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DID WE GET IT? WE DID. APPROPRIATION FOR HARBOR

Rivers and Harbors Bill Provides for Coquille Work. Contract for Dredging River Let by Port Commission. To Make Channel to Coquille Ten Feet Deep

Work on the Bandon harbor and Coquille river is now assured. Government Engineer Wright has received word from the Portland office, that the appropriation has been granted and that the harbor work will continue as per original schedule.

In addition, the port commission of Bandon let a contract at Coquille Saturday to the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company of Seattle for the dredging of the river from Bandon to Coquille. This contract provides for a channel 10 feet deep and 120 feet wide from Coquille to the river bend near Bandon and for a channel 12 feet deep and 180 feet wide from there to the sea. The dredging required will be for a depth of two feet for twenty-two of the twenty-six miles of river while four miles, composed of shoals will require dredging to a greater depth.

The price agreed upon is 18 cents for each of 100,000 cubic yards of dredging per month, the dredge working 24 hours per day and Sundays. If the cubic yards of material removed from the river should run to 200,000 in one month, the price is to be 12 cents per yard, for yardages between these two the cost per yard is to be proportional. It is estimated that the price will be about 15 cents per yard for the work actually done. The company is to receive \$25 per hour for all delays caused by the commission but must build all necessary bulkheads. This is probably a fair price in view of the great distance covered and the small depth dredged for most of the way. The cost of the work is not to be less than \$29,000 or more than \$50,000. The first \$25,000 must be paid in cash, the second \$25,000 with the Port's note and all sums above that sum will be paid half in cash and half by note.

This involves about \$150,000 expenditure on the river and harbor this summer. Roy Miller, who has charge of the dredge, Seattle, now in Coos Bay, expects to move to the Coquille river about May 1st. He is under contract to move as soon as the Bay work is completed and the weather and the tides permit.

The government engineers have practically completed the harbor survey and the location of the bulkheads. The preliminary construction work is in charge of Spec Patterson. The work is being rushed. They are now driving piling at the Brewer wharf, which will serve as a foundation for the stiff leg of the derrick that will handle the rock. The sidewalk on the tramways is torn up and the tram way will be finished by the first of May. At that time the quarry will be opened up ready for the removal of the rock.

Aid Society Elects Officers

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society held their annual election of officers last Wednesday, March 3rd. Mrs. Langdell was elected president, Mrs. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Fehender, vice president and Mrs. Smith treasurer. They will meet again tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. L. C. Gibson.

J. A. Bowman arrived in Langlois last week and spent a few days in town attending to business. Mr. Bowman, in speaking of the great possibilities of his section, says: There is a stream running through his place which will soon be harnessed and converted into power to furnish electricity for lighting and mill purposes. He states that a site has been selected and that work will be begun some time this summer. Mr. Bowman has found an ideal spot where a dam can be constructed at a minimum cost and the now waste water will furnish light and power for the people of the hills and other vicinities.—Curry County Leader

Small Blaze Causes Small Damage

A fire occurred Thursday night at the new house Obed Barrows is building on 9th street, west. It was discovered on Friday morning that fire had started in a pile of old rags that were saturated with turpentine. The fire, luckily for all concerned, burned itself out after burning a hole through the porch floor.

Big Fish Caught

Port Orford, Oregon, March 9th.—Last Sunday Percy H. Poole and Charlie Long went deep sea fishing from Port Orford in a sixteen ft. row boat. Among the fish caught they landed a rock cod weighing nearly thirty pounds. The fishermen caught the cod three miles from Port Orford and from the look of the wind they must have had a hard pull to get back to port.

PENTLAND'S STORY NOW TO BE TESTED

Myrtle Point Murder Case Awaits Coming of Man Arrested in Idaho.

Now that Clarence Russell and wife of Myrtle Point poisoning case fame are in the county jail, charged with the murder of the former's brother, and officers are on their way with Pentland, the complaining witness from the town in Idaho where he was arrested, people are beginning to inquire who Pentland is and how much credence should be given to his testimony.

One account is that Pentland came to the home of the Russell's as a tramp and he worked there as a farm hand. It was shortly after his discharge that he made his startling charges and disappeared. He was a new comer to the county and his antecedents are alleged to be unknown. He appears to be one of those foul minded men who smirch everything and everybody they talk about with the filth of their own thoughts.

