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U. S. ENGINEER INSPECTS HARBOR

War Department Meets Bandon Citizens in Conference Over Harbor Improvements

J. L. Brownlee, assistant engineer of the war department in Col. Morrow's office in Portland is in the city gathering data with Engineer Wright for recommendations regarding the further improvement of the Bandon outer harbor.

His recommendations will be based upon the following facts: the amount of shipping or tonnage, the size of ships calling at this port, the feasibility and cost of improving, the desire of the citizens and the amount of money they are willing to expend for every dollar contributed by the government.

For the latter reason a meeting of the business men and citizens of Bandon was held this forenoon in the city hall under the auspices of the port commission for an expression of opinion as to local wishes and the money expenditure that would be approved for improvement in addition to that now under way in repairing the north jetty.

The meeting approved the following resolution.

That the port commission be recommended to ask the government to make a complete new survey of the entire river. That the north jetty be extended from a minimum of 1000 ft. to 1,500 ft. and in any event to a distance of 500 feet beyond the end of the south jetty. That the south jetty be extended and the sunken part raised so that the breakers from the south can not as now, wash sand over the top and deposit it in the channel.

At present the south jetty extends farthest out. During the summer the current is south along the coast. This moves large banks of sand past the end of the north jetty. Not being able to get past the south jetty it is deposited on the bar and is carried in by the tide to help form the sand spit south of the light house. The extension of the north jetty to beyond the south jetty is to remedy this.

That the south jetty be connected with the pile breakwater that extends toward the bar from the Breuer wharf and this all be backed with rock. This would in fact extend the south jetty inland to the Breuer Wharf. The rock filling is necessary to confine the river to its channel as a simple pile breakwater will not do it. That the tide land back of this breakwater be filled in by dredging from the channel where the spit now forms. Arrangements would have to be made with property owners to do this. It is claimed that a rock layer underlies this tide land and that it slopes downward towards the north and that if the channel can be maintained where spit now is and which is where it has been in the past, a much deeper channel is expected to keep the channel in this desired position.

That the rocks be located and removed from the channel thus defined.

This will give a 25 ft. channel to the Moore mill and with the dredging now under contract, a 20 ft. channel to Prosper mill with a 16 ft. channel to Riverton. It was further recommended that the Port Commission contribute what was necessary for a like amount of appropriation by the government up to \$250,000 for the above improvement the government engineers might recommend as the result of their survey.

Mr. Brownlee intimated that he would recommend the desired improvement as voiced by this meeting. He thought that the work could be done with an expenditure of \$500,000. The Port Commission does not favor issuing bonds except for permanent improvement. So the permanent part of the work will probably be done by the proceeds of a bond issue and the temporary work, like river dredging by taxes.

It was brought out at the meeting that if all the money that has been expended on the river had been available at one time there would not now be need of any work.

Commissioner Hanly stated that at one time the river had received a ten thousand dollar appropriation but that it was all expended in getting

ready so that only two scows of rock were ever towed across the river one of which was lost in midstream. Junior engineer Wright stated that it had cost \$20,000 to open up the quarry and repair the tramway and install the machinery necessary and that from the standpoint of economy the work of permanent harbor improvement should be done now while the equipment is on the ground.

The chief engineer of the war department has a fund from which he can spend for finishing work already started so it is thought the government can finish its part of the money without additional appropriation from Congress.

The port commission has already approved five issues of bonds in lots of fifty thousand or a total of two hundred fifty thousand dollars and all that is necessary to sell these bonds is to offer them for sale. The commission has authority under its charter to issue bonds up to \$500,000 without a vote from the people but apparently has not a notion to do so as many of the people who voted for the port did not understand this. The government engineers were positive in their recommendations that the outer harbor should be improved before anything more is done on the upper river once the channel now being dredged to Coquille is completed.

Students Take To The Foot Lights

High School Seniors Present "Uncles and Aunts" in Creditable Manner

"Uncles and Aunts" proved potent to perplex the amateur actors who presented the play of that name at the Grand last Friday night as well as effective to entertain the audience who assembled to witness the performance. The relatives mentioned were sometimes present in person, sometimes in spirit and sometimes in fiction. There was a double brace of them and they acted in place of parents, mentors and boogies.

It was the familiar story of the young people who wanted to mate contrary to the arrangements of their elders but there were some variations and entertaining ones, that were productive of considerable comedy. Mary Marley, (Hattie Boak) and Reginald Rawlins, (Tom Chatburn) were the young couple whose amatory pathway was not strewn with roses and contributing misadventure ran the course of the comedy until Zedekiah Aspen, (Rayner Geisendorfer) was overtaken with a prairie fire or re-awakened affection for the flame of his youth, Miss Aurora Rawlins (Ruby Tilton) and Miss Sparrow, the aversion of the hero slipped on a banana peel and was conveniently disposed of.

