$100 apiece for operating the seamers Dora and Telegraph without the licenses of the captains aboard.

Following the suspension of the license of Captain T. W. Panter and Captain Allen Panter by Steamboat Inspectors Fuller and Edwards at the hearing in Coquille recently, the Telegraph and Dora continued on the run with new masters in charge. Mr. Kimball states that according to the law the new captains cannot take charge until their papers have been examined and approved by the representative of the steamboat inspectors and the papers must be on the boat during its operation.

"I have the license for both the Dora and the Telegraph in my office," said Mr. Kimball in an interview with the Coos Bay Times. "The boats are not supposed to operate until the new captains have been sanctioned by me and the owners to operate their boats temporarily without these papers, but in this case this permission has not been asked and would not have been granted anyway."

Walter Panter former captain of the Telegraph, has a different view of the matter and a different tale to tell.

"My understanding of the matter is that a new master has five days of grace in which to have his papers approved and take the master's oath" he said "It is not our fault that the papers were not aboard the boat. Immediately after my license was revoked Captain Dunham, now master of the Telegraph, sent his papers to Mr. Kimball to be approved and they were lying in his office all the time. I do not think in just that we should have to discontinue our service to the public while the papers are being held in Mr. Kimball's office.

"Mr. Kimball's interview with the Coos Bay Times is dated February 9 and I have here a letter from Mr. Kimball dated on the 8th, in which was inclosed the oath to be administered to the new master. Nothing is said in the letter about any violation of the law. The letter bears out Mr. Panter's statement.

Mr. Kimball has forwarded an account of the case to Inspectors Edwards and Fuller, who will determine what to be done about the matter.

### A Temporary Setback

The West Shore Oil company, operating on the Coos-Curry county line about 15 miles from Bandon, by the way the crow flies, and about 20 by wagon road, is held up temporarily awaiting an additional installment of casing, which will weigh several tons. The transportation of the casing from Bandon to the well will be by wagon and team of course and depend on the condition of the roads. They will probably be held up for several weeks after which work will be continued.

Wm. Sorensen who teams for E. B. Thrift between Bandon and Langlois had a bad accident one day this week. He was driving half way between Bandon and Langlois when he passed a donkey engine, operating a ditching machine. The safety valve of the engine blew off just as Sorensen was opposite it and his team became frightened. The leaders wheeled so they were no longer responsive to the reins and started to run away. Two of the horses were dragged a short distance, the reach of the wagon was broken and one of the horses was injured sufficiently to put it out of commission for a while.

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### THE GOVERNMENT WIRELESS

Arno Meehan has received a letter from Lieutenant McConnell of the U. S. navy, recently here looking for a site for a wireless station, asking written confirmation of a number of things. Among them is the cost of electricity, of phone and water service and cost of transportation. He also specifies in his letter that the government requires an absolute title to a site. The site he desires is near the Smith mill, his plan being to utilize one of the tall smoke stacks for one of the masts, erecting one mast and making provisions for another if necessary. The company can meet all the requirements except to cede the site, which is about 350x450 feet, free. The cost of this will be ascertained and the matter referred to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. The plan was to move the Cape Blanco station here as the cost of taking supplies to Cape Blanco is prohibitive. The government requires that wireless stations be at least seven miles inland. They handle a commercial business as well as government business although they do not solicit the former.

—Coos Bay Times

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason Tuesday

### SAYS DOCK WAS FLIMSILY BULDED

#### A Few Plain Facts From Port Orford Citizen. New Dock will be Stronger.

We publish the following communication from a resident of Port Orford relative to the destruction of the dock at that port recently.

Port Orford, Feb. 9th.—On Monday morning the Port Orford wharf was washed away. The wharf was only built last summer. The wharf the new one replaced, held for 28 years. At the time the new wharf was built many old Port Orford residents persistently criticised the manner in which the piles were driven and declared the wharf would not stand a severe storm. Mr. Dyer Leneve, who drove many of the piles for the wharf was very active in urging that the people having the wharf built should insist on the contractors driving the piling more solidly but his advice was neglected.

