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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The time is at hand for a vigorous action on the part of the Bandon Commercial Club, for a greater Bandon. A large timber claim involving eighty four thousand dollars for Coos County timber is reported as just closed, and the buyers are said to contemplate the investment of at least a quarter of a million in this County. The Simpson holdings are reported to be practically sold at nine hundred fifty thousand. Other deals of lesser size, but aggregating a vast sum are reported under way.

This will flood Coos County with money, and the purchasers do not contemplate buying something without making use of it. Necessarily stupendous enterprises will be started to become accomplished facts in the near future. There is every reason to believe that the Southern Pacific will continue their line from Coos Bay to Eureka, and put Bandon on a through trunk line. The many and varied resources of this vicinity in mineral and agricultural wealth that have been lying dormant for so long awaiting the proper season of prosperity to be developed, seem about to invite the speculator again to our vicinity. Outside people are again looking toward Coos County as a land of promise. Letters are being received by the Commercial Club asking for information. That information is not compiled nor ready for distribution. The information can not be supplied as fast as required. The demand for it, and the inquiry made of this vicinity is increasing. Bandon and Southern Coos County should be ready for the opportunity. An early start in any direction, even if slow, is far better than a late start with a biff bang. The Club should start with an annual election of officers, renewed energies and new plans, and work along the lines of the new needs and requirements expected of it, and within the next sixty days be well under way for the work of 1916.

The Portland Journal of the 12th says that Representative C. N. McArthur recently made a vigorous speech in Congress against the Ferris water power bill, and remarks that it is a bad beginning for a man who is supposed to represent the people. We desire to remark that Mr. McArthur just represents Portland.

The Bandon Post Office is coveted pie for a considerable number of Bandon Democrats: The applicants in the order of application as reported are: Charles Lorenz, Chris. Rasmussen, W. A. Legore, J. W. Mast and R. E. L. Bedillion. The term of the present incumbent will expire during the summer of 1916, and appointments may be expected at any time within the near future.

The people are just being reminded that a campaign is near at hand by the announcements now being made by different seekers for political preferment. For circuit judge of this district, Judges Skipworth and Hamilton Democrats, and Judge Coke, C. A. Schibrede, W. W. Cardwell, Buchanan of Roseburg, and Potter of Eugene Republicans are after the nomination, with three to elect, Coke, Hamilton and Skipworth being the present incumbents. For prosecuting attorney Liljeqvist, Miller and Barrow seek the Republican nomination and ex-County Judge John P. Hall has made his announcement to seek the Democratic nomination.

The Republican party is like a ship's crew at sea without a pilot, and it appears that certain of them plan at the psychological moment to stampede the convention for Roosevelt, but the protectionists and conservative contingent will not be over enthusiastic for him and the peace-at-any-price or peace with honor delegates will not be in a stampeding frame of mind, and the blood and thunder contingent accounted the back-bone of the Roosevelt boom will most likely be in the great minority. It takes a new leader to create the enthusiasm of a stampede, something that an old war horse or a has-been is unable to do. It is most likely Roosevelt's nomination or defeat will be accomplished fact before the convention is called to order, and that the delegates will be severally lined up for or against him and in the event of an attempted stampede will be as immutable as the Rock of Ages.

In 1908 Roosevelt steam-rolled Taft to the nomination. In 1912 he made a vigorous fight against the machine he had help to create, but of which he had lost control, and made a grand stand fight for the primary system. In 1916 he seems to be abandoning the primary system, and seeking, according to press news, to secure delegates favorable to him, without submitting his name to voters at the primaries. If this last report is correct then he is the exponent of inconsistency and little less than a political trickster. The primary system is here to stay and will shortly be universally in vogue throughout the United States to select a presidential candidate. He who seeks to evade the prevailing law of the land the secure its highest office, is not worthy of the confidence of its people.

FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

Hundreds of thousands of people saw the Coos and Curry exhibits in the Oregon building at the San Francisco exposition. J. A. Ward, manager of the displays, has returned

from the south on his first visit here since last May. He believes the exhibits have been of vast importance to the citizens of these two counties and well worth the expenditure of \$5,000.

The Sash and Door factory of North Bend elicited much attention with its displays of myrtle wood novelties and furniture. Many of these were sold. In fact the native woods formed one of the best advertisements that could have been sent down said Mr. Ward. The big myrtle wood Masonic arch, of the local lodge, was much admired. This has just been returned to Marshfield.

