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Bandon By-the-Sea has the Prettiest Beach on the Coast

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## U. S. INSPECTORS AFTER MAIL THIEVES

Officer Visits Coos Bay. Takes Testimony  
And Action is Promised

Lovers of law and order will rejoice to hear that action is on foot to bring prosecution to bear on the people who made the scene of the wreck of the Santa Clara a place of pillage and arson. By the time a few examples have been made the rights of property may be more strictly observed in these parts in the future. The lack of jurisdiction on the part of the authorities appears to have been the ground on which a major portion of these acts of lawless rested but many of the pilferers forgot to take into consideration the fact that the authority of the government of the United States extends on land and sea within the three mile limit. The tampering with United States Mail is one of the most dangerous pastimes a man can engage in.

And the self constituted wreckers of the Santa Clara not only tampered with the mail but they took what ever they found that suited the fancy.

Post office inspector P. L. Neil of Portland has been at the bay for several days taking testimony and seems to have found any number of witnesses ready to testify in the matter of robbery of the mail. One account says the inspector has the names of as many as 200 residents of the bay towns on his list.

The inspector left for Portland Saturday and it is believed that he has secured evidence of mail tampering that will bring down the U. S. marshals with warrants.

One man over from the bay last week said that photographs had even been secured of the pirates at work and that the allegation that most of the thieves were Indians would have to be discounted a little. He knew of a company of twenty who had gone from Marshfield to get their share of the spoils.

The Coos Bay Times of the 11th, contains an awful indictment of the pirates who looted the Santa Clara, in an editorial of which the following is part:

"The pillaging of the steamer Santa Clara, has made an incident without precedent on the Pacific coast. A cargo valued at \$50,000 was seized by people of Coos bay who gathered in hundreds on the beach to get what they could from the ship. Whisky was the first thing taken and while it lasted the looters indulged in drunken orgies. All that could be taken from the vessel was removed and because there was still some freight in the hold that could not be reached, the dynamiting of the derelict was threatened in order to get a chance at gathering more. Mail sacks were rifled, trunks and suit cases were broken into, the garments of women and victims of the wreck, lying dead in the morgue were appropriated and the personal belongings of the other women, who had been injured in the wreck were taken along with everything else on the boat that was portable. The looting was as complete as it was possible for the eager scores who flocked aboard and waded in the surf could make it. Personal effects, baggage, U. S. mail and all, was apparently treated alike. The pillagers took what they could get and then often fought over it afterward for possession.

Not satisfied with what had been taken someone set fire to the Santa Clara and the flames have closed this very remarkable incident.

Further the Times tells how the pirates sold their loot.

"One man had 25 boxes of Shinola shoe polish. He was anxious to get rid of them. Also he was anxious to get the money. A bootblack was cornered.

"What'll you give for the outfit?" and the "shine saw a chance to drive a good bargain."

"Oh, I'll give you a couple of shoe shines."

"Give me six bits for them" he howled. And the sale was made for 50c.

Another amateur salesman had several pairs of good shoes, all wool and a yard wide." He sat on the end gate of a delivery wagon and waited on his customers. The shoes were

## BUSINESS MEN HOLD BANQUET

Session Tonight in K. P. Hall. Fifty Visitors Present

Tonight the business men of Coos county are assembling for a banquet and talk fest which is being held in K. P. hall. The ladies of the Ladies' Presbyterian Aid served the dinner and those who has a chance at the banquet board said the meal was a peacherino. There were about fifty guests present from out of town, coming from North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille, and Myrtle Point. All were united in their endorsement of the feed.

Jas. W. Mast presided as toast master in the after dinner flow of oratory. He bade the guests a kindly welcome in a speech that was heartily applauded.

D. J. Maloney of the Coos Bay Times was the first man called on. He replied to the address of welcome felicitating the representatives of the different sections on the manner in which they were taking advantage of the opportunity to get together. Maloney is a good talker and his remarks were listened to with interest.

B. B. Weldy of the North Bend Tide dissented a few on the merits of merchant and publisher in the field of advertising and showed how the forces of the two could be combined for mutual advantage.

Mayor Morrison of Coquille dwelt on the subject of co-operation among business men and showed how it was better to confer and consult and take heed through one another's experiences.

Mr. Lewis of Marshfield was also present and was called on to speak as is president of the association and his remarks were largely reminiscent of the eighteen months history of the organization.

Tomorrow night the problem of extra taxation of next year is before the council and it is quite likely that there may be fire works.