Speaking of Mrs. Russell the Coquille Sentinel says:

Russell is apparently about forty years of age and his wife perhaps five years younger. They both look like hard working people, although the woman appears to be the stronger and more vigorous of the two. This is verified by the scales, as while she looks to be about 135 pounds weight, they show that she tips the beam at 185. From what we have heard of her we expected to find Mrs. R. a "hard looking" woman, but despite her very positive statements at the time her brother-in-law's remains were first disinterred, which led the officials to request her to stay away the second time, there is nothing about her appearance that would in any way prejudice any one against her. Indeed she is a niece of the late Orville Dodge, who was the author of the Coos-Curry history and a few years ago, the editor and proprietor of the Sentinel. Mrs. Russell uses good language and appears to be of more than average intelligence.

She has been accustomed to doing her own housework, taking care of her children, and like so many other of the dairymen's wives, assisting also in the milking of the cows on the ranch. Now she feels that she must be doing something and began by trimming all of Mr. Dunham's rose bushes. She also proposes to do all the work she can in planting the garden and caring for it this spring.

A Timely Suggestion

Frank B. Tichenor is in Bandon with offices at the Gallier.

Mr. Tichenor is booming Port Orford and will sell lots in that future metropolis. His optimism and energy are refreshing and he makes an admirable booster. He comes forward with the suggestion that the different towns of Coos county and Curry form an association composed of representative men from each place, the object of such an association to be the mutual advancement of the two counties.

Don't forget the meeting of the commercial club tonight. If the club can have its way, it would have all the wheels of industry in town running, and then add a few more wheels to these. You should at least commend the club for its laudable purpose and be present.

PICKED UP BUOY TOOK IT TO SEA

Steamer Grace Dollar Left the Harbor with an Unusual Tow in Her Wake

In passing out over the bar Wednesday night the Grace Dollar picked up the buoy just inside the bar, along with the chain and anchor with which it was secured. Just how the accident occurred is not known but it is supposed that in order to escape the shoal on the north side of the channel, the Grace swung too far to the south. With one propeller out of commission it was not thought safe to return to port and all efforts to dislodge the heavy buoy at sea were unsuccessful. A boat was lowered as soon as the Grace was safely over the bar but, on account of the heavy sea nothing could be done and Captain Fosen headed for Port Orford hoping to find calm water there.

The Grace passed out shortly after midnight in tow of the Klyhyam and the tug stayed with her until three o'clock in the morning. Either the heavy weight must have shaken loose or was released at Port Orford, for the Speedwell reported that she saw the Grace near Rogue river proceeding on her way as usual.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

The Speedy Patsy

The Patsy surprised herself by beating the Elizabeth to San Francisco the last trip down. The Patsy made the trip down in 24 hours while the Elizabeth consumed 36 hours of time on the same distance.

The steamer Bandon acted as an alarm clock Tuesday morning. She came into the river just before day break and with a brace of prolonged blasts from her whistle announcing her arrival managed to waken every sleeper within a mile distance.

Elizabeth Arrives

The Elizabeth arrived Monday morning just before day break from San Francisco. She had besides her usual load of merchandise the following passengers: W. W. Wilcox, Mrs. J. Wilcox, Merle Wilcox, Miss McIntosh, D. E. Jackson, J. L. Kronenberg, J. L. Lewellen, Elizabeth Lewellen, Joe Waltner, Adolph Mechler.

The Speedwell planned to leave Sunday but was bar bound and was not able to leave before Monday morning carrying 14,000 cedar ties, 50,000 feet of lumber, 100 piles and 100 telegraph poles. These are to be delivered to the Santa Fe railroad at San Diego the Estabrook company being the shippers.

John C. Kendall of Marshfield was in Bandon Monday night and incidentally met with the officers of the commercial club. He desired to find out what the attitude of the Bandon people is toward the re-opening of the Bandon woolen mill.

Ed Meyers was in Marshfield the latter part of the week.

WEEKLY FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

House Occupied by Orville Counts Consumed in Friday's Midnight Blaze

Another midnight fire occurred in Bandon Friday night of last week. A cottage belonging to Jack Counts burned to the ground destroying all its contents. The house was occupied by Orville Counts and family. When Mrs. Counts arose at midnight to attend a sick baby, she dropped a lamp. The fire spread so rapidly that nothing was saved except a couple of garments and every timber of the house was consumed by noon Saturday.

