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Memories of Washington and Lincoln Recalled at Meeting in Orpheum

The memories of Washington and Lincoln were recalled and their virtues extolled at a mass meeting held in the Orpheum last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present filling the all to seating capacity and many stood up in the rear. C. B. Zeek presided as chairman.

After the invocation by Rev. C. Layne Knight and the singing of America by the audience, led by Mrs.illard, A. Habberly made a ten minute address that was twenty minutes long relative to the achievements and exalted character of Washington and related incidents of the boyhood and youth of Washington not overlooking his frailties but also extolling his qualities of mind and temperament that gave him his commanding influence.

Miss Mildred Langley read selections from Washington's Farewell address and the Boy's Overture presented two songs, the last "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" all of which was warmly applauded.

Rev. C. Mayne Knight delivered a brief oration on Abraham Lincoln, and Orlan Morgan recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address. "The Night after Shiloh" was the subject of a recitation very nicely rendered by Miss Edith Sumner after which Miss Irene Thompson entertained the audience with a solo on the piano.

Mayor Topping spoke on the subject of "Our Nation's Defenders" and told a few stories which proved interesting to the audience. One of them related to a certain battle in the Mexican war where a battery in Taylor's command ran out of wadding for the cannon. There were some babies handy and these were pressed into service. When Bragg saw the lying leaves in the wake of the cannon ball he cried out "That's right boys, scatter the scriptures among the heathen."

H. O. Nettleton next appeared in a song of his own composition entitled "The Soul of America". The music was arranged by Prof. Richards, who accompanied him. The piece made a hit with the audience.

The Camp Fire Girls, 18 in number appeared in a flag drill and also a salute to the flag, the latter a combination song and tableau, with effects of colored light from the stereopticon in the rear of the hall, which was very pretty and was loudly applauded.

The audience sang "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" and Mrs. C. F. Tapp rendered "Oh Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud" in her characteristic, pleasing manner. This was the favorite poem of Lincoln and wakens interest wherever repeated.

C. B. Zeek gave a finishing touch to the oratory with a few dissertations on the subject of citizenship warning the girls that if they married unnaturalized aliens they would lose their citizenship and to insist that hubby be naturalized before the wedding took place. Mr. Zeek thought here would be a large immigration of young men and young women from Europe when the war was over and warned the girls to look out or be foreign girls would beat them to be marriageable citizens.

With the singing of America the audience was dismissed.

T. S. Rason, who has lived for some time on the river opposite Prosper has concluded arrangements to leave Oregon and go to Eureka, Cal. He plans going overland and is now held up by the Elk river bridge, just this side of Fort Orford, which was badly damaged by recent high waters.

Rev. Phillips Desher who was to speak in Bandon Sunday as a representative of the Anti Saloon League has been compelled to change the date of his appearance. Further announcement may be made next week.

Miss Leona Fullerton and Nelson Brown so well known young Bandonians were to be married yesterday at the home of the bride's relatives in Benton county.

The wedding was quiet because of the recent death of the bride's brother, Miles Fullerton. They will live in Los Angeles.

## SOUL OF AMERICA

By Hiram Nettleton  
We stand for the land of freedom for all;  
And the rights of their liberty;  
Our hearts are full of a fervent love  
For all humanity;  
That justice be crowned, and good will abound  
The whole wide world around;  
In a brotherhood that is linked with God  
And true, immortal soul.

Chorus  
America, America!  
With a soul that is staunch and true,  
No matter what the world may do  
We have faith in you  
Our hearts are welded; firm we stand  
In fellowship of man;  
We're all of one great brotherhood  
The nations of one land.

With a purpose true, our nations unite  
In the bonds of nationhood  
We'll stand with their might, for justice and right  
May they suffer not defeat;  
That truth may prevail though often we fail  
The truth that makes us free,  
Its purpose prolong as the mountains strong,  
In victory's triumph save.

## Soul of America by Bandon Singer

H. O. Nettleton's Latest Composition Has a Patriotic Theme

There is all the race hatred in these United States that we can use at present, without any additional contributions on account of the European war. It is wrong for any American to hate any other American—be that other American white, black, red or yellow. It is folly for Anglo-Americans to hate German-Americans, and for the descendants of the races slaughtering each other across the Atlantic to stir up strife here. Teutons and Slavs, Anglo-Saxons, Celts, Latins and Turk—when they become fellow-citizens they become Americans. They cannot forget the blood of their sires, but they must forget old quarrels in the new land. This is the land where they must live, where they must do and where they must die. This is their land and the land of their children. This is the land of promise and it must not be a land of anger. Let all the blood of this great war be shed in other lands, and let not its madness reach across the ocean to mar the joy and diminish the prosperity which is free for all who reach out of either.

