

SEMI-WEEKLY

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## MORE ROAD TALK

The old Bandon-Curry county wagon road follows the trail blazed out in the early days, in a zig-zag line from neighbor to neighbor and the settlement of the community and the appropriation of the generous slices of the county road in recent years have only taken off some of the sharpest turns here and there.

Several times by a vote of about 20 to 140 the citizens of Bandon have emphatically said give us a straight township line road, and for two years in succession they have voted a ten mill tax to improve it. The township line road and the old zig-zag road from Bandon and Two Mile creek accomplish one and the same purpose. They form a link in the Bandon-Curry Co. road, they are practically parallel, as far as use and purpose are concerned, and the distance between them most likely would not average more than half a mile and at no point more than one mile.

Yet, notwithstanding the fact that the citizens are so emphatic for the township line road and good business demands it yet our county court with what appears to be a healthy contempt for the wants of the Bandon citizens proceeds, year after year to spend county money on the old overgrown cow-trail, clearing it, grading it, reworking it and hard surfacing it, covering it with Tupper crushed rock, hauled for several miles at great expense covering it with sawed plank which runs into money like smoke and which accomplishes only a temporary purpose.

We blush to say it, the township line road never received one legal tender red cent of money from the county so far as we know—only what the people vote for it. And when the two roads are done they will represent a most colossal piece of economic nonsense and foolishness. There is no reason for these two parallel highly expensive roads.

It is wasted energy, wasted money and wasted time.

The two roads represent two ideas, opposed to each other. One idea is that of the people; the other is the idea of the county court. We appear to be approaching the time of the biblical prophecy, "when desire shall fail" and may we add a more profane simile, "when the tail shall wag the dog."

The waters of the Coquille river have commenced to wash heavily against the bank of sand that has drifted in from the north near the light house and the channel of the river is returning to its normal condition. With a seven foot tide we have had better than 20 feet during the past during the past week. We wonder if Coos bay will note that fact. They have been "knocking" our bar to beat the band lately, overlooking no opportunity to comment on any of its adverse features.

## EASIER MONEY

There is reason to believe that within another 12 months there will be consternation among money lenders. Not of the kind that causes panic how-

ever. It will be caused by the fact that there will be a reduced demand for money.

One of the recent demonstrations of that fact is when the Bandon school district votes a small and unimportant bond issue of \$14,200, eight bids are tendered, some from Portland and the rest from Denver. Each of them was accompanied by a premium ranging from \$25 to approximately \$300, with offers to furnish the engraved bonds and ten year options, etc. and the interest was six per cent and five and a half. During the depression that has visited us for two or three years past, there has been just as much money in existence as ever and in addition there has been poured into the United States since the beginning of the war, very nearly two billion dollars. Secretary of Commerce Redfield thinks by the end of the fiscal year it will be increased to two and three quarter billion dollars. At the end of the fiscal year the steady stream of money either will not cease whether the war ends or not. It will most likely be augmented. The working people are subsisting without the hoarded millions. They are accumulating from a new source. The money lender will awake to the new situation with surprise and consternation, that his money is not needed, or has been replaced with some from another source.

Like the tiny wavelets from the incoming tide on the side of the bar, so with the coming tide of prosperity. The center channel first receives the tides which later flows to the sides, the recesses, bays and inlets and the remotest nook, even if last, is sure to be reached. We of the extreme west coast will most surely feel the effect of the flood tide of money.

We have just seen two pieces of granite from northern Curry county in possession of a Bandon resident. They carry a multitude of tiny bright pecks, easily seen to the naked eye. One piece will be sent to a chemist to be assayed for gold, iron and platinum and the other will be polished by an agate grinder to test its decorative qualities and the reports and remaining portions of samples will form the nucleus of the Bandon Commercial Club's exhibit.

## BROOM HANDLES

Bandon at one time had a broom handle industry. The commission man increased the distance between the manufacturer and the user to such an extent that the business was closed. The Coos bay manufacturers now consign their products to a commission man in San Francisco at about \$16.50 a thousand handles and out of that sum in addition to paying freight pay said commission man a commission for handling. That commission man does not even maintain an office.