The house was insured with E. E. Oakes in the Hartford Insurance Co. for \$500. A speedy settlement was made. Mr. Oakes telegraphed San Francisco at 11 A. M. Saturday and received a reply from Portland at 3:45 p. m. that the fire loss was to be settled next week.

Jack Counts had also insured his furniture in the house for \$500 but he moved it last fall without notifying the agent Orville Counts had no insurance on his furniture which was in the house at the time of the fire and suffered a complete loss.

Very few fires do as complete a job as this one. There is not a particle of partly burned timber nor any debris left. A small pile of ashes is the entire residue. The house was in a rather isolated situation on a hillside making aid from the neighbors difficult.

BANDON TO ERECT GYMNASIUM

When Bonds are Voted Down Three Times, Private Subscriptions Furnish Funds For Building

The following is from the Coos Bay Times for March 8th.

Though three times she has voted down bonds for a school gymnasium Bandon is going to have such a building in spite of the fact. Funds to the sum of \$900 have already been promised by private subscription, according to Coach Harold Quigley of the Bandon high school basketball team. To this will be added \$1,000 more, profit for the season's games and the structure will be erected at once.

Plans have already been drawn. Some carpenters have promised their work in lieu of money, others will work half time and in every way aid the boys in erecting their first gymnasium.

The building will cost approximately \$1500 when completed and will furnish a place for teams to practice, eliminating the need of paying rental for a makeshift gymnasium.

Too much bonds have already been voted to allow a gymnasium this year, thought the people of Bandon and thereupon Mr. Quigley set about securing the necessary funds. He found that the people stood back of him. In three weeks the entire subscription of \$900 was made and the building became a reality.

It had been proposed to place a manual training shop in one section of the gym, provided the bond issue had carried. Bandon has not yet secured manual training although according to Mr. Quigley this is a possibility for next year.

The Man Who Are Assessing

County Assessor Thrift has his force of deputies organized and at work making the valuation of the property in Coos County for 1915. Mr. Thrift himself is at Marshfield this week, and he expects to personally look after business in Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle Point also. C. J. Furhop of Lakeside, has the north end of the county to take care of. Chas. H. Dungan, of Coos River, will do the work east of the bay. R. L. Weekly of Myrtle Point has the upper Coquille and its forks to go over. A. B. Collier, of the assessor's office, has the lower Coquille and the section south of Bandon as his territory. Peter Loggie will make the figures for his own city, North Bend. Geo. N. Bolt will have charge at Marshfield after Mr. Thrift leaves—Coquille Sentinel

A SERMON AT THE ORPHEUM

Rev. C. Mayne Knight to institute innovation by Preaching Down Town On Next Sunday Evening

The Rev. C. Mayne Knight announces that he will preach in the Orpheum theater next Sunday evening at 7:30.

A great deal has been said about the moral problems of the times. Mr. Knight will tell what he thinks about the failure of the church to meet solution of the problem. He will speak his convictions without reservation. Those who think the church is all right, if there are any such, are especially welcome; and those who think it is all wrong, are also kindly invited.

LOST TWO GAMES IN SUCCESSION

Defeats for Bandon Basketball Team Puts Crimp in Championship Hopes

It was bitter medicine, the dose administered to the local basketball team at North Bend and Marshfield last week Friday and Saturday nights.

The contest at North Bend was close as the score, 24 to 19 indicates but the affair at Marshfield on the following evening had no such redeeming qualities. The score there was 26 to 8. In both games the Bandon players won the commendation of their opponents for their steady consistent work. The fact is Bandon's double defeat may probably be laid at the door of that jinx that handicaps the away-from-home player. The home team were familiar with the floor and the resulting self confidence carried them to victory.

In order to figure a chance still for Bandon in the championship it will be necessary for North Bend to defeat Marshfield and for the powers in authority to decide the protested Myrtle Point-Bandon game in favor of the locals.