The dismantling of the Exposition grounds and the buildings is slow. The exterior of the structures still remain intact in most instances. Spectators are still admitted to the grounds on a 25 ct charge and the big art building is to remain open until May 1. Most of the exhibits, however, are being carried away, though some of the foreign displays are still untouched.

The beautiful California building is to be retained as a state normal school. The legislature is to appropriate \$190,000 in putting it into shape for school purposes. The Hawaiian building has been donated to the city and the big aquarium has just been restocked. In this way many of the structures of the Exposition will remain permanently.

A good share of the permanent exhibits of the Coos and Curry displays have been forwarded to Portland to be put in the state display and there they will remain as a permanent advertisement of this section.

Mr. Ward moved most of his household effects to San Francisco, but says he is intending returning here to make his home. At the present time Mrs. Ward is with her mother who is very ill in San Francisco—Coos Bay Times.

TIRING OF FADISM

Unmistakable are the signs of people tiring of the many fads that of late years have been thrust upon the public in various forms. Most keenly felt are these fads in the public schools and in municipal governments. As a result, discipline has been destroyed in the public schools. When sentimentalism banished corporal punishment, no matter how deserved and necessary its infliction, disobedience and do-as-you-please entered the schoolroom. The destruction of discipline and the ardent cultivation and nursing of fadism have driven efficiency out of our educational institutions. Thoroughness is conspicuous by its absence. A smattering idea of this or that is all that can be detected in the average pupil. There are exceptions, of course, but these exceptions are due to individual effort and personal devotion to thoroughness. If there be doubts as to the correctness of these statements let the average high school graduate read a loud page from a well-written book or magazine. If you want to learn how familiar the average stenographer and typist is with language experiment with him or her on the reproduction of a page or two of dictation other than that relating to stereotyped commercial phrasing.

From all parts of the country come reports of people tiring of the fads injected into municipal government. The Illinois Municipal League recently held its annual meeting at Champaign. A feature of its proceedings was a vigorous attack on municipal fads by Alderman W. F. Burns, of Evanston. "I am tired and sick of running a city government on no funds and attempting to keep up with and install every fad that comes along," he said. "If the trend of the times is for more centralization of government and a greater display of fraternalism, give us more money to run the city with. The city is besieged with club women, church people, members of various associations, to try out new fads and governmental experiments, yet the city had to do it all on the same amount of income."

People who think as Alderman Burns does will have to endure, perhaps for years, the fads that have been hammered into the public mind by the erratic professors who are preparing so many of our emotional impressionable and susceptible men and women to become inmates of our numerous yet wholly inadequate hospitals for the insane. The Tax Liberator.

Stewart Whitsett was in town over Saturday night returning from a business trip to Gold Beach. Mr. Whitsett, whose home is in Bandon, has arrangements made to put a number of Ford cars on the run from his town to Rogue river as soon as spring opens.

The county printing for 1916 was awarded to the Gold Beach Globe at the January term of court last week. The Commissioners held that it was not this court's place to definite what was a bona-fide subscriber to a newspaper and awarded the printing to the paper submitting the largest list of names. The list submitted by the Globe outnumbered the Tribune's list by three.—Port Orford Tribune.

More Railroad Dope

The following from the Evening Record may be mainly hot air but it sounds good.

Before leaving here, Chief Engineer William Hood and the Southern Pacific Superintendent W. F. Miller will probably arrange for a train service between Marshfield and Lakeside. The plans have not been fully arranged, but it is expected an announcement will be made in connection with the extension of service. Engineer Hood and his party came over the line from Eugene to observe the progress of work along the way and concluded things were going as well as could be expected considering the condition of the weather and a number of unavoidable delays.

Among the officials are Ralph Moody, attorney for the Southern Pacific; Engineer H. P. Hoey, of Eugene and W. R. Fountaine, assistant to Mr. Hoey. Mr. Fountaine arrived in advance of the others, coming in this morning from Hauser, on the launch North Star. He made arrangements at the Chandler hotel for the accommodation of the visitors while they are in the city.

Those who came later, arrived on the construction train which is directed by Engineer V. G. Hindmarsh and he accompanied them to the city.

The train was delayed some at the bridge by reason of a special arrangement which is now used for turning the big drawbridge. For the past two weeks the bridge could not be turned by the machinery in place for that purpose as one portion of the transmission gear is broken and a new piece had to be ordered from the East. The custom now is to turn the bridge by a cable and pulley attached from a donkey engine which is installed on a large scow.

