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RECORD CROWD SEES TWO TOWNS WED

Elks Picnic Sunday Has Many Novel and Unusual Features. Two Thousand Enjoy Free Feed

Bandon entertained the largest crowd in its history Sunday and with true Coos county style spread itself to accommodate all. The city simply turned itself over to the Elks for the day and it was a typical Elk time with out any abbreviation of the ritual.

Gay with flags, the windows of the business houses adorned for the occasion, the population of the city turned out to greet and entertain its guests. The latter arrival early and departed late and in the words of the bard there was "something doing" all day long, the bands played, gaily decorated automobiles passed up and down the streets of the city, throngs watched the burlesque events of the program, or witnessed the sports, the water contests, the base ball game, the sports on the beach, or participated in the free feed and the ball in the evening. It was a day in which all Bandon joined with the Elks, save a sober few who remembered that after all, the day was Sunday, and who attended church services as usual.

Early in the day the crowd began coming and soon both sides of first street were lined with people. An impromptu band paraded the street to the entertainment of all and when music failed there was always some one to do various vaudeville stunts. Recorder Kausrud and his teammate Fieger appeared a bouncing pair of clowns, Mayor Topping had a teutonic make up, W. Littlefield, was the drum major with a broom as a baton, Roy Thom in kilts gave an amusing version of the High land fling upon occasion and Spec Patterson in an "Otto unt Adolf" make up was a whole show in himself.

In the meantime the moving picture man had been loading and priming his machine which was taken aboard the Norma and up the river to meet the main advancing host from Marshfield. Many from the Bay city and from up river points had already arrived by auto but the Dipatch, the Telegraph and the Coquille, all loaded with people, picnics bent, were headed this way from Coquille where they had arrived by a special train from the bay. The Norma met them at Lampa and several scenic views of the river and passengers were taken along the course of the Coquille from that point to Bandon.

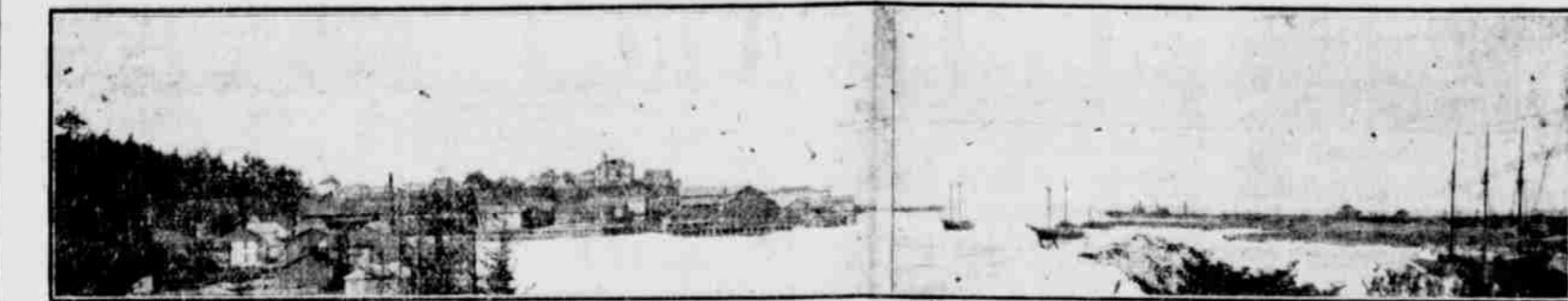
Arriving at the Bandon dock the loaded boats swung around with a graceful curve, circling once before tying up to unload and more pictures were taken.

But previously preparations to supply features for the parade had been in progress. A large wooden cage had been constructed and placed on one of Gatchell Bros., wagons, and to supply an occupant, F. D. Fletcher was trapped, waylaid and kidnapped into the office of the Sperry Flour Co. and divested of his outer garments and clothed in an array of white and purple. Proclaimed as the only untamed elk in captivity and with C. F. Pape as keeper and lecturer he was ushered into the cage.

Onto another float a large ball which formerly was a Bandon real estate sign, consigned to the river and floating to Prosper it had been resurrected, covered with Elk colors and mounted on Walstrom's International delivery auto. On top of it was placed J. W. Hildenbrand of Marshfield in a strange and fantastic array, decorated with playing cards. He formed the second feature of the parade. At the corner of Albana and First streets the line halted.

