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WATERS OF RIVER REACH FOR RECORD

Water Melts and Coquille Goes on a Rampage. Lacks Two Feet of Record

Following the heavy downfall of rain on Saturday and Sunday the Coquille river which had for some time past been high took a notion to beyond its banks in the up river section and Monday seriously interfered with the commerce of the valley.

The water rose above the tracks of the railroad both sides of Coquille and it was not possible to run trains either east or west.

Passengers up the river had to resort to boats and those bound for Marshfield took the old Beaver Slough by boat to Summit and from there by train. This is the route over which travel passed from the valley the Coquille to that of the Coos in days before the railroad was built.

The water at Coquille was at noon today within six inches of the top of the city dock, the highest dock at Coquille. It was rising at the rate of six inches an hour and was expected to reach the top of the dock before the end of the flood was reached.

At the Cedar Point boom the water was up to the tops of the cars on the logging road. Not an inch of bottom land was uncovered along the river from Coquille westward.

This was not within three feet of the famous high water of seven years ago.

Alderman C. F. Pape tells interesting details of a trip up and down the river at high water. A number of weaker structures along the river were wrecked, such as sheds and small barns. All of the barns where the runny to the upper story is provided, making use of this convenience, a man is reported to have lost a cow which got safely to the upper story fell through the barn floor.

This morning the Dispatch steamed up the boom and up to the platform in front of the store of Jas. Bean Lampa. The platform ordinarily on a level with the pilot house of the Dispatch. The water at this point was eighteen feet above normal order to allow the Dispatch to go inside track. At Coquille the railroad tracks are under water and some of it is afloat. At the highest point water was several inches over the dock at Coquille. One of the streets of the city, near the railroad is partly under water. Many of the houses on stilts in the lower portion of the city are a wash on their upper floors.

The train went through from Powell to Myrtle Point the tracks being higher between those points but the track between Marshfield and Myrtle Point has been under water and work I have to be done to it before it can be restored to use again.

The water was just up to the floor of Geo. Laird's barn at Riverton. The saw factory at Parkersburg had a few inches higher than the floor. Mr. Hanley's barn at Lampa managed to keep its floor above flood.

Logs and brush and various float-objects were carried on the tide. One log was a chicken headed toward the Peaceful Pacific. On one log, with the water lapping its low edge, were a number of chickens clinging hard to keep their feet dry. A steer and hen were on top of one of the barns waiting for some ark to come along.

The water in the upper forks began subsiding yesterday but the crest passed slowly along and down the lower section today. In Bandon the height was not as great as some tides reach for a course of some tide did rise the water any above its own level. It was curious to see the logs and debris as they came scudding up the river, when, meeting incoming tide were slowed up and finally stood still in a circling eddy between the jetties. This accumulation did not return into the river but held until the tide turned and then it out to sea with it.

Numerous slides are reported. Two slides obstructed the road to the ferry. Men and teams have been at work today starting it away. The slides were filled with stumps and brush and were hard to get off.

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A stray cow got mired in the low land around Ferry creek Sunday near East Ninth street and was dragged out Monday through the combined efforts of six men and a block and tackle. The cow, a moody Jersey was wholly exhausted that it was not able to regain its feet. It ate everything that was offered to it even chewing at the green tree branches but the prospect this morning was that it would not regain its feet but would have to be killed. No owner has been found for the cow. It was one of a band of three, a steer and another cow that had been in the neighborhood for several days. Rogers, the foundryman happened to see the cow when after wood otherwise, as the place is unfrequented, its plight might never have been discovered until after it was dead.

The following is the program of a "Lincoln and Washington Birthday" observation to be given at the Orpheum theater at 8 p. m., Feb. 12th, 1916 under the auspices of the local G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the W. R. C. and the schools. The public is cordially invited.

Introductory—by Chairman.
Invocation—Rev. C. Mayne Knight.
Solo—Star Spangled Banner—Miss Mary Masterson; accompanist, Mrs. Geisendorfer. Audience standing, join in the chorus.
Ten Minute Address on Washington—A. Haberly.
Reading from Washington's Farewell Address—Mildred Langley.
Song—Boys Octette.
Ten Minute Address—Lincoln—Rev. C. Mayne Knight.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—Orlan Morgan.
Song—Washington and Lincoln—Male Quartette.
Recitation—The Night After Shiloh—Edith Sumner.
Instrumental Music—Ione Thompson.

Ten Minute Address—Our Nation's Defenders—Hon. Geo. B. Topping.
Tenor Solo—Scal of America—H. O. Nettleton; Musical accompaniment by Prof. Richards.
Flag Drill and U. S. Salutz to the Flag by 18 Camp Fire Girls, Mrs. Guy Dippel, leader.
Song—Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean—by Audience.
Reading—Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud—Mrs. Pape.
Ten Minute Address—On United States Citizenship—C. B. Zeek.
Song—America—Audience.

Vandals, boys or men, broke into the Eastside school house last Saturday and Sunday and raised Cain in general there. The janitor is playing a little detective stunt of his own and may bring the offenders to task for the affair.

