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## WOOLEN MILL TOPIC OF TALK

### Commercial Club At Second Meeting Advises Burying the Little Hammer

The Bandon Commercial Club met at the city hall Tuesday night with all officers and a good attendance present, as well as some visitors from different parts of the county. The reports of the different committees showed that within a week's time there was enrolled a membership of about fifty members with the committee's work still incomplete. Also that a considerable amount of correspondence had been taken care of during that time, and that the executive committee had held several meetings and taken up matters looking towards new business for Bandon.

The principal feature of the evening was the presence of John C. Kendall of Marshfield, representing E. H. Tryon, principal holder of the Bandon Woolen Mill and he stated that it was their desire to interest outside parties in the mill. That most all woolen mills are running now to their full capacity, night and day, and that the manufacture of woolen fabrics is now especially profitable. That before approaching a prospective purchaser he was desirous of knowing in a general way what the sentiment of the Bandon people is.

Two things are desired—moral support and financial support, particularly the former. A prospective buyer will in all probability look the proposition over and the Bandon people not be aware of his presence in the city. When talking to strangers Bandon people should be particularly careful to conceal a hammer advised Mr. Kendall.

It seems to be the desire of all members to co-operate in this way.

As to the financial phase, various plans were discussed and at least one very feasible plan was argued which would no doubt be very favorable to a prospective purchaser. It is the intention of the club and the mill representatives to confer further and the prospects of success in this matter in the near future are stronger than a probability.

Other minor matters came up at the meeting among which was the side walk to the bench which has been partially destroyed or torn up by the government preparations for jetty work. A committee was appointed to arrange ways and means for its reconstruction.

The next regular meeting of the club will be March 24th. All are urged to be present whether members or not.

**CASE ARGUED APRIL 12th**  
Attorney Treadgold for the Port Commissioners received a telegram today from the Supreme Court to the effect that the port case will be reopened and argued April 12th.

A. M. Kopf of Farrar, Iowa, en route to the fair at San Francisco dropped off at Bandon to visit with his brother C. G. Kopf.

**THE CHURCH IN THE BALANCES**  
Discourse on Live Subject to be Made at the Orpheum Theater Next Sunday Night by Rev. C. M. Knight

Is religion a failure? Are the churches doing anything for the betterment of mankind or are they barnacles on the body of society? Has the church drifted away from the precepts of its early adherents or has society progressed too fast for the church, leaving it in the rear, a relic of outlived usefulness? Is mankind ripening into decay that the church no longer has a strong influence over his actions? These are pertinent questions and they will be taken up and treated—faced fairly and squarely in an address to the public of Bandon at the Orpheum theater next Sunday evening. No one who attends will fail to carry home something to think about.

One and all are cordially invited to attend.

### A NEW BLACK SAND MACHINE

Invented by nephew of Col. Rosa, Will Be Tried Out in Curry County

R. I. Long and E. E. Epling of Lordsburg, Cal., who have been in Bandon for several days past, left for the south on the stage Thursday morning. The former is a nephew of Col. Rosa. They have a newly devised machine which they will try out on the black sand in the neighborhood of Port Orford.

The machine which they will use is the invention of Mr. Long who built it with the aid of his father. One of the machine is already in operation Lompoc, Cal. and in its eight hour shift gets an ounce of gold and an ounce and a half of platinum. The latter is the more valuable being worth about \$54 an ounce. Agitators stir the sand and the water comes up from the bottom and into an 8 ft. juice. No plans have been made yet for putting the new machine on the market.

### SURPRISE ON GRANDMA

About twenty ladies of the Presbyterian church Ladies' Aid met at the L. C. Gibson home and gave Grandma Barrows a surprise. She received several nice gifts besides a shower of cooked things. The afternoon was spent with needle work and towards the close, delicious refreshments were served. Those present declared they had enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid will meet next week with Mrs. Geo. P. Topping. All members are requested to be present.

### BANDON WILL GET HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

The Times extends congratulations to Bandon that it is to get its government appropriation for harbor improvements this year. The people of Bandon, like the people of Coos Bay taxed themselves liberally and heavily through their port commission for special improvements and richly deserve the government assistance which the United States engineers assure the Times they will receive so that the work may be done the present season.

