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FORM ASSOCIATION FOR GOOD ROADS

Interview With Jonn Dickey Telling of Proposed Action For Benefit of Highway

At the meeting of the business men's association held in Coquille a few weeks ago it was voted to name a committee of the association to meet with the Coos county Good Roads association and see what could be done to improve the roads of the county. A meeting of the later association was held at Coquille last Thursday evening and the committee attended as well as many others interested coming even from remote parts of the county.

One great good resulted from the meeting and that was after some talk it was decided there was no one but what was ignorant of the subject and that all the old plans suggested were bad. Many had been in favor of plank roads at first but as they had time to think it over this idea had been abandoned and likewise the advocates of other forms of roads agreed to forget their theories and they decided to blot out what had been and sit down to materialize plans on which all could unite.

James E. Montgomery of Marshfield was elected president of the reorganized association, E. L. Powell, secy., and R. H. Mast, treasurer. Seven vice presidents were named, these to constitute a committee to formulate road plans to be presented at the next meeting of the association to be held at 10 o'clock, October 7th at North Bend. This is one of the days of the carnival to be held in that town to commemorate the building of the big bridge.

The following telegram was read at the meeting:

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15, 1915
Jas. E. Montgomery Marshfield Ore.

I am assured positively by Simon Benson, chairman Advisory State Highway Commission that State aid will be available for a road to intersect the Pacific Highway when Coos County has helped herself through the bond issue. With this assurance we should lose no more time. Please attend the Coquille meetings and pledge our energetic and continuous support for a comprehensive good roads program for Coos County. Find we can secure the best talent in the State including Benson and the Governor to assist in a campaign of education to the business wave of roads.

CHARLES HALL

In connection with the above G. T. Treadgold states that Gov. Withycombe told him during the last campaign that he would come to the county and make some addresses and the above telegram indicates that he can be relied on to boost for good roads.

Among the other things set aside is the good roads petition calling for a special election on the bond issue and it is not likely that this petition will be presented to the county court for action.

Mr. Dickey is not in favor of haste in the matter of bring good roads issue to a vote. He believes the election next fall will be time enough. He would discuss the matter thoroughly mature a plan that will stand the test of any argument and then set about its adoption.

Mr. Dickey says he finds many people who are opposed to a bond issue for good roads and it reminds him of an illustration. Suppose, he says one has land to clear and a crop to put in and needs a horse to do the work. Is it better to do without until the money is earned to buy the horse or to borrow the money, buy the horse and with the proceeds of its work, pay for the animal.

When the committee appointed to formulate road plans has reported, the good roads discussion may be expected to begin a new.

The state is willing to help in the matter of road building but it insists that its assistance must be bestowed only where the people of a section have interest enough in the matter to do some work for themselves. Jackson, Multnomah, Clatsop and two or three other counties have already been helped in this way.

Mr. Cutten Visits Bandon

W. F. Cutten of Coquille was cutting a few capers on the streets of Bandon Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Cutten who admits that he composes some corking prurient compositions and gems of the art preservative of arts for the Coquille Herald when his artistic spirit moves him to work had recently tumbled off the water wagon and the direction of his tumble was in the direction of Bandon. He was enjoying his visit in our midst immensely and found things here very refreshing. Doubtless when he gets his tongue untangled and extracts the kinks into which he worked it telling the Recorder force of his accomplishments he will be able to spin a few more on the theme of his adventures in our city.

Knight For School Clerk

The special school election in the high school building last Friday night developed considerable interest and there was a large turnout considering the fact that it was a special meeting. Three candidates were placed in nomination; John Nielson, E. H. Fish and C. M. Knight. F. J. Chatham was named as clerk of the meeting and Guy Dipple and D. W. Carpenter appointed tellers. A ballot showed the following vote. Nielson 7, Fish 23 and Knight 65 and the last named was declared duly elected.