He in turn sells these broom handles to other commission houses and they in turn, sell them to the user, the man who really makes the broom at about \$23 a thousand. What justification can there possibly be for such trade conditions.

One of the wholesale commission men above mentioned was at one time informed that there was a prospect for reviving this business in Bandon, by two different parties. He was immediately optimistic at the prospect of the business opportunity and his very first question was "How much money have they got?" and "Do you think they could be handled?"

They were handled and now they are out of business. The other prospect went in person to call on the commission man and they asked for his card. The first thing was to examine his rating. He was rated. He could not be handled. He was discouraged. He did not go into the business.

The Farmer's Grange or some similar organization it is likely will some day extend the scope of their operations to include not only agriculturalists but consumers. They will stamp out the wholesaler. He is worse than

a pest. He makes life a burden for innumerable thousands.

Dr. Sorensen who has returned from Curry county after an extended visit has had a great deal to say about the good roads they have down there and says they have completed plans to do more of improvement soon. That among other improvements, the Colquoy road through the green timber which is well and distinctly remembered by all who ever traveled the road, will be graveled and also the entire roadway from Port Orford to Elk river will be graveled, which will practically make a completely graveled road in first class condition from the Coos county line down to Port Orford.

## TRANSPORTATION BY WATER

The completion of the locks that enable the navigation of the Columbia river into Idaho will add to the strategic importance of Portland. With the creation of other locks as at the Priest rapids, the Columbia can be made navigable by ocean going vessels clear to the Canadian border. The electric power that can be developed at the Columbia Falls will make the investment a paying proposition. As we view it the water grade on the railroads, supplemented with the boat traffic on the Columbia and tributaries will inevitably make the inland empire tributary to Portland.

Kansas City now has water transportation from the Gulf, the Ohio and the upper Mississippi. The development of transportation facilities on the Columbia and tributaries is one of the greatest latent possibilities of Portland and Oregon.

The value of rivers as arteries of commerce is little appreciated in this country. Kansas City has recently furnished a fine example of the value of river transportation. The time was, before the era of railroads that the Missouri was a national artery of commerce. The treacherous currents and many snags caused the loss of many boats but the freight paid the losses plus a large profit. After the advent of railroads, rates were so lowered the boats could not compete and went out of business. Then came a period of extortion and discrimination by the railroads against Kansas City and for the benefit of St. Louis and other points. Kansas City in a movement inaugurated and led by the late Col Nelson of the "Star" organized a boat transportation company of a million and a half paid up capitalization.

Experts were sent to Germany to study the design of boats used on the shoal rivers there. The result was steel armored snag proof shallow draft boats that compelled just treatment from the railroads without the interference of any court or commission. This boat business has proved so lucrative and has grown so in value that many new boats are now being built.

It is stated that last year the American tourist abroad spent the fabulous sum of \$284,000,000, a sum that is more than seventy five percent of the cost of the Panama canal and for which we get practically nothing. There is more than sentiment in the idea now gaining ground of "See America first". It is good American business, not only conserving our funds, but uniting the various sections of the country more closely giving the citizens of the several sections a better knowledge and mutual understanding of business, economic and social conditions.

## PRIVILEGES OF PRISONERS

"Lend a Hand" the Oregon state prison magazine, has an article in its last issue, entitled "A Plea for Humanity wherein they ask for unlimited mail privileges. They desire to have all inmates allowed to write and receive as many letters and papers as they desire and can pay for. This is in accord with progressive thought concerning the function of prisons that is, as a place of reformation and not punishment. Eight penitentiaries now grant this privilege and we believe their example a good one.

Mayor L. J. Simpson will resign his office and devote his time to preparing to run for representative in Congress. Dr. J. B. Battle, John H. Greaves, Elmer Russell and Charles Windsor are among those spoken of in the naming of a successor by the council.

Mr. Simpson has the advantage of an early start and ought to make a good race.

## NONPARTISAN POLITICS

Oregon has for years set the pace for reform legislation for her sister states, in such matters as the direct primary, referendum and others of a like sound and sane character, and for her initial efforts has long been called radical, freakish and irresponsible, notwithstanding that these laws have generally been adopted later by the

other states.