The comedy given by the Bandon high school seniors was exceedingly well presented evincing careful preparation and close attention to stage business.

As the old maid aunt Ruby Tilton was exceptionally good. She was not a caricature but true to life in make-up and expression and Rayner Geisendorfer as the eccentric lover was also unusually good.

Jack Kronenberg as Bates the Butler, was excellent. His make-up was tip top and he talked the English as to the manner born. His jokes were well brought out and he handled the tray like a veteran.

Edna Gallier did well as the aunt, Mrs. Wade who was willing to be accommodating but thought the elders should be accommodated first.

Jane, the servant was a character part well taken by Helen Stoltz. Kenyon Smith as Fred Cureton, John Windsor and Halbert Langlois, as Reginald's uncles presented their parts well and were well received.

In the presentation and handling of the comedy, Jack Kronenberg was business manager, Messrs. Shumate, Lowry and Stoltz attended to properties and advertising, Fern DeLong was librarian, Mary Donaldson was mistress of the wardrobe, and Harold Quigley was stage director.

Messrs. Pollock and Pollock, grocers have moved from the end of First street to the store building along side the higher point shop where they will have more comfortable quarters.

THEY ORIGINATED MEMORIAL DAY

James Redpath, Uncle of Two Bandon Ladies, First to Start Custom of Decorating Graves of Fallen Soldiers

Memorial day as it is observed by this country the past week was originated by James Redpath, head of the celebrated lyceum bureau of that name, two nieces of whom, live in Bandon. These are Mrs. Crossman Timmons and Mrs. Sophia R. Wilson. Quite recently Mrs. Wilson paid a visit to the home of this aunt at Malden, Mass. and was told by her the tale of the origin of Memorial day. This was only a short time before the death of Mrs. Redpath which took place last summer in her ninety second year.

James Redpath, the uncle, started his career as a war correspondent and at the end of the rebellion found himself in Charleston, South Carolina.

He offered his services as superintendent of schools of the city and he served without pay.

As spring approached the sad condition of the field where many of the soldiers lay in unmarked graves appealed to the sensitive hearts of Mr. Redpath and his good wife. They at once sent out letters asking aid towards properly enclosing the burial field and erecting a monument to the memory of the dead. Response was made promptly and generously and details were arranged for a great memorial service.

When the day came over ten thousand people were ready to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Redpath to the cemetery. A full battalion of soldiers came from the citidel as escort and Gen. John Porter Hatch, with another member of the committee rode with Mr. and Mrs. Redpath to an open carriage. After the procession was formed, freedmen removed the horses from the carriage and dragged it out to the cemetery where a great crowd, acting as escort sang hymns and wined songs. The company did not return until evening marching home in the moonlight with the negroes still chanting their hymns.

Mr. and Mrs. Redpath had been connected with the cause of anti slavery long before the war and had been one of the northern stations for the underground railroad. May 30th was first selected as the date for memorial services by John A. Logan, commander of the G. A. R. in 1868 but the first observation of the day was in May, 1865 under the inspiration of Mr. Redpath as above set forth.

THE WANDERERS RETURN

Bandonians Graze in Other Pastures But Return Better Satisfied with the Home Fold

W. R. Littlefield who has been living in San Diego, Cal. for over a year returned to Bandon on the last boat in and appears to be happy in his old haunts. Mrs. Littlefield and her sister, Miss Theresa Manciet, not caring to complete the journey by water remained in San Francisco for a short time where they will visit and return to Bandon overland. They expect to remain in Bandon indefinitely.

Charles W. Martin who left Bandon last winter to look up a location in Southeast Texas near the town of Victoria, has returned to Bandon where Mrs. Martin has been during his absence. Mr. Martin found the country very much to his liking but contracted a malaria in a mild form and in a short time lost 25 pounds in weight. Good health being the first consideration to Mr. Martin he decided to abandon the country and returned by way of Salt Lake, Pocatello and Portland.

He says that land in that vicinity ranges from \$3 to \$75 an acre in price and the last price will buy land for cultivation within one mile from the city and that he has a chance to buy good land for \$15 an acre and have 20 years in which to pay it. That the town of Victoria has about 7,000 people, 15 millionaires and no paved streets. That the pioneer aristocratic families seldom have autos but retain the old family carriage and negro butler.

