

The Recorder's Forum

Where our readers may talk on topics of mutual and general interest.

School Board Defends Official Record

EDITOR BANDON RECORDER:

In stating these facts we are not addressing them to Mr. Haberly but to the public, as there may be a few who may be hoodwinked by his ever-ready tongue and pencil. His first point was the high cost of maintaining our high school. We do not know upon what he bases his opinion but in looking over a book which has just been published by the state superintendent of public instruction giving all data of every school and high school in the state of Oregon for the year of 1915 & 1916 we find that the Bandon high school is being run more economically than any other high school in the state for its size. And we will here give you figures of our high school as compared with North Bend and Marshfield.

In the following list the first figures are for Marshfield; second for North Bend; third for Bandon.

Supt. \$2,200; \$1,600; \$1,350.
Principal: \$1,320; \$1,440; \$900.
Average salary of high school teachers: \$920; \$920; \$800.

Value of Physical geography apparatus: \$1250; \$175; \$75.

Biology apparatus: \$145; \$475; \$00
Physics apparatus: \$1250; \$1200; \$150.

Chemistry: \$750; \$800; \$150.
Standard books in high school library: \$350; \$600; \$250.

This does not look as if the present board has been extravagant. Mr. Haberly put great stress on the increase of high school salaries as compared with when he was on the board. Here are the figures taken from the clerk's books, schedule when he left:

	then	now
Supt.	\$1350	\$1350
Principal	900	900
Eng. & German	810	810
Eng History, & Latin	720	720
Sten. Bookkeeping	900	1000
Domestic Science	720	675
Librarian	5	5

Total amount \$5445 \$5455
We raised Mr. Quigley \$100 per year in order to keep him as he was offered more than that in another school.

And one of the last things Mr. Haberly wanted to do when he left the board was to raise the superintendent's salary \$150 per year but the other two members of the board, one of which is still surviving, refused to do so.

Mr. Haberly stated that the school meeting that he did not see the need of a school library as we were paying taxes for a public library, a rather weak statement for a man who has served on the school board, for he was soon convinced they were two different things and the state requires every standard high school of a four year course to have at least 250 standard books in the library. You will note that the records show we have just enough to pass with and part of the money on our budget at the last meeting was to pay for some of the books we were obliged to buy this year in order to meet the state requirement.

He also states that they paid \$150 a year as clerk's salary during the 3 years Mr. Haberly was on the board except the last year. They have not paid \$150 since the year 1909. The clerk's salary during the three years Mr. Haberly was on the board was \$175, \$200, \$250, and the school has grown much since he was on the board. We feel this is a small salary for the work that is to be done.

In regard to the \$1300 in common warrants which is now outstanding, and which Mr. Haberly states has

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been brought on in the last year and a half by the extravagance of the present board—which statement is a lie. The state laws say it is the duty of the school board to audit the books once each year. This has never been done until this year and in order to do so we were obliged to have expert accountant go over the last eight year's work, and his work, some of which was published a few weeks ago, shows that the school has been going behind for the last seven years to the amount of over \$1,000 each year and two years ago it fell behind \$4000 as over that amount of uncollected taxes was put in as asset and has not been collected yet.

I think this is the first year the board has taken part in getting out the annual budget and that is why some of the old board members as well as others were somewhat taken back when the budget was seen.

This year we spent several hours going over the accounts and found out what the actual cost of running the school has been and made out our budget in proportion to the increase of the school. And to this we must add a little to each item as there is each year a certain amount of taxes that can not be collected. Here is a budget made out three years ago: Teachers, \$13545; Janitor, \$1260; Furniture \$686; Typewriters, \$150; Domestic science \$693; Sundry expenses, \$1250 and that year the board asked for a 20 mill tax.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to the one session plan that has been in use in the high school for the past year and a half. Under it the teachers are to put in more time than they were before it was adopted. In the Bandon high school this year we are requiring the teachers to be in the building at 7:45 A. M. They remain until 12:40. They then have an intermission until 2 o'clock for lunch at which time they return and remain until 3:30.

This makes it possible to offer, with the same teaching force, a wider range of subjects. The morning session has the same number of periods as were taken in both the forenoon and the afternoon under the old system. This means that all the subjects usually given can be handled in the one session. Laboratory work, sewing, public speaking, teachers training course and other special classes are held in the afternoon, as well as study periods for those behind in their work. Under the old plan, these classes would have to be given at the same time the other classes were being held, thus causing some of these to be dropped. The result would be a material restriction in the range of work offered, and a narrowing of the usefulness of the school.