The above clipping suggested to Hiram Nettleton, of this city the idea of an America without partisan or prejudice and the idea so filled his thoughts that when he slept he dreamed of it and awaking put the song in words. "The Soul of America", it has a striking title. Says Mr. Nettleton: "Since I dreamed this song, the word America seems to linger in my memory with such sweetness that, were it possible, I would almost believe it had been sung to me by an angel. Its power is in the people who shall sing it with uplifted hearts and souls in goodwill toward all the world in true American spirit."

S. Hansen, the shooting gallery man has reached the limit of his patience. In 1912 he cashed a \$25, no fund check for H. J. Paulsen, then of Bandon, and soon thereafter of somewhere else, and now of Portland. Hansen thinks he has waited long enough for his money, and last Saturday swore out in the Bandon justice court a "bogus check" complaint. Warren Laird, who was in Bandon that day took the warrant with him, and will send it on to Portland, for service.

Roy Roselle is authority for the statement that we have only eleven inches more of rain fall to add to what we have had to equal what we should have up to next September 1st and that we are now seven inches ahead of schedule, with two wet months ahead of us.

## PORT OF BANDON BUYS KLIHYAM

Harbor Tug Purchased at Special Meeting of Port Last Thursday

The committee from the port who were investigating the advisability of buying the tug came to a speedy conclusion. A special meeting of the Port was called last Thursday and it was duly voted to buy the Klihyam at the price of \$26,000, in ten year bonds, payable \$2500 a year for nine years and the balance the tenth year.

The action of the port meets with general approval in Bandon, the opinion being freely expressed that the tug will more than pay for itself and be safe from future expense for upkeep.

## Myrtle Pointers Lose Another

Basket Ball Game Last Friday Night Was Close But Went to Bandon

Bandon did not find Myrtle Point as soft picking as its previous experience with the basket ball team from the up-river town might have led them to expect. In the contest staged at Dreamland last Friday night Myrtle Point put up a game contest. It started the scoring and although this was soon equalled and passed by the nimble athletes of Quigley's the game was close from start to finish and at no time was the prospect lacking that Myrtle Point would nose itself into the lead and grasp victory from defeat.

From the spectator's point of view the game was highly interesting. It was close and there was plenty of action and at times there was some brilliant playing. Myers did some good work especially in defense and Armstrong in his first contest showed up well.

After the first Bandon led all through the game although the score was close. The final figures were 23 to 21 in favor of Bandon.

Marshfield still leads the league, having lost no games. She defeated Coquille in a rough contest last week in which one of the Oerdings was disabled while playing, sustaining a fractured collar bone.

Next to Marshfield is Bandon with a record of only one game lost and Bandon must still play one game with Coquille and two with Marshfield, by no means an encouraging prospect.

## He Couldn't Find Olsen

A Todd, tailor of Marshfield was a visitor in Bandon last week and was in an angry frame of mind. He has been accustomed to visit different logging camps and solicit orders for clothes, and last week received a letter asking him to come to Rocky Point at a certain time, saying that the writer was working for a well known contractor here, giving his name, and that the writer was too busy to go to Marshfield, and was signed Wm. Olsen. Mr. Todd can't find such a man in the vicinity, and the contractor mentioned in the letter said that he had never had such a man work for him. The letter which was apparently either a practical joke, or a perniciously mischievous one. Mr. Todd who had "hiked" several miles inland from the river looking at the several camps from Wm. Olsen did not appreciate the joke, and is "hitting up" the sheriff and prosecuting attorney for vengeance. The letter was to a reasonable degree identified as containing the hand writing of a competitor in Mr. Todd's business and who lives in the Coquille valley.

C. H. Buffington of Gold Beach is in attendance at circuit court this week spending Friday night in Bandon, enroute. He is one of the new legal arrivals in Gold Beach and is a candidate on the Republican ticket for prosecuting attorney for Curry county, against the present incumbent Johnson.