Here an elevated platform had been erected and under the conventional tell in Elk colors the bride and groom were stationed and a mock marriage ceremony performed. The bride, representing Bandon was Lentner Gallier, and a dashing Miss he made. The groom was Al. Powers, town founder and lumber man of Marshfield.

James Mast in white trousers and high hat enacted the part of parson and Steve Gallier and a number of other local celebrities were on the stage to see that none of the formalities were dispensed with. Just



in front the moving picture man was stationed and ground off the film by the foot. "Kiss the bride," ordered a voice from the crowd and the order was obeyed.

"Kiss her again" ordered the moving picture man, "I didn't get it that time" and the event was recorded in imperishable film.

Continuing up the street past the picture machine the cavalcade hauled at the foot of the hill on Edison Avenue. Here in the bay a scow had been stationed in the bay and on it seven husky athletes climbed. The trick was to stay on the scow last and Officer Holman was there to see fair play. There were two wrestlers among them and the mere men had arranged a plan by which the wrestlers were to be rushed to the water and the contest left between themselves. But their plans went wrong. In a twinkling five of the men, including Smiling Dutch were in the briny and the other wrestler Jim White and Longshoreman Jack Nyross were the only occupants of the scow. For ten minutes they tugged at one another until finally the Longshoreman tired. White got a hold on him and managed to work him over the edge of the barge into the water.

The parade continued to the park where at least two thousand people were feed. 3,200 sandwiches had been prepared and they went in short order and more were manufactured. Fifty pounds of wienies were used and a barrel of pickles. The lunch cost the promoters about \$300.

After the feed there was an exhibition of wrestling showing the different holds, etc. and a baseball game between Bandon and Marshfield Elks, won by the former.

The party adjourned to the beach to which a short trail had been prepared. The day on the beach was ideal. The sun shone and there was shelter to prevent the wind from being felt. A square was cleared on the beach and to music of the Coos Bay band there was dancing before the moving picture artist. A tennis court was marked off and the game played for the benefit of the camera.

People differ in their estimates of the number of people on the street, but the number ranges from 2500 to 3000. There were at least 200 automobiles in town that day and it is claimed by all familiar with the facts to have been the largest crowd Bandon has ever seen.

All of the local Elks worked like majors to entertain the crowd and everybody was satisfied that he had the time of his life.

Chicago Wreck Drowns Many

A thousand victims is the toll of the latest excursion boat tragedy in the east. The steamer Eastland with 2,500 people aboard, just pulling away from the dock in the Chicago river for a trip to Michigan City, Ind., tipped over and nearly half of her passengers were drowned or imprisoned in the hull of the boat and suffocated. This occurred last Saturday morning. The river which was the scene of the accident is no wider than the Coquille and the boat was close to the dock but such was the number of its passengers that in the panic they brought about one another's destruction.

Many explanations for the accident have been brought forward, the captain suggesting that the air chute had broken; but the fact that the boat drew nineteen and a half feet of water and was moored in twenty feet of water and was over loaded will account for the catastrophe.

Effort to fasten the blame has attached itself to the boat officers and the government inspector is also to be hauled onto the carpet.

Captain David Perkins has leased the steamer Coquille and proposes to go into the passenger and freight business on his own hook.

News Notes of Circuit Court Some Fine Display Windows

Judge Coke opened the equity term of Circuit Court at Coquille last Friday, with 25 attorneys from various parts of the County present. Mr. Liljeqvist called attention to the County's suit against delinquent tax-payers for the year 1909, which has been pending for the last two years, the slow progress being due to the fact that Judge Coke has some interest in the case and is disqualified to try it. He called Judge Harris from Eugene last year to take the case under consideration and that the judge has since become disqualified, by being elected a member of the Supreme Court. Mr. Liljeqvist announced in Court that the county had expended \$7000 dollars in advertising summons upon the delinquents, and that the County had many thousands dollars tied up in addition to the costs. That the county needed the money and that subsequent years delinquent taxes are due and unless action be commenced soon, that they will become outlawed.

Judge Coke demurred to taking any action but stated that Judge Skipworth of Eugene, now in Judge Harris place, would be here in about a month to try this and other cases in which he had a personal interest, and was disqualified to try.

Another matter of interest before court was the application of the Southern Oregon Co. for certain money tendered the County in payment of taxes, paid into the hands of the clerk to await the outcome of certain litigation which has passed from one Oregon Supreme Court to the U. S. Supreme Court. That company claimed that the money was paid on condition that the County would also deposit tax receipts in the hands of the clerk against the said money, to await the outcome, and that the county had failed to comply with the agreement. Mr. Liljeqvist in behalf of the County contended that the money was in the custody of the law, and could not be molested, except by an order of the U. S. Supreme Court. Judge Coke refused to take any action in the matter, and the money still remains in the hands of the County, "in trust".