Now comes California to the front with one of the best pieces of new reform legislation ever proposed, one destined to smash machine politics and smash machine politics, and practically wipe it out of existence. It is the non-partisan law, which provides that no candidate shall have any political party designation printed after his name on the ticket for any office except president and national offices, including U. S. senator and congressman.

There can possibly be no good purpose served in state affairs by maintaining party lines. It is good business we want in state affairs, not politics. Too many indifferent people are inclined to travel in the band wagon. They don't know who is driving it and care less which way it goes, but they recognize the party label and let it go at that. Such voters are surprisingly numerous and when an election is otherwise closely contested and evenly divided, the band wagon fellows become the predominating force.

They furnish the excuse for steam roller methods after the election is won. Under California's new law the voter courting his dubious way down the long and complicated ticket sees no finger board along the way to indicate the way he should go. He must know why he votes, and use his brains or vote blindly without sense of purpose or else not vote at all. California's new law is formally and completely enacted. It will be in operation at the next election. It can not help but bring good. The fact that it is untried is no argument against it. It should be adopted in Oregon next.

The women of Coquille have accepted not only the duties of the opportunities of the franchise. Several of them are running for city offices.

## MANY YEARS AGO.

From the Bandon Recorder of May 10 1895

C. Long and R. H. Mast bought out the merchandise and warehouse business of Geo. M. Dyer and Son.

Citizens were requested to meet at Recorder hall to arrange for a Fourth of July celebration.

S. J. Culver and R. Philliber opened up a meat market in the Gardiner building.

The steamer Bandonville brought up 90 tons of freight including 70 sacks of wool for the Bandon woolen mills.

Harry Erickson escaped serious injury while working on the government pile driver. A heavy iron rod fell striking him on the side of the face.

Dr. Kime was contemplating the erection of a new residence.

James Cartwright of Bandon and Mrs. E. A. Hersey of San Francisco were married at the Tupper house, Justice A. D. Morse officiating.

From the Recorder of May 11, 1905  
John H. Giles got his arm in the engine of the Antelope and was laid up for a week.

The Chico brought in 30 tons of freight.

Pupils of the school were preparing exhibits for the exposition at Portland.

John H. Shields and J. A. Kennedy formed a partnership in the blacksmith business.

Sheriff Gallier took three prisoners to the Salem penitentiary.

The county court declared Coos county dry as a result of the election recently held. The opposition promised a contest.

James the 9 year old son of J. R. Cox of Bear Creek broke his leg in climbing into a wagon.

The feature of the Decoration day program was to be an address by Rev. H. P. Dunning.

A primary was called for Tuesday May 16th.

Jack Hayter had a head badly smashed trying to get a line around a pile when the steamer Dispatch was making a landing at Parkersburg.

Morton L. Tower and F. L. Wismer were here to survey the harbor.

County Agriculturist Smith is interested in arranging for a Coos Co. corn contest. Liberal prizes will be offered, consisting of cash, medals and live stock. The prizes will be for the best ten ears of corn, the best bushel of corn, the best yield per acre and the greatest ensilage product per acre. The exhibits of corn will later be entered in the First National Corn Show at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Smith received applications for 1000 pounds of seed corn, Minnesota (15) so great is the interest of Coos county farmers in corn culture.

# Grand Theatre

## SPECIALS—

Drop in any evening and see some interesting Photo Plays

THE TWELFTH INSTALLMENT OF

## "THE MASTER KEY"

takes us to far off India in search of the sacred image.

A SPLENDID PICTURE

READ THE STORY ON ANOTHER PAGE OF THIS PAPER.

Pictures shown

Next Thursday, May 13th

Six interesting reels

## "THE EXPLOITS OF ELAINE"

APPEAR EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT—THE BEST DETECTIVE STORY EVER FILMED.

If you want to feel better go to the Grand

## LIBRARY NOTES

During April the library issued 1177 books and magazines. Of these 171 were juvenile. The visitors to the reading room numbered 722.

We have just received from the government through the courtesy of Senator Lane, a Bibliography of North American Geology and the Post Office report for 1914.