## SCHOOL PATRONS DEBATE MOVIES

Discuss the Lure of the Picture Drama as Applied to Children

The moving picture problem was threshed out in debate at the parent-teachers' association meeting in the high school building last Wednesday evening. The question bore upon the alleged ill effect of the average motion picture on the growing child and the affirmative was defended by G. T. Treadgold and Miss Kate Chatburn; while the negative was upheld by F. J. Chatburn and Miss Loftus.

Mr. Treadgold championed the need of sleep and rest at night for children and quoted an article from the Recorder to the effect that exhaustion was a poison that tended to retard the growth and development of the child. He objected to the stimulation of the exciting picture plot that worked up the young nerves and caused children to be wakeful and lose the necessary health giving sleep. He regarded the excitement as stimulating and which would be all right for the elders but would work injury to the young.

F. J. Chatburn, who followed, did not take a great deal of stock in the stimulating and sleep robbing theory. If it were true he thought children should be urged to attend the picture shows more generally. Its influence would be salutary, he declared, as he had noticed at his house here was a tendency to over-sleep, especially in the morning. It was hard to get the children out of bed. And he thought a little stimulation that would tend to remedy the sleepy habit would be a move in the right direction.

As for stimulating the imagination, he thought that was a good thing, too. Fairy stories were not all moral but it was recognized that they stimulated and developed the imagination and it was imagination that made men inventors and distinguished along many lines. He said the moving picture was a great discovery, recognized as next to the printing press and he did not believe in depriving children of its educating influences.

Miss Kate Chatburn, who followed, for the affirmative said she thought it was due to her to let the audience into a family secret. The speaker, who preceded her, she explained, while he had many amiable qualities, was addicted to the moving picture habit. Almost any night in the week except those occasional intervals when there was a chance to defend the practice in debate before the patron-teachers' association, if the casual observer would drop in at the Grand he would see, always in the same place about three rows from the front, next to the aisle, along with the other children, this man wrapped in the unfolding of the plot of the Hazards of Helen or the Adventures of Charlie Chaplin. Therefore the audience and the worthy judges should not pay too much attention to his ideas on the matter.

Then Miss Chatburn rolled up her sleeves, metaphorically speaking and sailed into the question on her own account. She said it was recognized by teachers that the children who were addicted to the moving picture habit could be easily detected from the others by their listlessness on the day following the night out. It was difficult to engage their attention and get their minds on their work as they constantly held me (in communication) with the spectacular worthies who had interested them with their attention the night before. It also increased their tendencies to mischief as they were constantly getting suggestions from the slap-stick comedies. Miss Chatburn's address was perhaps the best of the evening and was delivered forcibly and effectively.

Miss Loftus who was second for the negative spoke of the many educational films and the benefit their educational effect has for the inquiring mind of the student. Messrs. Chatburn and Treadgold made the concluding arguments finding it difficult to condense all the ideas that surged within them to the three minutes each allowed for the rebuttal. Mr. Treadgold took a shot at his opponents alleged partiality for the film. He ridiculed the idea that a

## VENEER PLANT STARTS TODAY

Perry Plant Starts Peeling Spruce Logs For Berry Box Season

The Perry veneer plant started to work this morning with 6 men getting things ready to turn spruce logs into berry and fruit baskets. The force will be increased by the first of next week but Mr. Perry does not set any plans for running the plant to full capacity for some time to come. The demand for baskets in the north is brisk but the shipping facilities make it hard to make deliveries on time and with certainty.

The Chatburn sisters sang a duet and Mrs. Geisendorfer rendered two piano solos, all of which were loudly applauded and then the judges, consisting of Mrs. E. Lewin, J. Ira Sidwell and Harry Crain gave a unanimous decision for the negative. An excellently rendered song by the high school girls' chorus served as an introduction to the program. Miss Rodgers, secretary, read the minutes of the preceding meeting and Mrs. W. S. Smith acted as chairman of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held the latter part of March at which time a program will be presented prepared by the following committee: Miss Henry, Miss Huntington, and J. Ira Sidwell.

## Waters of River Are Subsiding

Coquille Returning to Her Banks and Logging to be Resumed

The high waters of the Coquille river are fast receding and are now within the banks. The valley looks badly bedraggled with mud and silt, drift and logs and in places a considerable deposit of mud had been left. George Laird had a bit of slashing on the flat opposite Riverton, and the most of the brush seems to have been swept out clean with here and there roots and a few stumps appearing in the shining mud, and bottom land. The Wagon road is again practically all above the water once more and several men are working near Riverton, repairing washouts, and removing drifts and logs. The lower end of the Craine Logging road which approached the river on a low tressel work was caught by water, drift and floating wreckage from above and taken out. The greater portion of it was saved however, and is now being replaced by a gang of men actively at work. The Lampa logging road is again on dry land, appearing somewhat twisted and misshapen near the river's edge.