Frank M. Findlay, piano tuner of Marshfield, and previously of Eugene, is following his profession in this city at present. Mr. Findlay is a native of Baraboo, Wis., a place principally known to fame as the winter home of Ringling Bros. circus. Mr. Findlay was connected with the circus in its barnstorming days. He was the "strong man" and for a time passed as "Frank Ringling" a fictitious personage. His act was faked. He wore a \$15 suit of clothes and a \$400 suit of underwear under his tights, the underwear built up to give him the proper proportions. Mr. Findlay probably knows more people in the state than the governor. His profession has taken him up and down and across the state but he thinks the climate of Coos county is the best of all.



A prominent feature of the Elk festivities was the artistic genius which it demonstrated First street business men to be possessed of. Many of the windows displayed for the occasion were very fine. The Elk colors purple and white were closely adhered to and fraternity phrases were made use of in various ways. "Hello Bill" appeared in various ways but perhaps the most tempting rendition of the word were three "bills", one a twenty, one a two and the other a one glued to the window of the Bank of Bandon, and a motto "Cheer up Bill, there ain't no hell" in the window of the Orange Pharmacy was strictly in accord with the spirit of the occasion.

A dial showing an hour of twelve was displayed in many places, perhaps in none more noticeable than in McNair's window where an auto tire served to enclose the dial.

For pure display the Golden Rule window was as nice as any. Their exhibit showed only their regular offerings but the Elk colors were made use of in the selection of the wares displayed and the window was one that appealed to the eye.

There were a number of fine sets of elk antlers. The one in front of LeGore's pool room was a fine one and a large one and a white owl roosted among the branching antlers. A fine pair of antlers also graced the box office of the Grand theater and another was shown backed up by a flag in the Orange pharmacy window.

The Boyle Jewelry store which had the effect of its fine display marred by a broken window, ingeniously covered the window with a sign which read "We are not Busted even if the window is." Blundell had a small mountain chain of candy with a deer leaping amongst it.

The Hub store had a fine display that must have taken much time and thought and in fact most of the First street establishments had fine displays.

So great was the demand for purple and white bunting and crepe paper that not only was the stocks of Bandon exhausted but Marshfield and Coquille were draw from until they had no more.

So great was the demand for decorating material that there was none left to decorate the autos for the parade. Geo. Lafaw's car won the prize largely by default as his was about the only decorated car in the parade.

Master Leo Johnson, son of Sam Johnson had a finely decorated pushmobile and probably would have won the prize had his been a gas wagon.

The Battle of Battle Rock will be the first event of the Agrate carnival at Port Orford. It is to take place on Wednesday night, August 18th. People are invited to come that night and camp through the carnival.

Otto Sabro returned with the Elizabeth from a month's visit to Frisco. Besides visiting the fair He took advantage of his stay in the California metropolis to study engraving.

Editor H. W. Young of the Coquille Sentinel who likes nothing better than to take walks across country to familiarize himself with the resources of this section was a visitor at Bullards and Whisky Run yesterday. Missing the stage at Bandon this morning he came up to Bandon for a short visit and while he was in the city was a welcome caller at the office of the Recorder.

Guy Mars a tie hacker working in one of Geo. Lafaw's camps will lose the sight of one eye as the result of an injury received yesterday. He was working with his tools making ties when a steel splinter from a wedge struck him in one eye. He was hurried to Bandon and given into the care of Dr. Leep who found the splinter had gone through the eyeball and lodged back of that member. The injured man was sent over to Marshfield to Dr. Straw for attention.

S. E. Hines has started up a fruit store in his vacant building on the east end of First street. Mr. Hines plans to do both a wholesale and a retail business and hie at present the business is expected to be of humble proportions yet he will be in shape to handle the business as fast as it is developed. Mr. Hines is an old hand in the merchandise game and he plans to buy wherever possible from the grower, both in this section and in California saving the buyer from multiplied commissions.

A small ruling was made by the council in the regulations of the water department, Wednesday night that is of more than ordinary interest to city water users. This regulates the charge which the department makes to water patrons when changes are made in their connections. Heretofore the practice has been when the workers decide that a new connection was necessary, they would take off the old connections, put in a new one and send in a bill to the householder for the change. As the regulation is now, when a new connection is made the city will charge for such service but when a change is made, in the size of the pipes or fittings the city will foot the bill.