The library also is in receipt of two publications that will be of much interest to the man interested in Oregon land. Both are from the U. S. geological survey. One is entitled—"Deschutes River and its Utilization" The other is a Profile Survey of the Hood and Sandy River Basin in Oregon." Many things of interest to the land hunter are to be found in these works, including maps, profiles, water surveys, etc.

The Woodmen of the World will erect a \$20,000 two story building in Marshfield opposite the rear of the Masonic building. It will be of concrete and brick with a store apartment on the first floor and the lodge rooms on the second floor.

## SPRING RAINS

It isn't raining rain to me, It's raining daffodils In every dimpled drop I see Wild flowers on the hills. The clouds of gray engulf the day And overwhelm the town— It isn't raining rain for me It's raining roses down.

It isn't raining rain to me, But fields of clover bloom Where any buccaneering bee May find a bed and room. A health unto the happy, A fig for him who frets— It isn't raining rain to me It's raining violets.

—Robert Loveman

## A SONG IN CAMP

"Give us a song" the soldiers cried, The outer trenches guarding, While the heated guns of the camp all-bled, Grew weary of bombarding.

The dark Redan in silence, scoffed, There grimly threatening under, While the tawny mound of the Malla-koff, No longer belched its thunder.

"Ayo, sing away" the guardsmen cried, "We storm the forts tomorrow, Sing while we may, another day Will bring enough of sorrow."

There lay along the battle side, Before the smoking cannon, Brave hearts from Severn and from Clyde, And from the banks of Shannon,

They sang of love and not of fame, Forgot was Britton's glory, Each heart recalled a different name But all sang Annie Laurie.

Voice after voice caught up the song, Until its tender passion Rose like an anthem, rich and strong, The battle eve confession.

Poor girl, her name he dared not speak, But as the song grew louder, Something, upon the soldier's cheek, Washed off the stains of powder.

And once again the fire of hell Rained on the Russian's quarters, With scream of shot and burst of shell And howling of the mortars.

An English Mary's eyes are dim For a singer dumb and gory; An Irish Nora mourns for him Who sang of Annie Laurie

Sleep, soldier, sleep, in honor dressed, Your truth and valor wearing; The bravest are the tenderest; The loving are the daring.

—Bayard Taylor

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

# BANK OF BANDON

AT BANDON, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 1ST 1915.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$113,591 91
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,355 56
Bonds and Warrants	75,821 74
Stocks and other Securities	189 35
Banking House	10,300 00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000 00
Other real estate owned	4,066 93
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	847 18
Due from approved reserve banks	3,752 73
Checks and other cash items	1,058 16
Expenses	
Cash on hand	33,500 09
Total	\$247,463 65

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	17,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,033 78
Due to Banks and Bankers	1,146 24
Postal savings bank deposits	1,522 48
Individual deposits subject to check	115,056 50
Demand certificates of deposit	8,982 16
Time Certificates	457 77
Time certificates of deposit	17,301 72
Bill payable for money borrowed, Lumberman N. B.	4,000 00
Liabilities other than those above stated Letters of Credit	5,963 00
Total	\$247,463 65

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF COOS—  
F. J. Faby, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
F. J. Faby, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1915  
Geo. P. Foy, Notary Public  
Correct Attest: J. L. Koenigsberg, C. V. Lons, R. H. Ross, Directors

# WARNING

Building materials are cheaper now than they have been for 18 years. The increasing demand for building materials as well as the recent revision in the Canal Tariffs, exempting American coastwise vessels from paying tolls on deck loads of lumber, and several other important reasons, will in all probability cause increases in prices within the next 90 days.

## BUILD NOW AND SAVE MONEY? IS THE WARNING.

My system of management will save you from ten per cent to fifteen per cent. Why? Because only the most experienced and skillful contractors in this community are eager to figure from my plans and specifications, they know they are complete and have no chance for a dispute with the owner, and enable them all to indulge in the keenest competition. The owner can not have elsewhere, competition without the service of an architect. FEES REASONABLE. 14 years of practical and theoretical experience.

**KARL H. SCHEEL,** ARCHITECT AND MANAGER OF CONSTRUCTIONS  
**DIPPEL & WOLVERTON'S OFFICE**  
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