G. J. Counts has just finished a new fence around his residence.

CARPENTER STILL ON DECK

Rumor of Misadventure Aroused by Speedwell's Finding Small Boats Quashed By Phone Message From Dauntless Mariner

The Speedwell on its last trip up from the south picked up two row boats in the vicinity of Rogue river and brought them on to Bandon. They think the Daisy, from San Francisco to Portland picked up a third boat at about the same time and 10 miles further south. The rowboats found by the Speedwell were two that Chauncey Carpenter and E. J. Fay were towing on a trip in a twenty ft. gasoline launch to the Rogue river.

The story of the Speedwell crew caused the report to circulate rapidly that Carpenter and Fay had met with mishap and were probably drowned. But a telephone message from Carpenter received Monday reported that they had reached the Rogue river in safety and had lost their tow in crossing the river bar through the parting of the line. The third boat picked up by the Daisy was a small gasoline launch they were towing for a fisherman on the Rogue river.

One of the outgoing passengers on the Elizabeth last week was O. A. Kelley who had been up from Oakland for a short visit, attending to business matters in Bandon and in Riverton where he is the owner of the Riverton hotel. Mr. Kelley came to this section of Oregon in 1886 and was for years a teacher in the schools of Coos county. He has resided in California two years and is therefore now a resident of that state. Recently he made a trip through the south where his wife has relatives and they visited in Florida, Alabama, and New Orleans.

The piles in the tramway on the north side of the river are all driven now, one of the locomotives has been transferred to that side and the work of filling in with rock is about ready to begin.

Another Winning For Moose Ball Tossers

Outdistance Independents in Third Game of The Season

The Moose had things all their own way in the contest with the Independents Sunday afternoon. They pawed at the vegetation under the snow in the infield and in the outfield found plenty of green twigs to browse upon. At the last sign of danger with a puff and a snort they were off and the Independents could do nothing but follow in their trail.

Pullen pitched a good game for the Independents but was loosely backed up and was hit when hits counted. Ted Independents were a sad lot up to the eighth when Hull came in from left and relieved Pierce when the Independents secured enough runs to tie the score. The Moose however tore away in the ninth, and won the game by a score of 15 to 11.

Umpire Bowman is alleged to have had a crippled eye for he called a strike on Pitcher Hull that went over the grand stand. H. Pierce got away with some stolen bases which called forth the remark from Pullen that he didn't care as long as he left the ball ground intact.

Hess out in center for the Independents caught enough flies to make a meal.

Manager Gilson of the Moose says he has some big games in view and feels confident that the Moose are getting in shape now so they can trim anything this side of New York. If the public does not believe this let them come out and see him go them one better on the new sign board just put up.

The line up.

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| Independents | | Moose |
| Pullen, | p | H. Pierce & Hull |
| Chatburn, | c | Gilson |
| R. Mc Nair, | 1 b | Langley |
| Langlois, | 2 b | Holman |
| Shumate, | 3 b | Pierce |
| Pullen, | s s | R. Roselle |
| Hadwell, | 1 f | Hull |
| Hess, | c f | Tucker |
| Morgan, | s f | H. Mc Nair |

Umpire Bowman struck out by Pullen 11 by Pierce 7

SINCERITY AS A CHARACTER TEST

Baccalaureate Address of Rev. C. Mayne Nigh Sets Students to Thinking. Advocates Sanity in Religious Matters

The graduating class of the Bandon high school this year consists of twenty pupils and as an illustration of the change from the graduations of a few years ago when boys were a rarity, this class has ten boys on the roll and an equal number of girls.

The commencement exercises began last week with the presentation of the class play Friday night. On Sunday in the high school was given the baccalaureate sermon. Tonight the usual features of commencement time will be presented at the high school building and tomorrow night Rev. Luther Dyott of Portland will deliver the commencement oration.

The baccalaureate service held in the high school assembly room Sunday evening were well attended. The desks had been removed from the room and seats placed therein for the better accommodation of the crowd and every seat had an occupant.

In his address, Mr. Knight explained that a baccalaureate sermon was introduced as a reminder that there was some connection between religion and education although he did not want the assertion to carry with it the inference that one sermon in twelve years was sufficient.

His text, he said was similar to the motto of the class although it was negatively stated: "Be not as the hypocrites are" which he considered to affirm the same sentiment as the class motto, "True worth is in being not seeming."