The fact that active canvass for the vacant position had been made explained the interest manifested in the election. The result is a tribute to the popularity and appreciation of Mr. Knight in the community, especially as Mr. Fish, his principal opponent is a strong man, capable, alert, and popular. Mr. Nielson did not make any effort to carry the election.

During the meeting M. Breuer raised the objection that the election notice had been wrongly phrased calling for an election for a term of one year instead of the unexpired term. This he corrected by motion.

Mrs. Eva Z. Crockett finds some little notoriety attached to the fact that we inadvertently in a recent issue gave her name as Mrs. Griffith instead of Mrs. Eva Crockett as it is. She says there is no telling how many hearts were broken by the wrong announcement that she had changed her name and we take this means of making a proper correction. Mrs. Crockett and her son David T. Crockett have bought out the interest of John T. Tupper in the rooming house after which they have been managing and Mrs. Crockett and son will run the same in the future.

The son, David, who is related to the Kentucky pioneer and also to the family which Jesse James is descended, is recently out from the U. S. cavalry. He arrived in Bandon a week ago, leaving the service at Ft. Russell in Montana. He enlisted a year ago at the age of eighteen but his mother decided that she could not spare him any longer and bought his release from the service, paying \$100 for the release. During his service the boy had a part in the repelling of riots in the Colorado coal fields strike. He also had a part in the making of some of the popular movie films in which U. S. cavalry was used. The boy boy tried for a farrier's license with the government and had he stayed one day longer in the service would have secured the same. He also has a silver medal awarded to the best three shots in his regiment. He was in troupe 8 of the 12th cavalry. He served in the cavalry 14 months and is now 19.

A seven dollar phonograph record is surely an aristocratic record. Sabro Bros. have it in their music dept. and it is notable because the voices of a number of stars in the musical world are combined to make it. The record is the Sextette from Lucia and the singers are Caruso, Tetravzink, Amati, Jacoby, Bada, Jouraet.

There are a couple of cream separators in the store of L. W. Robinson on First street only that the cream they are intended to skim is gold instead of the lactical variety. They are intended for black sand work and are a part of the \$6,000 outfit recently received on the Tillamook and to be tried out at Whisky run and then sent to Rogue river.

A Voyage on the Coquille River 40 Years Ago

Thos. B. Mery, editor of the Coos Bay News, which was then published at Empire, wrote the following account of his first trip to the Coquille river, which appeared in the issue of July 8, 1874.

We left Empire last Wednesday about noon on the Satellite, in company with some dozen of our fellow citizens bound for the blue Coquille. Friend Wm. Saunders went ashore at North Bend and borrowed a boat with which to go down Beaver slough, which boat we launched at Dr. Henry's and made sail on her. George Quigley was pilot and when we got up to Isaacs' landing we partook of a hearty dinner and then made the best of our way across the Isthmus. Arriving at Judge Halls that gentleman informed us he had that day sold out his "railroad" to Messrs. Utter & Fitzhugh for \$8,000. We got our boat hauled on the car by a single patient mule, whose voice was "echoless and alone" as he brayed along the little tramroad through the wilderness. Suddenly the heavy droning buzz of a circular saw broke upon our ears, and we came upon a steam saw mill owned by the Isthmus Transit Railroad company and managed by J. F. Dunham, formerly North Bend. We found all hands at work, as hard as they could drive, not only getting out timbers for the new railroad, but actually cutting out an order for an building in Marshfield. This is worse than shipping coal to Newcaste.