Port Orford people are enterprising and a new wharf will be built promptly. But the people of the town declare that the new wharf will have to be built strongly.

### PROF. TURNBOW TO BE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The school board at their meeting Tuesday night, elected as superintendent of the Bandon schools for next year, Prof. Turnbow, principal of the Coquille schools. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B. A. degree and Mrs. Turnbow, we have heard is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Other teachers will be elected within the next four or six weeks.

### DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

The sparkling comedy-drama entitled "The Old Country Aunt's Visit to the City" will be given by Seaside circle, No. 662 of Women of Woodcraft, at the Grand Wednesday night, Feb. 17th. Following is the

### CAST

Aunt Peabody.... Mrs. Anna Tucker  
Eleanor and Hattie, her nieces.....  
Ruth Burkhart and Delpha Langlois  
Marian, a friend, visiting.....  
..... Otilie Lewin

Mrs. J. B. Sowash left here Saturday to join her husband at Springfield after several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stitt.—Monmouth Herald.

Circuit Judge Coke, is holding a short term of equity at Coquille this week, to hear a few cases which were not ready for trial during January. This will practically end the business for this term opening the fourth Monday in April. Mr. Geo. P. Topping had legal business before the court Wednesday.

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### YET ANOTHER BANDON BLAZE

#### Store Building and Stock of Shields & Jackson Suffer In Last Midnight Fire

The City Grocery on Oregon Avenue, Haden Jackson and John Shields proprietors, is temporarily out of business following the fire which early this morning did damage to the extent of \$4,000 to their stock and fixtures and the rear end and roof of the building. The building was the property of J. M. Baker, who lives just south of the city and who did not learn of his loss until late today.

Shortly after midnight parties coming out of the C. G. Garotte residence discovered the flames issuing from the roof of the store-room in the rear of the building. The news spread quickly in the neighborhood and within a few minutes water was playing on the building from a garden hose and a short section of fire hose attached to the hydrant in front of the Stephenson residence. With this meagre outfit the flames were kept confined to the rear of the building, out on account of the shortness of the heavy hose line the main body of the flame could not be reached. The building was equipped with a sprinkling system on the roof and this was soon brought into action, preventing outbreaks through the roof.

By this time it looked as if the Western Home apartments which are but three feet north of the building, must go, and a number of those who had gathered, assisted in removing the contents from that house. By the time the flames broke through the roof of the store, everything had been taken from the adjoining building as well as from the front room of the store. Bottles of catsup, canned goods, matches, glass ware, dried fruits, kerosene, sugar and every thing else in the stock of a well equipped grocery store were mixed together in piles where they had been dumped by the salvagers. Worse than that some of these piles were in the center of Oregon avenue jocularly known to the residents of that section as "the canal."

Arrival of more men and hose from the business district made the problem of controlling the fire an easy one and it was checked at the partition between the storehouse and the front room when a second stream of water was brought into action. Had there been twenty-five feet of hose more available when the fire was first discovered it could have been extinguished with a loss of not more than two or three hundred dollars.

Jackson & Shields carried a stock valued at \$5,000 and the fixtures were worth \$1,200 more. Between the fire, smoke and water, the loss will run well over \$3,000. Considerable of what was taken out of the building was damaged to such an extent as to be a total loss and none of the goods saved are in first class condition. Their insurance carried by Dippel & Wolverton, of which there was \$2,700 on the stock and \$800 on the fixtures will just about cover the actual loss. As soon as the building can be repaired or another location found, the firm will reopen for business.

It is not known whether Mr. Baker carried any insurance on the building which was damaged about \$600.

The cause of the blaze is unknown as is usually the case with Bandon fires. Evidently it started close to the floor of the left in the store-room but whether it was set by rats carrying matches, from a stove pipe which went through a partition here, or from other causes has not yet and probably never will be determined.

### Still After Him

E. H. Blackerly, local constable, armed with a warrant of arrest from a local court, went up to Myrtle Point the first of the week looking for a suspicious character. But the other fellow saw him first, and the constable is still lookin'.

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