## What Of The Seattle

A telegram received by Captain Wiren from his son Loyal this week states that the dredge Seattle parted with her hawser off the Columbia bar but does not detail the result of the incident. The Seattle was being towed to Seattle by the tug Goliath when the accident happened. Loyal Wiren has been working during the summer with a firm of machine men at Astoria at the plant closed down for a time and young Wiren determined to return to Bandon. He planned to come to Coos bay on the Santa Clara but found on applying for a ticket that the boat had gone twelve hours before. By that much he escaped the wreck.

Coming down overland he was halted at Coos Bay and offered a job on the Seattle on which he worked during the summer and which was headed for a two year's job at Seattle. After a brief visit with his parents here he joined the dredge. Whether or not the dredge got safely to her destination is the question, now.

## Sullivan is Mobilizing

If the king of Greece does not hurry up he will find himself beaten by the Hub of Bandon. General Sullivan is preparing the decks for action as is evidenced from his big advertisement on another page. Preparations for the fray are arousing considerable interest and to obtain the particulars kindly consult the adv.

An agreement has been reached between the Bandon and Coquille libraries by which they will exchange books in lots of 25 at a time and new exchanges made occasionally when the exchange books have gone the rounds. This is a new idea and will help the patrons of both libraries to have a larger choice.

examined, found to be sound and the haggling went on. The footgear changed hands at \$1.25 a pair. Other men and other goods came. Business began picking up—then the wagon drove on.

Private parties have related to us how some of the looters, fearing prosecution, are slowly returning to rightful owners their property, demanding petty rewards therefor.

## COOS PICTURES TO BE SHOWN

Long Looked For Pictures to be Shown at Grand, Wednesday night, November 17

Coos county in moving pictures, as taken under the combined auspices of the Elks and the commercial clubs of the cities of the county is now ready for display and will be shown at the Grand tomorrow night.

The pictures were shown last night at the conclusion of the regular performance to an audience consisting of the Commercial club committee and one or two others and pronounced o. k. Most of the Bandon pictures were taken on the occasion of Elks day last summer and the rest of the scenes of other communities have been taken since.

The scenes of Elk day, the arrival of the boats, the mock wedding, the parade, the wild man, the battle on the scow are all there.

One of the best pictures of the film is the steamer Bandon and the Klihyam going over the bar. The Klihyam, dipping its nose in the breakers is so natural that you can almost hear the roaring of the waters.

All of the characters of the parade are recognizable, the bride and groom, Deacon Mast, Marshall Rosa, and a hundred others.

The picture shows the cutting of a tall cedar and the cutting of ties. The haying on the Star ranch where two men with their combined forks lift lugh portions of hay to the top of the load in the good old way. The registered Holsteins, the chickens and the strutting turkey gobbler are all there. Likewise the hauling of ties to the dock, the use of the boats is also carried on.

Other Bandon people seen are Jim Wilson and Smiling Dutch in a wrestling match at North Bend. The bridge is shown and scenes from the carnival and pictures taken at Smith's mill.

The picture is a good one and will doubtless attract a large crowd of people many of whom will be able to see themselves as others see them.

The picture is to be exhibited in the county, at the San Francisco fair at the towns in the state where there are Elks lodges and afterward it will go east on its advertising mission.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Albert Garfield the library acknowledges the receipt of one hundred clips for the binding of magazines for their protection during circulation. James Mast supplied a roll of stout wrapping paper at cost and Wm. Mast gave the apparatus for handling the paper.

Rev. W. S. Smith preached a special sermon to children last Sunday, on the art of making faces. He showed two examples, a specimen from the rogue's gallery enlarged on cardboard by Harry McGinittie, and another, as a contrast, the face of the man who has charge of the reading rooms on the Santa Fe railroad. He showed how each man had in reality drawn his own face with the pencil of his thoughts, making it attractive or repulsive as the man's thoughts were tinged with characteristics of good or evil.

The new windows which were to have been put in for the front of the Boyle Jewelry store in the Ellingson ries by which they will exchange their installation into position. The last Elizabeth carried the plate glass for these windows but when uncrated and ready to put in place was found to be an inch and a half short. A telegram was promptly sent to San Francisco and a new glass got ready for shipment. In the meantime the window has a covering of canvass.

Bandon Moving Pictures of the big splash will be shown at the Grand next Wednesday, November 17. One night only.

The Tillamook and the Ahwanceda came in safely last week. The Tillamook unloaded promptly and started back for Portland but the Ahwanceda is still here.