Action was lively in real estate circles during the past week and most of the tracts to move consisted of sundry sections of upper river territory which were headed towards the sea.

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Coquille Wins at Basket Ball

Bandon's unbeaten High school team met a snag in the path toward the championship when they played at Coquille last Friday evening. The basket shooters from up-river closed the game with five more points than Bandon possessed, due principally to the long distance shots of Gerding Coquille's guard. This clever player stood back of center several times and aided by a large horse-shoe of luck converted some almost impossible shots. For Bandon, Webb also shone in the long shooting department.

The game was fiercely contested from the first shriek of the whistle, and at no time did the fast pace slow down. The first half ended with but one point separating the two teams. In the second half, the local boys came up to their competitors but lost the game in the last five minutes because of fumbling at critical times. The game was anybody's contest up until the close and the spectators felt that they got their money's worth. Both teams played very hard and at times the struggle got a little rough although beaten by a narrow margin nor out fought. The locals were unable to overcome the handicap of the peculiar hall with its poor floor and feel that they would have been several points better on a neutral floor.

About one hundred people made up the excursion crowd on the steamer Dispatch. The trip up the river was very enjoyable and on the return the boat made fast time. A feature of the ride back to Bandon was the serving of sandwiches, cake and coffee by the chaperones.

Debate on Moving Pictures

The Patron-Teachers' association for the Bandon school district will meet at the school house Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th at 8 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to attend. A debate on the motion picture question will be the feature of the evening.

Program
Song—Public School Glee Club,
Debate—Resolved that the Average Moving Pictures Interfere with the best Development of the Child.
Affirmative—G. T. Treadgold and Miss Kate Chaburn; Negative—F. J. Chaburn and Miss Wilhelmina Loftus.
Piano Solo, Mrs. Geisendorfer,
Judges' decision.
Music; Selected.

A letter has been received from O. A. Croninger who was formerly employed as stenographer in Bandon, and who is now in El Paso Texas. He says that there was much feeling and excitement there as a result of the Mexican massacre of American citizens, and that should Roosevelt be a candidate for President, that undoubtedly El Paso would give him a big majority as the citizens of that town do not take kindly to the policy of watchful waiting.

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PORT IS READY TO START WORK

Toledo, Ohio, Firm Gets Bonds. Committee to Investigate Tug Purchase

The whistle of the small engine which hauls the rock out of the quarry will soon be in evidence. At the meeting of the Port of Bandon held in Coquille last Saturday the necessary money was realized by accepting a bond company's offer and all the finances being arranged the work will soon be under way.

Spetzer, Rorick and Co. of Toledo Ohio are the successful bidders for this last bond offer of \$25,000. This company made two offers—6 per cent and \$1475 premium and 5 per cent and \$275 premium. The last offer looked the best to the port and an emergency ordinance was prepared accepting it. The bonds are to run for twenty years.

Four thousand dollars was deposited Saturday night to the credit of the government and money to the amount of \$15,000 or more will be made available from time to time. The government is to have charge of this work which is balancing with rock of the row of piling from the Breuer dock west.

The port also considered the purchase of the tug Killyham and a committee was appointed consisting of Commissioners Rosa, Johnson and Norton to investigate the condition of the tug, the possibility of obtaining another tug to replace her and other incidentals and will be in position to report authoritatively on the subject. Should the committee look favorably upon the proposed purchase a special meeting of the port will be held. Otherwise the regular meeting of the port is the first Saturday in March.

The Bandon Hardware company underwent a reorganization last Saturday and John Nielson will in the future be the manager of the concern with the working force practically the same as it is now.

To Build New Meat Market

Promptly with the announcement of the starting of the Moore mill comes the announcement of building activity in Bandon this summer. George Erdman, proprietor of the City Meat Market is making his plans to build a new home for his business on his lot just west of the Seaside bakery. The new building which is to be built by degrees and when finished to have a stucco exterior similar to the bakery building, will be fifty by thirty feet and two stories in height. Mr. Erdman is now making arrangements for piles for a foundation.

Others who may build during the coming summer are Rasmussen Bros. and M. O con.

Hardware Store out of Business

The hardware business conducted under the name of the Starr-Mast Hardware Co. wound up its business career yesterday when the stock was bought up and divided between the Bandon Hardware Co. and the McNair Hardware Co. Recently the stock has been in the control of Wm. Mast. Hard times which have prevailed since this enterprise was established last summer is the cause of discontinuing business.

The summer house known as the "bishop's shack" was wrecked in the storm Sunday night. The house was built on a slide near the lookout and the slide took a notion to go a bit far which caused the wreck. The house was formerly occupied in summer by Bishop Scaddings of the Episcopal church but has been used by local parties of late.

H. Gustafson who has recently started up as a dispenser of temperance drinks at the stand where he formerly ran a saloon has also embarked in the second hand business in company with Jas. Root, formerly first lieutenant for Hy Coats. It is reported their stand will be in the old Hotel Vale.

John Bert was in from his home-stand on Hill's peak yesterday and stated that there is no snow left in the town that remains and Bandon.