Whether or not Chief Engineer Hood will make any announcement of work on the connecting line between Coos Bay and Eureka is not known, but it cannot be delayed long if work is to commence in 1916, as seems probable. From recent information it is understood to be settled the line south from Coos Bay will go down Pon inlet from North Bend instead of going through Beaver Hill, as was expected at the time the first news of the extension south was given out. Engineer George Wolf from three years ago surveyed from Beaver Hill junction to Bandon, by way of Beaver slough and the Coquille river, and although many believe the line was to follow that route the general idea now is that it will cut out Marshfield and branch towards Bandon from North Bend.

Another reason to buoy the belief the new road will be built west from here between North Bend and Bandon is the fact a better grade can be obtained by following the coast line.

It is said the charts outlining the link between here and Eureka or Trinidad, are already prepared in the Southern Pacific offices and indicate the line will follow the coast closer, instead of being attached to the end of the Smith-Powers road at Powers and going thence down the coast.

When the Smith-Powers' line is extended it will, it is said, be built to West Fork, on the Southern Pacific, north of Grants Pass, where traffic can be routed from the south to Coos Bay and thus save a haul by Eugene.

General Manager D. W. Campbell, of Southern Pacific lines, with headquarters in Portland is also with the party as is Mrs. Hood, who has accompanied her husband here on every trip he has taken over the line.

Likely another result of the trip will be a decision as to when traffic in passengers will commence over the Willamette Pacific. For a number of months it has been expected service would be inaugurated not later than some time in February and there is no reason to believe it will be delayed longer, than that, since the rails will be laid before February 15th. It is certain the Umpqua river bridge

News of Earlier Days

(From the Recorder twenty years ago)

Bandon leads in everything. Seven dances the past week including an invitation party.

Frank Holman had charge of the livery business during the absence of Mr. Boyd.

Millard Shoemaker is having another house built on his lot in the woolen mill addition and there was rumor of another hotel.

It is doubtful if in any other climate are found such beautiful days as we had here last Friday and Saturday. Coos county for climate.

During the absence of Col. Rosa, Allen Livingston and Jim Mars have taken a contract to get out broom handle material. They are rustlers and work rain or shine.

James T. Green had charge of the Recorder during the absence of the editor at County Court.

Peter Loggie opened up a stock of burial baskets, just received on the Prosper.

The Godfreys were scheduled for an evening in Bandon with their musical and acrobatic acts.

E. W. Schetter brought four gentlemen over from Empire during the week. He reports the roads in fine condition although he had to chop out four trees.

Mrs. J. Jorgensen's house was visited by burglars during the week.

Street improvement under the supervision of city marshal Ed. Gallier still continue.

Mr. Clark of the Woolen mills arrived from San Francisco during the week.

You ought to see the table stakes go into the boys pockets when city marshal Ed. Gallier enters the room. The boys are all right.

It is estimated that the population of Bandon now exceeds 1200.

A. Osborn of Dairyville bought four lots of Johnnie Diedrichson.

Last Friday, Frank Holman with a four-in-hand started to drive two commercial travelers to Crescent city. After arriving at Langlois and finding the roads a little muddy and somewhat rough their nerve failed them and they ordered Frank to return to Bandon. These well nursed boys can stand a rough trip in a palace car all right but at any other mode of travel, they are not in it.

James Costello, known as Jim the Caulker was up from Parkersburg to fix up a large tank.

J. M. Upton is down from Curry unraveling the mysteries of Blackstone for the natives.

will not be finished before late spring or early summer and any traffic arrangement with include a ferry at the Umpqua for several months, if started before the line is wholly finished.—Evening Record.

The many friends of M. Doyle will be pained to learn that he had another serious sick spell a few days ago similar to the one he had about one year ago. Dr. Robbins is in attendance and latest report say that Mr. Doyle is getting along fairly well. Gold Beach Globe.

Three witnesses in the case of Wm. Shook, who is being held on a white slavery charge preferred by two Marshfield girls left Gold Beach last week for Portland where their testimony will be taken before the present term of federal court. This is Shook's second trial, the jury in the former trial having disagreed. Several additional witnesses from Coos bay, as well as the three from Gold Beach, were called for the new trial.—Port Orford Tribune.

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