Hello!!! The Elks pictures are here and you can see them at the Grand next Wednesday November 17.

## HOUSE OF HESS BURNED TONIGHT

Dropped Lamp Starts Blaze. House Tenanted by School Girls

A house belonging to Henry Hess and formerly the property of Rev. Barkelow burned tonight. Mr. Hess lives on his ranch south of town and the burned house, situated on the south end of Oregon avenue and was occupied by children of Mr. Hess, going to school.

June Hess, the oldest daughter, and a high school girl had been to the movies and returning about nine o'clock, lit a lamp. She tripped, fell with the lamp, a curtain caught fire and soon the house was in flames. The children screamed to arouse the neighborhood and there was a generous response to the call but all arrived too late to save the house. Nothing was saved from the ruins. Included among the household goods lost was a piano, the property of Miss June.

The house was insured for \$900 and there was some insurance on the household goods.

There was a large turnout at the fire, including a few automobiles. Two of the latter got stuck in the mud in that vicinity and came close to spending the night in the open.

## PRINTERS TURN DETECTIVES

Cameron And Simpson Miss Surf Relics And Go in Quest Thereof

Editor Frank E. Cameron of the Agitator of North Bend, worked up a little agitation on his own account in Bandon last week. Mr. Cameron has been making heroic exertions to get a printing outfit of his own. Being a thrifty soul he has reasoned it out that there is no use of going out of Coos county to get an equipment when there was plenty of unused material here. So he bought the outfit with which in the palmy days of Empire the "Argus" had been printed in that town. With the machinery handy M. A. Simpson called the attention of the Agitator man to the type with which he used to fill the columns of the Surf when it boomed for the benefit of Bandon.

Cameron was looking for bargains and a couple weeks ago the two came over and took an inventory of the material.

At the time of the big fire which wiped the Surf off the face of the map the type had been rescued and was reposing in the Oriental hall.

Cameron and Simpson looked the type over and aver they found something like 1400 lbs that was in usable shape. Later they agreed on a price for the type, \$150 and came over to Bandon to prepare it for shipment.

But when they went to get the type it was gone. They annexed the services of the city marshal and finally located a number of boxes of metal in the Central warehouse prepared for shipment and addressed to San Francisco parties. The shipper was Wm. Rogers, local foundry man.

Hunting up Rogers they were informed that the material had been melted for James McGuire a junk dealer and gatherer who was accustomed to gather various kinds of malleable material which was known as white metal to dealers and which he Rogers, had shipped in his name as foundrymen get a better rate than individuals.

Other than the metal was white metal and was shipped for McGuire Rogers disclaimed any knowledge of it. McGuire insisted that the metal was made up of batteries and other junk. But Simpson and Cameron decided that the metal was type metal, that it was too hard for rabbit metal, and had McGuire and Rogers hailed before Justice C. R. Wade Wednesday who decided that the evidence warranted him in holding the men to the grand jury.

The Bandon which came in Friday did not find a load here but went over to Coos bay for it.

## GOOD PRICES AND FEW FISH

Characterize Salmon Cannery Season Just Closed. Missed \$2000 Profit.

According to Sam Nass of the Prosper cannery the season for salmon fishing which is just ended has been marked by a poor catch and good prices. The season has been a bad one for the man with the nets all up and down the coast and poor hauls are recorded everywhere.

Mr. Nass thinks the lack of fish is due to lack of rain at the season of the annual run. He says this has made the water of the rivers salt and lacking the stimulation of the fresh water the Silversides have staid outside and thus saved themselves from the nets.

But while the catch has been light, the market has been good and every thing offered has been taken at good prices. Last years crop was sold in the fall after the season closed and because the buyer could not dispose of it the pack had been returned and left in the hands of the canneries.

The Prosper cannery sold its last year's pack in August of this year and if it had held on to the goods a month longer would have profited by the wait to the amount of \$2,000.

Instead this tidy sum went to the men who were nearer the consumer in the process of distribution.

The seiners were the only net workers who caught any fish at all this year. The gill netters had very poor luck. Many of the salmon caught were large ones, the smaller fish being found in the same proportion as in former years.