Beaver Slough was reached at last, and I was totally astonished to think how all the trade and travel of the Coquille valley had to pass through this narrow gutter. There were four of us in the skiff. Saunders and Quigley (who did the poling for six miles through that tortuous and narrow passage) Geo. Bennett of Bandon and the writer. The dense brush overhung the channel the entire distance but at length we came to the farm of Y. M. Lowe, and suddenly about an hour before sunset, burst upon our admiring view "The Blue Coquille." Yes after a year of patient waiting it was before me at last the most beautiful of not the grandest river in Oregon. Its fame had not belied it for I beheld it winding through densely wooded mountain gorges, alternating with broad, grassy prairies where the upsurging smoke told that some frontiersman had found a home. Compared with it, the Willamette is a slough and the Sacramento but a muddy ditch. We stopped for supper at the house of Yelverton Lowe, who is profanely called "Pate," and after a hearty supper lit cigars for a row of fifteen miles down the river.

The scenery and the pleasure of that beautiful night will never fade from my memory. The sun was just setting as Saunders and Quigley gave way on their oars and we shot out into the clear, pellucid current. All above us was a glow of beauty, the sky being bathed in a broad blaze of crimson and gold. Along the banks, the pheasant drummed away on his log, while the ringdove cooed plaintively from the boughs of some tall fir tree. The crimson at last began to turn purple, above us, as Counselor Bennett gave us one of his inimitable anecdotes with a flavor that Sir Jonah Barrington could not have surpassed. From time to time I took my pull at the "white ash breeze" as we shot around the bends and darted by picturesque cottages. Holy twilight then stole down upon us in her modest gown of ashen gray, and we were singing cheerfully as long streaming flocks of wild fowls shot through the dusky air above us. The robin had chanted his vespers and flown to the side of his tender mate, while the sentry-like heron hoarsely croaked from the limb of some decayed tree that moss-clad, towered above us like some bearded Druid of old. Then down stole the darkness, and the stars commenced to wink above the tall pines that were beginning to mirror their tapering spires in the dark bosom of the stream. Silently splashed the oars as we passed by the snaggy mouth of Iowa slough, and then we were out in good water again. Song after song woke the solitude of the forest as we glided swiftly along; but soon we encountered an adverse tide. After two hours of starlight the moon came forth in all her loveliness to bless the scene, just as we were abreast of Leneve's. From that down, the river gleamed like a sheet of silver as the Queen of Night

careered through a veil of opal clouds.

It was just midnight when we reached Randolph and woke up that most hospital of frontier merchants, Adam Pershbaker. Instantly he and his industrious lieutenant, R. H. Rosa were out in that peculiar costume in which the Marquis of Waterford and his henchmen used to ride steeplechases. In a few minutes they had us comfortably stowed away on downy beds, slumbering in that peace which ever rewards innocence and virtue. In the morning we pulled down toward the mouth of the river. Here we came upon the wreck of the steamer Commodore, wrecked here in 1870 and since dismantled of her machinery. Most of her engines are now in Pantera mill at Coquille City. This craft was built at Benicia, Cal., in 1863, and sent down to Maztin, where she made no money and finally came back to San Francisco, only to lay her tired bones on the sands of Oregon. Just half a mile below we came to Bandon ferry. Here we strolled about the beach and finally found a bed of wild strawberries on the side hill. Ascending a cliff near by we got a good view of the dangerous bar at the mouth of the river, and saw the great sealions playing on the rocks over which the breakers boomed with endless roar. After a visit with Mr. Bennett at Bandon Beach, we were bailed back to the ferry in farm wagon drawn by mules and driven by G. A. Bennett. It was afternoon when we reached the ferry and there was a pleasant breeze blowing. So after pulling up the bay past Hamblock's we made sail on our craft and fairly flew up the beautiful river, arriving at Pershbakers in about an hour.

The salmon fisheries of this river are destined to become a great source of wealth to Coos county, at no distant day. We have visited all the principal fisheries on the Columbia river, and have seen none of them more eligibly located for the taking and curing of salmon than the lower end of the Coquille. The principal difficulty has heretofore been the want of means of shipment, but since Capt. Rackliff has been running his little steam schooner Cordelia, the people have begun to wake up a little. We saw her lying at anchor just below Pohl & Grube's mill, loaded with cedar lumber for San Francisco. She would have gone to sea several days ago but the serious illness of one of Capt. Rackliff's family. In addition to her, a steam scow called the Twin Sisters comes in here occasionally and takes off about 80,000 feet of lumber at a load.