One of the visitors to Bandon this week is James Lawhead, one of the pioneer residents of the town but now of Portland from which he is engaged in construction work on the different light houses along the coast. Mr. Lawhead came to Bandon forty years ago when it had the original two or three houses. He originally worked on the jetty extensions and gradually drifted into exclusive government work. He has a timber claim south of Langlois and took a part of his vacation this year to come to this section and look over his property.

Mr. Lawhead says he has talked recently with several southern Pacific officers, each of whom seemed positive that the railroad would be extended from Coos Bay down the coast just as soon as financial conditions would permit.

The Boyle Jewelry Co. has recently handled some fine pearls for customers. One a pink pearl, a cultivated gem from the West Indies is a beauty being pink on one side and a golden amber below. These pearls are cultivated by the islanders who plant a small piece of gravel in the oyster which secretes the pearl to alloy the irritation produced by the foreign substance. Mr. Boyle also has some rare white pearls of value and which are very handsome.

E. W. Schetter who returned last week from a visit to the fair, says it was grand and extremely interesting and the Canadian exhibits, especially struck him as exceedingly good. Nevertheless he says he has seen all the fairs he cares to see for several weeks.

BENNETT TELLS OF EARLY DAY PICNIC

First Bandon Fourth Of July Celebration As Related By Coos Bay News Man

Connecting on the recorder's record of 1898, Knickerbocker's description of a picnic to the first Fourth of July celebration in Bandon, G. A. Bennett says in his paper, the Coos Bay News in its last issue:—

"The writer was present at that celebration and we remember many of the incidents connected therewith. In those days, John Lewis, who owned the present town site and his family and Arthur Lewis and family, were the only residents of what is now the town of Bandon. There was a building on the water front where scows and boats used in connection with the ferry across the river were kept. Specially for the celebration a shed 40 x 100 feet was built and a good floor for dancing laid. The object of the celebration was to raise funds to carry on the work of improving the mouth of the Coquille, which had been commenced some time before by placing cribs filled with rock along the south side of the river so as to force the channel across the bar at the north. The old channel followed the bend near Tupper rock and on the bar of this channel, two rocks known as the Sisters, and another known as the black rock were a decided menace to navigation. By forcing the bar channel to the north, these rocks would be avoided and it was thought a better depth could be obtained where there was nothing but sand to contend with.

It was estimated at the time that the attendance at the celebration was between 600 and 700 which was considered a very large gathering in those days. Major Brown of Marshfield about ten o'clock and as officer of the day introduced Judge D. J. Lowe, who read the Declaration of Independence. Singing by a quartette followed after which J. M. Singin, the orator of the day was introduced and entertained an appreciating audience for over an hour. After dinner the Empire City Dramatic Society, composed of Mrs. Graves, Misses Lurie and Agnes Lockhart, and Owen Short, gave an entertainment and among the songs on the program were "The Hat Me Father Wore" by J. W. Bennett, and "Marching Back to Georgia" by C. C. Dryden which were received with shouts of applause. Dancing commenced early in the evening and kept up until after daylight next morning when many began breaking camp for home at up river points while others remained for a few days recreation on the beach.

Senator Siglin, writing about Bandon beach at that time said: "For a tourist from the hot countries in the interior no place on the coast offers greater inducements for pleasure, health and recreation than Bandon beach. Plenty of fishing, sea lion and seal hunting, ducks, sea parrot and shore birds along the beach; and in the woods, elk, deer, bear panthers, etc were numerous. A cool, bracing, health inspiring atmosphere, coming over the western ocean for thousands of miles, pure as the driven snow. Scenery, rough, grand and romantic, rocks, coves and reefs all around. This part of the coast is destined to become a great summer resort, equal to the many places in the east."

A. McNair was under the weather a few days during the past week.

- STANDING OF THE CONTESTANTS
- Blanche Cuthbert, 5855
 - Mrs. F. H. Fashold, 4854
 - Lena Fullerton, 5516
 - Dorothy Laughlin, 4005
 - Orville Lewin, 1005
 - Aida Mars, 6507
 - Minnie McCurdy, 500
 - Violet Moore, 500
 - Fula Moore, 500
 - Ann Windoor, 500
 - Stella Shields, 3151
 - Kate Wolf, 3151