Great flocks of sea gulls, sure barometers of the weather appear by hundreds on the river as far inland as Riverton, which is unusual, but they are generally flying high and headed toward the sea, which is considered a good omen for fair weather.

The shore line on the north side of the Coquille river opposite Bandon and near the light house is straightening out, into the best condition it has been for several years. The sand spit which appeared in one place, and the lagoon which appeared in another have both almost entirely disappeared, leaving a generally uniform shore line which is fast conforming to the new inland jetty constructed by the government last summer. The jetty soon to be constructed on the south side of the river will confine the channel at the river's mouth into a straight and swift stream that will prevent shoaling.

Captain Robert Jones was one of the passengers on the "Lizzy", coming up to take the steamer Coquille to Portland. A recent feat of Captain Jones was to take the Golden Gate from Portland to San Francisco. Captain Jones is an old resident of this section and was brought up at Coquille and Myrtle Point. He acquired his first boating experience on the Coquille and on Coos Bay. He has pretty well overcome the tendency to lankiness which he had in the early days. In his early experience he found it hard to convince his associates that he should have a river captain's license, but he not only got the license but went out on the ocean and made good there.

L. W. Robinson has just completed two beautiful myrtle tables in his carpenter shop, next to the Johnson building. He ridiculed the idea that a

## Another Pioneer Called

With the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Swift which occurred at her home on Filmore street Friday there passed away another of the old settlers of Bandon. Possibly not a half dozen people now living in this section, preceded her to this section.

Mrs. Swift was the wife of Madison Irving Swift who died 12 years ago and who was one of the first shingle makers in Bandon. Mr. and Mrs. Swift emigrated here twentyfive years ago from one of the interior valleys of Oregon to which they had recently come from Iowa. After they had crossed the coast range and had reached the vicinity of Myrtle Point they halted to consider whether they would go to Coos Bay or continue along the Coquille.

S. D. Barrows was one of a party headed for Roseburg who camped near them and advised them to come to Bandon. Mr. Swift wanted to make shingles from spruce and was told there was plenty of spruce in the vicinity of that city.

He rigged up a machine by which the shingles were sliced with a knife from the bolt which had been previously steamed in hot water. There are some roofs in the city on which the product of his machine are still to be seen. His shingle mill, the first in Bandon was located across the street from the undertaking parlors. Mr. Swift was an old soldier and his wife a member of the Women's Relief Corps which has charge of her funeral. Funeral services in her behalf were held in the Ellingson undertaking establishment Monday, Feb. 14 at 2:30, p. m. Burial was in Bandon cemetery.

Mrs. Swift was seventy five years of age. She was born in Missouri, September 20th, 1841 and moved to Iowa where she was married.

She is survived by five children, three sons and two daughters. One daughter Mrs. Clara Province, died at Mitchell, Oregon, three years ago. The children living are: Mrs. Mattie Rasmussen of this city; Ches. Swift and Ward Swift of Dayville, Oregon; Justin D. Swift of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Lottie Keeler of Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Swift's death was due to paralysis, complicated with heart trouble. In the final attack she was in a state of coma for three days.

Circuit court was called by Judge Coke yesterday at Coquille to dispose of several minor matters coming up. An equity case of Treadgold against Bane, Burgess and others was ready for trial. Mr. Burgess, of San Francisco was present at the trial, Frank Fahy of Bandon was a witness in the case. Two default divorce cases were called and tried by the judge, one being the Crowley case from this end of the county, in which case a decree was granted. Topping, Treadgold and Wade were in attendance from Bandon and several from Marshfield. In all about a dozen attorneys present. This was one of the periodic, intermittent one day session which designate the close of each term. Judge Coke will leave for Roseburg in a few days to hold court there, and circuit court matters here will then be over until Judge Hamilton arrives for the April term.

It is reported that Captain Johnson has bought the corner lot on First street and Bandon avenue from the Grosses for a consideration of \$2,000. This is one of the best lots in the city. The Capt. says he will build on it if a tenant presents himself.