It was high noon, overcast and sultry on Friday when Saunders and myself bid adieu to the hospitable mansion of Mr. Pershbaker. We were bound for the celebration at Coquille City and carried our patriotism in a jug. Of what befel us, more anon—Coos Bay News.

At the unearthly hour of two last Friday morning M. Ocon was wakened from a sound sleep by the cry of a man in distress. Investigating he found a man had fallen into the slip just back of his shop and was clinging to the piles and calling for assistance. Ocon summoned Night Officer Cessna who got a boat and rescued the man. The later, recently from Arizona and a stranger had wandered round into unfamiliar paths and fallen in the water. He was taken into the all-night restaurant and dried out.

The owners of gasoline boats on the Coos river have been fined by U. S. inspectors \$5350 because of laxness in obeying the government regulations. Eight months ago the same Inspector McGrath assessed these men \$4500 and most of the fines were rebated on promise to do better in the future.

Since the disaster to the Eastland the inspectors have been cautioned to be stricter in the performance of their duties and they may be expected to make these fines stick. The only Coquille river boat criticized was the Myrtle which was found without a fog horn and with other shortages.

Noticing that there was nothing at the fair by way of exhibit to show that there was such a place as Bandon C. F. Pape has sent to Mr. Ward at the exposition three of the views of the city taken with the revolving camera and they will be duly placed where they can be seen.

Jack Hickey's Hunger Strike

Having tried about every thing else as a means of discouraging Jack Hickey's partiality for municipal lodging and Officer Holman has been trying a bread and water diet upon him for the past week. Emulating the London suffragettes Hickey has gone on a hunger strike. He seems to lack consistency in this and as yet there has been no situation rise compelling the officer to feed his prisoner by force. Jack protests that he does not want the bag of sandwiches brought to him but the other day when the marshall blew into a bag to make it appear like a full one Jack quickly discovered the cheat and demanded a bag that weighed more.

Bakery Building Well Built

Now that the pebble dash is being applied to the bakery building it is evident that it is going to be a fine appearing building.

A central figure of this building will be the oven, preparations for installing which are now in progress. Underneath is a cluster of twentyfive piles. On these rest 12x16 girders all running in one direction. On these are 4x4s running with 12 in. centers across. On top of this are 3x12 planks running the opposite way and on the plank is 1/4 inch thickness of asbestos. On this a 1/2 inch thickness of concrete will be placed to serve as a foundation for the oven of glazed and enameled white brick. Including the fire brick and glazed brick the oven will weigh over 70 tons. The oven will be the famous Peterson patent and will cost \$2,200 and when complete will be the finest oven in Southern Oregon.

The floor in the bake shop will be of concrete with a concrete wainscoting four feet high. The remainder of the building will be plastered and the outside is stucco over metal lath. The bake shop is 20x50 ft. and has a ceiling 14 feet high. It has a Mezzinin floor in the back.

On the First street side are two store rooms, the one to the east to be used as a bake shop and is 20x25 ft. in dimensions and the other to be rented is 20x20 ft in dimension. Both rooms have modern store fronts.

On the north side of the building are two 10x50 ft. court porches, one for each floor. There are nine rooms up-stairs, not including bath and toilet. Three of these are reserved for dwelling purposes by Mr. Stephen and the remainder will be rented. rooms have large windows of plate glass 4x6 ft and the rooms will be modern in every respect.

The roof is built of flexible felt and roof composition saturated and covered with Trinidad asphalt. The process of laying this roof was in four separate plies.

Mr. Stephen has spared no money to make the building the best possible of the kind and Johnson, Payne and Larsen working in conjunction with Architect Karl Scheel are doing a job that is a credit to the craft.