Mr. Knight said he believed sincerity to be fundamental. If he could have his way he would place in the vestibule of every church in the land the motto "Sincerity First." Hypocrisy he thought was bad for people outside the church but it was infinitely worse in people within the church. He said there were multitudes of people who would be willing to be church members if they could boss things, if they could be allowed to dictate what color the church was to be painted, what paper was to go on its interior who its officers should be and many other things. But to sit still and serve he said, was a rare quality.

He said a merchant could have a mill end sale, or a red tag sale or a pre-inventory sale and dispose of his surplus and undesirable stock but a church could not do this.

The address was a scathing denunciation of hypocrisy in every form. It was filled with epigrams, some of them sizzling hot and was listened to with close attention. He closed with an exhortation to the class to be sincere. Humility was a virtue which he commended to them and said there were two stages by which men could acquire morality through church influence. If the influence of religion caused them to become bigoted and self important he insisted that they had made a wrong start and should go back and try it over again.

Music for the evening was furnished by a chorus of mixed voices and a solo by Mrs. Hopkins. Mrs. Geisendorfer presided at the piano. The interior of the assembly room was decorated prettily and the platform was banked with flowers. The graduating class occupied seats on the front row stretching from one side of the hall to the other.

Library Benefit

The library benefited Monday night by a snug sum realized through an entertainment given by a social organization of ladies. This was given at the Grand as extra measure to the usual offering of pictures. The program was divided in two parts, the first musical in which male and female and mixed choruses took part.

A society farce, "The Kleptomaniac" concluded the program. The farce abounded in local hits which appeared to please the audience. The action of the farce hinged on the losing of a pocketbook which turned out in the end to be misplaced and the incident leading to the quest for the thief.

CONSIDER BOAT TO PORTLAND

Commercial Club Holds Special Meeting in Which to Consider Proposition of Riverton Coal People

A special meeting of the commercial club was called and held in the city hall last night with a fair attendance to meet with J. R. McGee of Riverton and confer with him in the undertaking of chartering a 300 ton boat and placing on the run between Portland and Coquille river points exclusively. He stated his plan to secure the boat was well underway, and desired the moral support and patronage of the Bandon merchants, and all present agreed to lend him their best support and as long as he shipped coal to Portland to give him their Portland freight. It appears there is already 200 tons of freight from Portland down, in sight at this time, with a fair prospect for more as the trade increases. The plan is only started and appears to be started in the right direction.

A most attractive feature of this Portland proposition is the chance to add to the exports from the valley through the coal shipped. It will help place the balance of trade on the right side.

Strew Flowers On Graves Of Soldiers

Decoration Day Observance and Program Calls Out Large Crowd

Decoration day in Bandon was duly celebrated with the program as announced last week. The sun, which had been obscured by clouds for a week or more previously, put on its brightest reflector and came out to smile on the exercises of the day. The parade of veterans, their auxiliaries and others marched to the G. A. R. cemetery where the exercises took place at the base of the memorial monument. The graves of all within the enclosure were remembered with flowers and the resting places of veterans sleeping elsewhere were sought out and decorated in a manner befitting the day.

In the afternoon an assemblage gathered in the Orpheum to listen to the program which taxed that structure to its capacity.

Comrade Faulds acted as master of ceremonies. C. B. Zeek read the general order and Ralph Moore appeared in a baritone solo. Harold Johnson gave a fine presentation of Lincoln's Gettysburg address and a mixed quartet rendered "How Sleep the Brave?" Mayor Geo. P. Topping made an address of welcome, dwelling briefly on the significance of the day and paying a tribute to the soldier dead.

There followed a selection by a male quartet and little Mary Hubbard recited Frank Finch's ever new poem, "The Blue and the Gray."

Following another song by the quartet, Rev. C. Mayne Knight delivered the oration of the day. He spoke of the origin of the custom of setting aside a day to decorate the graves of the soldier dead and paid an eloquent tribute to the valor of the nation's defenders. He spoke strong words also in behalf of peace and gave expression to the universal longing for a time when great questions will be settled without resort to bloodshed.

City Caucuses

On June 3rd at the city caucuses the voters of the city will be called on to nominate candidates to fill three vacancies in the common council. Two councilmen from ward number two East, and one councilman from ward No. 1, West. The councilmen to go out this year are J. W. Mast and Nels Rasmussen from Ward No. 2 East and Stephen Gallier from ward No. 1, West. The caucuses Thursday night will be held in the Moose hall over the Trowbridge store for ward No. 1, and in the Orpheum theater for ward No. 2.

The Knights of Pythons of Bandon are planning to attend the county convention at Coquille in large numbers. The convention is held the 12th of June and S. F. Pope, Captain White and Chancellor J. W. East are delegates to represent the Bandon lodge officially.