The following is the line up at North Bend.—

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| Bandon | North Bend |
| I. Pullen, f | Hart, f |
| L. Pulen, f | Holmes, f |
| Windsor, c | Bowen, c |
| Chatburn, g | Mende, g |
| Armstrong, Webb, g | Russell, g |

At Marshfield they lined up thus:

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| Marshfield | Bandon |
| Leoc, c | Windsor, c |
| Seaman, f | L. Pullen, f |
| Watters, f | I. Pullen, f |
| McDonald, g | Chatburn, g |
| Chapman, g | Webb, Armstrong, g |

LIVED LONGER THAN EXPECTED

Henry Millers Money Did Not Last Out His One Hundred Years

Henry Miller, 100 years old on Jan. 10th, died at the county poor farm last week. For years he was a small rancher on Larson inlet and it was less than a year ago that he gave up trying to make his own living.

He lived in the neighborhood of Coos Bay for 60 years and owned an 80 acre farm. He sold the farm a few years ago and figured that the proceeds would last him as long as he should live. But he miscalculated the living part a trifle and lived longer than he had anticipated. His money failed him and a year ago he had to apply to the county for assistance. Mr. Miller was born in Germany in 1815 and left home when a youth to follow the sea. He left his ship in Coos Bay in 1857 just after the Rogue river Indian war. He later married an Indian woman and it is not known that they had any children.

They adopted a half breed girl and raised her but she is believed to be dead.

The traveling men in our burg have been unusually numerous the last few days. They are like the robin and the lark—the first sure harbingers of Spring.

Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird was in Bandon yesterday with papers for some unfortunate's bank account, whose name of course he did not divulge.

PREPARING STATE FOR PROHIBITION

Address by State Lecturer G. A. Taylor in Bandon Sunday. Problems to Meet

More people did not vote a tall on the prohibition question in 1912 than the combined forces that voted for and against the dry proposition. So asserted George W. Taylor, state lecturer for the Anti-Saloon league in Bandon Sunday. He made two addresses in the city; in the Presbyterian church in the forenoon and in the M. E. church in the evening.

Continuing, he said that the Anti-Saloon league and the temperance forces analyzed these figures and came to the conclusion that the reason they had been badly beaten was that their friends had stayed at home while the liquor forces had all turned out. They figured that the 97,000 votes against the proposition represented the full vote of the liquor people; that they had all voted, while the stay-at-home vote was mostly favorable to the anti-liquor cause. So a determined effort was made to get out this stay-at-home vote. The result was that while the liquor vote by the expenditure of a vast sum of money was increased by 3,000 votes to 100,000 against, the anti-liquor vote through personal efforts in getting out the vote, was increased by 70,000 votes, more than doubled, and thereby won the contest.

The speaker told of the work in the legislature to get a satisfactory statute, relative to the enforcement of the law. The most difficult thing was to get the legislature to limit the amount allowed for personal use. The law as finally passed by the legislature makes the limit 2 quarts of whiskey or 30 quarts of beer. These allowances are made according to a decision of the United States Supreme Court which has decided that the state can not prohibit entirely an individual from receiving intoxicants when shipped in from another state. Under the new law, the amount each can receive is limited as above stated. Each consignee must sign a voucher for the receipt of the liquor and each month these receipts are placed on file in the office of the county clerk at the county seat where any person can go and inspect them. Thus any one who desires can keep posted as to who is receiving the liquor that is shipped in to the state. It is expected that this will be of material service in combating the blind pigs and bootleggers who are bound to spring up in the trail of the proclamation of prohibition.

Mr. Taylor displayed a map of Oregon on which he showed the towns which were wet at the time of the passage of the prohibition act. These were especially thick in the section of northeast Oregon where the sheriffs and the judges and prosecuting attorneys are in many instances, favorable to the liquor cause and where the work of enforcing the law will be very difficult. It is essential, asserted the lecturer that a strong effort be made to enforce the law for the referendum gives the anti-liquor forces the right to bring up the question of repealing the enforcing laws at any time and they also have the right to have the whole "dry" question placed before the people at the election in November of next year. If they can repeal the enforcement laws or nullify them in any way, they will be able to say that prohibition does not prohibit, that it is a failure and since that is the case the state might as well have the revenue that comes from the business rather than allow it to go to the enrichment of California.

Mr. Taylor said that Portland was the largest city where it had ever been attempted to enforce prohibition. All of these were some of the reasons he concluded, why the anti-liquor forces should be up and doing to see that the work they accomplished in the election last fall is not allowed to slip away from them.

The automobiles around Coquille, we are told, are venturing out somewhat on the country roads, and incidentally traveling occasionally under horse power on the return trip.