The design of the building is of simple lines yet it is a structure that would attract attention anywhere and will be a notable addition to the business structures of Bandon.

George E. Baxter one of three brothers formerly in the saloon business in Coquille and for whom the Baxter hotel was named shot himself fatally in Marshfield last Sunday morning. He first burned all his letters and every paper in the room that belonged to him, locked the door of the room and shot himself with a 25-35 rifle, the bullet taking effect on his temple and from the force of which the top of his head was blown off. Despondency and continued brooding over a separation from his wife which occurred about five years ago is said to have been the impelling causes to the deed.

When asked what he thought was the best feature of the exposition C. F. Pape said he thought the Sperry flour exhibit was the best thing on the grounds. They have a small forty barrel mill in operation and show the whole process of flour making from a to z. There also they have the cooks of different nationalities, German, French, Jew, Turk, Jap., etc. displaying the method of their national cookery.

Official return from all the counties of South Carolina indicate that the state has gone dry by 20,000.

ENJOIN WORK ON OREGON AVE.

Archbishop Takes Legal Steps to Prevent City Making Cut Through Property

The threatened stay in the proceedings of paving Oregon avenue materialized yesterday morning when a temporary injunction was served on the city recorder restraining the city from going forward with this improvement through the property in dispute with the Catholic church. The injunction was obtained through the circuit court sitting at Coquille and was asked for in the name of Archbishop Christy of the Catholic church. The city will have ten days in which to prepare an answer to the injunction and to show reason why the same should not be made permanent. The injunction rests on the claim of the church that it still owns the land through which the street runs where it is to make its descent to the grade of the streets of the lower town.

The injunction affects only that part of the work that deals with the property which the church claims to own. The rest of the work is proceeding as usual but the injunction will delay the sluicing of the hill and the filling in of tide flats below which it was proposed to fill with the material taken from the hill.

At the meeting of the city council last Wednesday evening the petition of property owners for the improvement was taken up and the city fathers formally voted to take up the work, the street to be macadamized or balasted as the interested property owners may decide. On this score a citizen of the city rises to suggest that the Oregon avenue paving be turned down this street as a means of doing away with the dispute with the church. This could be done, using the street as it is now and the grade would be considerably less than the new grade would be.

Costello Is Defeated

Contrary to the expectations of many Wilson triumphed over Costello, the Belgian Tiger in the match before the Bandon Athletic club last Saturday night. And it was an easy victory or rather one quickly decided. Two straight falls went to Wilson the first in 24 minutes on a head scissors with an arm scissors. Costello forced Wilson for the first fall but was compelled to yield to Wilson's activity. Many of the fans wanted Costello to win on his weight and were inclined to believe that he laid down but he himself admits that he met a man who was better than he was and whom he was not active enough to handle.

Costello will leave with the next boat for Frisco and it is barely possible that the incoming boat will carry Chris Theopolis to wrestle with Wilson. Theopolis is a good man and will come if he can spare the time from his theatrical engagements. He appears regularly on the stage as a strong man. Theopolis downed Ajax on two separate occasions. Once two falls in 16 minutes and again two falls in nine minutes.

Chester Hoskins acted as referee last Saturday night and as a preliminary Dutch and Martin entertained the crowd for half an hour.

Smiling Dutch was at North Bend today to try and arrange a wrestling match for the bridge carnival.

Senator Harry Lane and party of Portland slipped quietly into town last Saturday night, arriving at about seven o'clock and stopping at the Gallier over night, were off for the Rogue river country in the morning. They made their entrance and exit so quietly that none of the local politicians knew of the visit until it was a thing of the past. With the party were the senator, Mrs. Lane, Miss Harriet Lane, Marjory Lane and Louis Snell.

A part of the ornamentation of the B. B. building will be two plates in the places designed for them at the top of the building, one on the right and the other on the left side. In these will be wreaths enclosing the letters B. B. A marble plate will also be over the main entrance in front.