The teachers hours are longer, but they are willing to put in the extra half hour, as the program is arranged to bring the heavy classes in the morning, when the pupils do better work and lighter work in the afternoon.

This plan enables the brighter pupils who do not have to come back for extra work, to arrange their classes so that they can secure afternoon work, and thus earn some money without being compelled to drop out of school.

In conclusion we wish to state that the school books are always open to the public. That the present school board has not this year or last year spent one cent which was not absolutely necessary for the maintenance of our schools and we will pay no further attention to any argument written or spoken by Mr. Haberly for they are not based on facts. We know the public is with us. They have shown it by the ballot. They saw the folly of a 15 mill tax. It would have spelled ruin to the school district.

Our great difficulty lies in our large number of school children compared to the small assessment value of our school district. The school census just taken shows we have nearly a hundred more children than Marshfield. And their assessed valuation is \$2,800,000. We have less than one million. But don't blame the school board for that. The object of the present school board is to run the school as economically as possible; to pay up the past debts, provide for the payment of the school bonds which will soon become due so the credit of our schools will be without question, and in this we ask the public to cooperate with us and give us their best support.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Antone Cameron, better known as "Tooy", who for some time has been farming the A. S. Miller place on Rogue river, was in town Monday night returning from Bandon where he took eight Chinamen who had been working during the summer at the Salsbery cannery.—Port Orford Tribune.

Shenandoan, Va.—Dying five dogs hitched to an Alaskan mail sled, Miss Estelle Mason of Nome Alaska, is completing a queer world's tour. She finished her journey at Cincinnati, having traveled 32,000 miles. If she arrives at San Francisco with two of her original dogs and the mail sled, she will receive \$12,500.

Recorder Ruminations

When it comes to bar deepening, after the all the man for the job is Jupiter Pluvius.

It isn't too early to begin to think on what you are going to swear off.

When it comes to tax paying it is usually the man who will who can.

To reward a wise old saying "To him who hath shall be given exemptions."

It is sad but true that a great many things that should be doing are not, and great many things that should not be doing, are.

One of these days Bandon is going to lay the tin horn on the top shelf and take actual stock of resources and liabilities, mentally, morally and financially.

It is charged that there is graft being developed in the disposal of the big buildings at the San Francisco fair. There is surely some mistake about this. Who ever heard of graft in connection with the fair name of San Francisco?

Elsewhere in this paper are some very interesting extracts from Paris correspondence by Richard Harding Davis. When we send contributions to the homeless Belgians or relief to the war cripples, Mr. Davis thinks the same will be forgotten. When we sell them paper shoes Mr. Davis thinks the same will be remembered. He thinks the French who have sold us stylish clothing and marvelous thrill for tourists will after the war be our enemies. Nonsense! After the war our wealthy people who are seekers after sensations will spend the money they have made selling paper shoes and bogus cartridges, looking over the ruins and battle fields of Europe. And the friendly Frenchman will show him the sights at so much per hour.

"Steel goes up when President Wilson's message is read" runs a headline in the daily paper. That's the stuff. Let it go up into sky scrapers and bridges and let some of it go down in a railroad between Coos bay and Bandon.

The Ford party had scarcely got out of sight of land before the representatives of warring Europe began to talk of peace. Of course they all talked favorable terms to themselves. Why not? Is it to be supposed that Germany would publicly talk of any concessions or than England would speak of any compromises. That isn't the way the game of diplomacy is played. But let each have it put squarely before it definite proposals that are fair on their face and either will think hard before declining. It is something that the warring people are talking of peace in any form.

There is an item of revenue for the city that has been overlooked. Something less than a million homeless cats are running the streets of the city and if the surplus could be caught and rendered into commercial property it would possibly be the source of a considerable revenue. The demand for fur is on the increase and the pussy cats of Bandon have fur that is exceedingly well adapted to feminine adornment. Considerable money might be derived from the sale of fiddle strings and the more tender parts of the meat could be sold at cut rates to the European army supply dealers. We don't care to assume any credit for suggesting this and the idea is tendered gratis, for what it is worth.