## Coos Rivals Columbia

The Columbia river bar is known as the graveyard of the Pacific because of the number of sea going craft that have at one time or another met the end of voyaging on its treacherous breakers. But every bar on this northwest coast has had his victims and, naturally, the more traffic the greater the loss of ships. We have asked Captain Wiren of the Coquille River light house to make out a list from memory of the ships that have been wrecked on the Coos Bay bar and this is the list as he recalls it:

Schooner Captain Lincoln, 1852  
Tug Fearless, 1873,  
Schooner Julia H. Ray, 1889,  
Steamer Emily, 1892  
Steamer Chas. Whitmore, 1892  
Schooner Ella Lorina, 1895,  
Steamer Arago, 1896  
Barge Chinook, 1907,  
Schooner Marconi,  
Steamer Czarina,  
Gas Schooner Osprey,  
Schooner Advent,  
Launch North Star,  
Steamer Claremount,  
Steamer Santa Clara.

A shack on the property of E. N. Smith on Edison avenue, near First street grew tired of waiting for some one to tear it down and fell down itself this morning. The floor of the building which was once a residence still stands jauntily but the walls and roof are at various angles and partly sprawled out over the sidewalk.

The Elizabeth appeared off the river Friday forenoon and when the tide was right the Kliham went out to escort her in. But after nosing the breakers a little the Kliham concluded that the waiting outside for a few hours more would be fine and went back to its dock. But Captain Olson of the Elizabeth was not so struck with the waiting and determined to come in on his own hook. He got in all right and the Bandon followed his example and came in also.

## Sabro Brothers to the Front

The enterprising firm of Sabro Bros manufacturing jewelers have take a quarter page space in the Recorder to be held through the holidays. They will have interesting matters to present to the attention of customers and it will be worth while to listen to what they have to say. They manufacture made sale recently. The event was of gold native to Coos county and are recognized as skilled workmen in agate grinding.

## BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR COMING YEAR

Some of The Things That Indicate Increase in Volume of Business in Nineteen Sixteen

Press dispatches of 12th instance announce that the Gary Steel plant of Illinois is to be enlarged at a cost of seven and half million dollars, and Judge Gary head of the plant which bears his name announces that the work will commence in the near future, and will add 3000 men to the present pay roll.

San Bernardino announces on the same day that the Santa Fe shops there have increased the working hours by twenty per cent, making the longest working schedule there in five years and 1200 men are thereby affected.

The American Railway Association from New York after a compilation of figures sends out the encouraging news that on all the railroads of both the United States and Canada, that there were on November 1st, 26,239 idle cars on hands, this compared to one month earlier when there were 78,299 on hands and to one year ago, that is November 1st 1914, when there were 170,299 idle cars. Railroad men generally expect all cars to be in use by December 1st, after which time there will likely be a shortage. This is a most remarkable situation, for this season of the year, when crop hauling season is largely over. These figures tend to substantiate the current report that railroad agents are looking up the matter of placing order on the Pacific coast for lumber for cars and other railroad needs.

On November 12 comes the announcement from J. P. O'Brien of the O-W R & R. at Tacoma, that the roads which he represents plans to expend \$2,000,000 in improvements in the near future. Mr. O'Brien said that orders had already been given for 50,000,000 feet of lumber for railroad ties, costing approximately \$400,000 to be supplied by the North West. An other official of that road stated that \$600,000 had been spent in the last 6 months for ties by the O-W. R. & N.

## Fresh Water For Bar

Rains of the past week have been of service to others as well as dealers in rubber goods. When the ground has been soaked the waters between the Coquille watersheds will serve to increase the flow of fresh water in the river and clear away the deposits of sand at the harbor entrance and deepen the water at the bar.

The rock barrier which the government has placed from the light house this way will be of service in keeping the ocean currents from filling the mouth of the river with sand as was the case last year.

But the first action of the barrier has been to force more sand into the river instead of keeping it out.

The heavy ridge of rock keeps steadily sinking and the sand displaced keeps steadily moving out into the river. In one spot the rock sank into the sand so that ten barge loads of rock were required to fill it and spots of depression that require fewer amounts of rock are frequent.

The barrier will reach bedrock some day and the freshets will clear out the sand and the good effects of the government work this summer will be more plainly apparent.

Diver Mast's assertion that there is no ledge across the harbor entrance has started the engineers on a new tack and it is announced that a boring survey of the bar will be made to secure a map and render future work more capable of direct action.

## Union Thanksgiving Services

Union Thanksgiving services in Bandon this year will be held in the Presbyterian church and Rev. C. U. Cross will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. During his short stay in Bandon the new pastor of the M. E. South church has gained the reputation of being an effective and interesting talker and will be well worth hearing. In order to allow those in attendance full time to get home to Thanksgiving dinner the services will be held at 10:30, A. M.