Good for Bandon.—Coos Bay Times

## WHAT CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHED

### Some of the Important Measures Made Law of Land

- The congress just closed, accomplished:—
- A tariff law revising downward practically all schedules affecting articles of clothing, food and shelter, and revising upward most schedules affecting luxuries.
- An income tax law.
- A war tax law.
- A new banking law.
- A law creating a federal trade commission.
- A law revising the anti trust statutes; exempting labor and farmers organizations from the provisions of that statute and abolishing interlocking directorates in big business.
- The enactment of an agricultural extension act, which is intended to carry the results of the department of agriculture's research work directly to the men and women on the farms.
- The enactment of a law which affords the government better facilities for settling railroad and industrial disputes.
- The enactment of a law providing for a railroad into Alaska, intended to open up that territory to civilization and development.
- The enactment of an anti-narcotic law intended to break up the traffic in habit forming drugs.
- The enactment of a law reforming the consular service.
- The enactment of a law combining the revenue cutter and lighthouse services into the coast guard, which in times of war will be used in coast defense.
- The enactment of a law intended to break up gambling in cotton.
- The repeal of the tolls exemption clause in the Panama canal act, which violated the treaty with England and afforded a subsidy to the expensive shipping trust.

### HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Miss Hattie Boak Entertains Her Girl Friends at a Social Party

On Monday afternoon the Boak residence was the scene of a very enjoyable birthday party given to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of Miss Hattie Boak. Tinting and music were the two main features of the afternoon's entertainment.

Miss Ruth Berkhart rendered a number of musical selections which were enjoyed greatly. Light refreshments were served. Those present were:—the Misses Gladys, Edna and Alice Gallier, Helen Stoltz, Amy Windsor, Grace Gibson, Ruth Barrows, Alta Hanson, Ruth Berkhart, Ruby Berkhart, Ruby Tilton, Mary Donaldson, Fern DeLong and Helen Fish.

## LANGLOIS COWS TO BE TESTED

### Association Formed in Curry County Town to Further Their Dairy Interests

A cow testing association was recently formed at Langlois by Prof. W. A. Barr of the Oregon Agricultural dairy extension work. 756 cows contribute to the association and more could have been had had it been considered wise to take them in. Three ranchers were refused admission into the association because of lack of accommodations and it is not unlikely that a second association will be formed with a part of those now included in the groups and those still unaccommodated.

The organization comprises ranches in the neighborhood of Langlois down to a point about five miles from Port Orford. The Hughes Bros. are the only prominent dairymen who are not members of the association. Neither are the cows from the Thrift homestead included in the association. It is expected that the Thrift place will be sold. This place with stock is held at \$80,000.

The members and the number of cows they entered in the association are: Dr. J. R. Weatherbee of the Star ranch, 125 cows; Pomeroy and Guerin 70; Louis Knapp, 40; A. J. Marsh of Elk river, 50; James Hughes, south side of the Sixes, 25; Lex Cope, Langlois, 35; Robert McKenzie of the Sixes, 54; Thomas Clark, 20; E. T. Mc Mullen of Denmark, 45; Mrs. Bethel, 45; R. L. Wagner, 20; Judge Cox, Langlois, 20; C. A. Woodruff, Langlois, 20; R. W. Bonn, 20; M. G. Lutze, 25; R. Capps, Denmark, 25; H. A. Farrier, 18; I. Cox, 8; C. E. Spangler, 12; F. Brown 10; Ralph Cope, 20; Mr. Barrett, 10.

T. J. Thrift, county assessor is with us this week feeling of the commercial pulse of Bandonians and inquiring solicitously whether we have prospered or not since his last visit in our midst.

It takes about ten days to assess Bandon and more if the weather is unfavorable. In the business part of the city where the victims are easily located the officer can assess from ninety to a hundred in a day.

The Brooklyn and the Elizabeth put to sea with the Thursday morning tide.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

- Elder A. C. Barmore Will Speak at Saints' Church on Filmore St. on The Following Special Topics
- Thursday, March 11th, at 7:30 p. m. "The Apostasy from Primitive Christianity."
- Friday, March 12th, 7:30 p. m. "The Restoration of the Gospel."
- Saturday, March 13th, 7:30 p. m. "The Conversion of the Jews to Christ and their Restoration to Palestine."
- Sunday, March 14th, 11, a. m. "Does the Soul Sleep in the Grave?" 7:30, p. m. "The Metallic Image of Daniel, 2nd Chapter."
- On Monday, March 15th at 7:30, p. m., the subject is "Which Day Should we Keep as the Sabbath?" All welcome.