Who might also suggest that a fevish and famished cat can be used as a search light, the only difficulty being that it would be hard to handle. No one who has run onto a school of cats in a dark corner and has noticed their baleful green eyes radiating in the darkness will overlook this commercial possibility of the cat. Let the crusade begin at once. We will volunteer to catch a round half dozen in our own back yard as a starter.

But, to be serious a moment, the Christmas season suggests to us a local possibility that might be made into an important industry. This the manufacture of furniture and small articles from myrtle and fir. Visitors into this section will be more numerous when the railroad makes travel easier. The visitor will wish to carry something away with him that is distinctive of the country. What could be better than a souvenir made of myrtle, something small and cheap, a brush or some small article that can easily be stowed away in a suit case. There will be a demand for this sort of thing of the country. What could be better than a souvenir made of myrtle, something small and cheap, a brush or some small article that can easily be stowed away in a suit case. There will be a demand for this sort of thing of the country. What could be better than a souvenir made of myrtle, something small and cheap, a brush or some small article that can easily be stowed away in a suit case.

First cornmeal ever ground in Hood River has just been turned out.

Killed Big Bear

One of the biggest black bears ever killed in this section was shot recently by Henry Johnson on the farm he is renting at Lempa. Mr. Johnson's dogs cornered some animal in a hollow tree within 75 feet of an old barn on the premises. Mr. Johnson thought the quarry was a coon and stuck his hand into the tree to make a close examination. A growl caused him to withdraw the hand in a hurry and a large black bear stuck its head from the opening.

There was considerable of a stir in that neighborhood for some time and neighbors came to join in the sport. The bear was finally dispatched and in the labor of skinning brain the milking of the cows kept their milk the bear lost his hide and the trophy was hanging on the fence in the morning.

WORMWOOD

By Mary Corelli

Direction Marshall Farnum

A cast of renowned players headed by John Sainpolis, Ethel Kauffman and Charles Arthur. Splendid settings and scenery.

In the picturization as made for William Fox, Wormwood is fully equal to the high standard set in the productions of the Fox Film Corporation.

Beauvais the unhappy Absintheur, who as he says, "Sulks through the Streets of Paris, Whining for a sou" is seen in the first part of the photodrama as a happy lover, the accepted suitor of the beautiful Pauline. Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky he learns on the eve of his wedding that Pauline has given her love to Sylvion, Beauvais' dearest friend. In an unhappy moment for himself and those with whose lives he comes in contact, he is persuaded to take a drink of absinthe.

From that moment his soul shrivels within him. He becomes little better than a brute when the wormwood-distilled stuff is creating a delirium within his brain. He denounces Pauline before the sacred altar of the cathedral on his wedding morn. The unhappy girl flees from her home and becomes an outcast of Paris. Beauvais, in an absinthe induced frenzy takes Sylvion's life. Pauline learns of this when she encounters Beauvais on the Pont Neuf and a scene that for her she has seen and heartrending pity has been equalled ensues. From this point the drama rushes to a cataclysmic climax of fairly overwhelming power.

See this picture at the Grand Theatre, Friday, December 17th.



Scene from "Wormwood"

A Fox Feature Play at the Grand, next Friday, December 17th.

Geo. Stafford Jr. quietly departed since our last issue on the Agness mail boat enroute for the rail road. Some of his friends say that he is going to Portland to take a business course, but Dame Rumor says he will not go as far as Portland and will not return also either.—Port Orford Tribune.

HELD TO GRAND JURY

Wm. Ferguson of Wedderburn was brought before Justice of the Peace Geo. B. Stafford yesterday morning charged with the crime of burglary. The defendant waived examination and was given a reasonable time by the court to furnish bail in the sum of \$200.00 to appear before the Grand Jury. The prosecuting witness was Hugh Devolyn who alleges Ferguson broke into his cabin and stole a quantity of bedding.—Gold Beach Globe.

ELOPEMENT

An elopement of a young couple occurred here Sunday afternoon that is we guess that were hoping before they went far, as they passed the Globe office in a fast trot, headed for Smith River, Cal. The principals were our genial blacksmith Fred Hughes and Miss Edith Hayes. Notwithstanding the inclement weather they donned their riding habits and each astride of a bronco merrily started on their

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journey. Their many friends in this community are busy gathering up tin cans and cowbells to give them, on their return, the customary reception of newlyweds.—Gold Beach Globe.