## NEW WATER RATES HIT METER USERS

### Practically no Changes in Charges for Home Use. Sprinkling Rules Made

There will be no question in the future as to the water rates, when they are due and another matters connected with the water department and City Recorder Kausrud will have the power to tell you what is what and where and why when you go to his with your troubles. Along with the Mayor and the City Attorney, the Water Committee has framed up a schedule of rates that will be incorporated into the new ordinance, governing the water department of the city.

Since the first of the year the water rates have been the same as they were under the rating given the Bandon Water Company by the State Railroad Commission, but investigation has shown that in some cases these rates are not just and in other they are not sufficient to meet the cost of supplying the service. Principal among the faults in the old rating that have been discovered is the fact that the meter rates were too low to net the city a reasonable profit when the cost of the meters and their repair was figured. Under the new rate those who are on meters will pay 40 cents per 100 cubic feet for the first 500 feet, 30 cents per 100 feet for all between 300 and 1500 feet, 15 cents per 100 feet for all between 1500 and 3000 feet, 3000 to 4800 feet at 12 cents per foot, between 4800 and 24,800 feet at the rate of 9 cents per foot and between 24,800 and 64,800 feet at 5 cents per cubic foot. This is practically the only change in the rating that will make any great amount of difference in the charges of the water department.

The only way in which the home is effected by the new rating is in the matter in water used for sprinkling lawns and washing windows, porches and sidewalks. Here the rate will be in proportion to the size of the ground and the average charge will be \$1.00 per month, with the restriction that the water be used for these purposes only between the hours of 3:00 and 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 and 9:00 p. m. Water is not to be used for sprinkling streets except by the city.

A strict code of rules is outlined for the water users and the penalty for violations will be a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.

### MARRIED

A quiet but pleasant wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Teaney in this city Thursday, March 11th by which Miss Estella O. Teaney, daughter of the host and Harry P. Johnson were made man and wife. Only members of the family were present.

Rev. W. B. Smith of the Bandon Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

### GREAT PICTURES ILLUSTRATING A GREAT LIFE STORY

John Barleycorn held the stage as the attraction at the Grand Tuesday night, being the regular Paramount offering for that night. The pictures were greeted by a packed house and received many expressions of appreciation. Scenes were presented from a dramatization of Jack London's powerful temperance story and took the hero through a career in both the seamy and genteel sides of society. They showed him when as a boy he got drunk on beer he carried to his father plowing in the field and later when he embarked in business for himself as an oyster pirate with the fleet on San Francisco bay. It showed his struggles to get an education, his love experiences, his final triumph as a literary man and all through the record of his life story he rubbed elbows with John Barleycorn.

He never liked the company of that gentleman but found it hard to part company with him. The play told a story most effectively and pointed a moral in a manner that could not be dodged.

The Grand theater at Marshfield has been transformed into a billiard and pool hall.

### FIRE THREATENS BROOKLYN

Steamer Catches Fire While Lying at Prosper But Escapes Damage

The Brooklyn had a narrow escape from fire Tuesday morning at Prosper. Some painting had been done on the interior of the boat and a drier had been used which caught fire from a carelessly thrown match. Instantly the woodwork was on fire and for a time threatened not only the Brooklyn but the Elizabeth which was moored alongside. One sailor, thinking it was time to move, made a bundle of his rubber boots and personal belongings and prepared to fly. Cooler heads, however, prevailed. Prompt measures were taken and the fire was speedily put out.

## ALL STAR TEAM AT BASKET BALL

### Speculation as to Best Players of the County. Other Items of School Sports

Basketball season is at an end so far as Bandon is concerned, for although the outcome of the game between North Bend and Marshfield and the decision on the contested game between Bandon and Myrtle Point may tie Marshfield, Coquille and Bandon for the championship it is not probable that the tie will be decided this year. The season is late and it would seem more advisable to devote the remainder of the year to track and baseball.

For the first time in many years there has been a close race on the pen and the quality of ball put up by the different teams has been exceptionally good, which in a large part has been due to the fact that efficient coaches have been in charge. So good in fact has the playing been this year that it is almost impossible to pick an all-star aggregation from among the many teams. Especially is this true in picking forwards, there being at least four men in the county whose basket ball shooting has been brilliant at times but there is something more than brilliant spasmodic flashes of class needed to make an all star player.