CASES DISPOSED OF IN COURT

Judge Coke in the Circuit court here Monday reduced the size of the docket considerably by passing on the following cases:

McPherson-Ginzer vs. Robert Peters, dismissed.

Frank R. Shores vs. Benjamin Gotter and Mary Gotter, dismissed.

A. Z. Downs vs. C. A. Smith Lumber & Mfg. Co. Ordered amended.

A. J. Hartman et al vs. C. Y. Lowe et al, dismissed.

Archie H. Rosa et al vs. City of Bandon, settled and dismissed.

Lynn Lambeth vs. E. V. Morrow, two cases, dismissed.

W. O. Cooper vs. O. W. Morris, dismissed.

Chas. H. Myers vs. Laura M. Myers Judgment by default in divorce case.

John C. Kendall vs. F. L. Greenough Judgment by default.

Baxter Robinson vs. Thomas Anderson, dismissed.

Margaret E. Moody vs. J. H. Moody. Judgment for divorce by default.

Fannie Wasson vs. J. E. Wasson. Judgment for divorce by default.

The Standard Distilling Co. vs. E. A. Beckett dismissed.

Monrietta Redfield vs. Harvey Redfield. Divorce case, dismissed.

Anson E. Shuster vs. May L. Shuster Divorce case dismissed.

A. E. Baker vs. T. W. McCloskey, dismissed.

NEW CASES IN CIRCUIT COURT

Dec. 3—John C. Kendall vs. Geo. W. Moore Lumber Co.

Dec. 3—Home Mortgage Co. vs. Andrew H. Olsen and Annie H. Olsen. Suit to foreclose mortgage.

Dec. 4—Coos Bay Times vs. County Court of Coos County. Suit for additional compensation for publishing tax list.

Dec. 5—J. A. Barnes vs. Winnifred Barnes. Suit for divorce.

Dec. 6—E. J. Michal vs. I. A. Otis, Charley Knight, Joseph Williams and Flora Williams.

Dec. 8—Millie M. Endicott vs. Angden Endicott. Suit for divorce.

Clinton, Mo.—Delmar Gentry and wife have the smallest baby ever born in Missouri. At birth it weighed 16 ounces, and was placed in a quart cup.

At two weeks old, it measured 12 inches in height. An ordinary band ring will slip over the hand of the baby and up to its shoulder. It is healthy and thriving.

AN ENJOYABLE PARTY

A progressive party was given to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loney, who will leave shortly for Powers, last Saturday evening. The crowd gathered with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Myers at the persuasion, and when they all collected they sallied forth to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Quellen. At this place appeared F. B. Tichenor and J. H. Zumwalt in costume as two Dutchmen, and who from that time on were the life of the occasion.

The next place visited was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilligs, where salad and sandwiches were served. A 2nd Mrs. B. W. Dean while H. T. peanut huck at this place caused much fun, first prize going to F. B. Tichenor and Mrs. A. S. Johnston carried off second honors.

The next and last home visited was that of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Larson, where song and games whiled away the hours until after midnight. Cake and coffee appeased the inner man at this place and before the party broke up F. B. Tichenor in behalf of those present, expressed the friendliness with the wishes of all that they might en-

by Mr. and Mrs. Loney in their five year's residence at Port Orford, and joy health and prosperity in their new home. In responding, Mr. Loney stated that he regretted to sever the associations that he has formed here, but he felt that business called him elsewhere, however, he said, that if the towns were connected by railroad in the near future, as he believed they would be, and Powers became a suburb of Port Orford, as had just been suggested by Mr. Tichenor, that he would be one of us anyway. Mrs. Loney expressed her regrets at leaving Port Orford to go to a strange place where new friends would have to be made to take the place of the old.—Port Orford Tribune.

Christmas Is Coming!

SANTA CLAUS SAYS

"I've tried the windy places that make the folks believe They're all there is in Bandon. Without them none can live. But they are gone with all their cant. And still one place remains To buy your toys and notions, in sunshine as in rains, They make no fuss nor feathers and don't fly very high. But there my goods you'll always find And they're never very high. The old reliable Racket store, My depot of supplies. And that is but a gentle hint To all the good and wise. To buy your Christmas fixings, Your mince meat and your dolls, A roaster for your turkey, your toys and rubber balls, Of this my faithful servant, Who's always on the job, With prices right and cheerful face, But patient yet, as Job. Your Patronage Solicited, Satisfaction guaranteed."

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