In the center position Bowen of North Bend is head and shoulders in the lead. It is around this man that the tail enders in the league built their hopes and without him their whitewashing would have been complete. Outside of his floor work, his ability to convert fouls, makes him one of the most valuable men in the county.

Norton of Coquille is the forward who has a position cinched and the choice of his partner lies between Seaman of Marshfield and Leslie Pullen of Bandon, with the advantage slightly in favor of the Coos Bay boy as his playing has been most consistent during the entire season.

Guards are less difficult to pick and to Chatham, of Bandon and Chapman of Marshfield, are due the honors. In the defensive positions these two men have been without rivals and although they have always been pitted against the best forwards of the opposing teams, have had comparatively few baskets slipped over on them.

Only because he is lacking in weight is Webb, the local boy, named as utility man. No man in the league has shown more speed and better judgment, while his dribbling and basket shooting have been the cause of much comment. He is an all around man and can fill any hole left vacant in the lineup.

Track and baseball are next on the program in the way of interscholastic athletics and Bandon bids well to make a good showing, if not better than in the basket ball season just closed. The material as it stands indicates a strong track team with an abundance of sprinters and weight men. Two or three have expressed their intention to enter the distance events, leaving the jump and other field events in doubt.

Nothing definite can be said about base ball as this is the first year that the national pastime has entered into the category of the high school athletic contests in the county. So far, only Marshfield, Bandon and Coquille have definitely announced that they will enter base ball teams.

## TO SOUR-DOUGH AND NUGGETS

### J. R. Smith in Bandon on his Way to Lobster Creek and Placer Diggings

J. R. Smith, the man whose recent find of gold in Lobster creek, as detailed first in the columns of the Recorder, has achieved more publicity than any recent event in Oregon, was in our midst yesterday and today on his way from civilization back to the land of gold and sourdough. Mr. Smith is accompanied by his son who is his companion and partner in his mining ventures. They have recently been to San Francisco and are now headed towards their famous claim on Lobster creek.

When interviewed by a Recorder representative and shown a somewhat scoffing article in a recent issue of the Gold Beach Globe which intimated among other things that the gold, he, Smith had exhibited as a Lobster creek find was identical with gold he had exhibited in Montana many years ago, he took the assertion with good natured tolerance but did not hesitate to brand the assertion with that short, and ugly word, sometimes avoided in refined society.

By way of offering ocular proof to his assertions Smith took from his pocket something less than a pound of rough marbles which he stated was the concentrated accumulation of gold dust. Mr. Smith asserts that old miners have heretofore passed over the real lead which he discovered. He further averred that in a short time he will develop the country into a real gold mining section where claims will lie one against the other.

Mr. Smith claims the real valuable character of the Lobster creek country has been retarded from development by carpet miners who go no further than to place papers to hold a title to their claim, but who in real work, know nothing of the game.

He claims that he has interested wealth and expert gold mining men in his project by his visit to San Francisco. He will now open up his valuable holdings on a large scale.

As evidence that he has found gold mining profitable Mr. Smith stated that he has never done anything else to make a living and owes no one and has property in his own right.

He believes the country to the south of the Coquille will shortly become of national importance as a producer of gold. He tells interesting stories of the hardships and allurements of the quest after the yellow metal, not the least of which is the weeks of sour-dough bread and deer meat and the arduous work of constructing hundreds of feet of split cedar flume boxes.

Taking up the assertion that he had really found the gold in Curry County and that he had secured it on the beach instead of in Lobster creek, he stated that the gold came from a location so close to Lobster creek that its location could not be otherwise described. He said that from the South inlet on the beach he had shipped three tons of sand to San Francisco on the Nann Smith which yielded from forty cents to a dollar fifty-five per ton in gold beside other valuable metals.

Since the story of Mr. Smith's finding was first told on the pages of the Recorder, January 25th, the press of Western Oregon has devoted considerable space to the subject and it has been published in the Bulletin, the official organ of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Earl Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins of this city, who is taking a course of pharmacy at the North Pacific Dental College, in Portland is among those who were successful in passing the examination for junior pharmacists' papers before the State Board of Examiners last month. Mr. Watkins is a graduate of the Bandon High School and well known along the Coquille River.

N. D. Trumbull of Lampa had business in Bandon Wednesday.