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ROSS CURRENT CATCHES FIFIELD

Schooner Breaks Bottom on Jetty Rocks And Goes on Beach

The twin screw steam schooner Fild was wrecked off the Bandon bar at the mouth of the Coquille river at 20 this morning, the odd day of this year, Feb. 29th, and excepting machinery and a few minor articles of freight, appears to be a total loss.

The Fild arrived during the previous evening and the Brooklyn came in the morning. The Brooklyn promptly steamed down close to the bar and deeming the prospects good though it still lacked two hours of high tide, boldly made a dash for Bandon. She found the current from the north much stronger than anticipated. The Brooklyn sheered some to the south but still found plenty of water and passed through in safety. The Fild watched the proceeding and its captain made up his mind to follow suit. The Brooklyn tied up at 6:30. At 6:00 the Klyham steamed up and was preparing to go out to the rescue. It was still dark. Seeing the Brooklyn in the captain of the Klyham, realizing the danger of the situation, made up his mind to go out and steer the Fild in. But the latter boat was ready under way and before the Klyham had reached the open sea the Fild was already in the first line of breakers. The Fild is flatter bottomed and has not as sharp a keel as Brooklyn and does not answer the rudder as readily. When she got in the course of the current from the north she was not far enough over and her stern was born steadily down the rocks of the jetty. The current lifted her off and pushed her to the south and then the breakers sent the doomed boat back on the rocks. By this time the boat was helpless and alternately beating and drifting she slowly came around to the south of the jetty and drifted bow first on the beach, a few rods to the north of where the Randolph was wrecked.

In the mean time her four sharp last of appeal for help had roused more than one Bandonite and there was a general rush for the beach.

The tug was not able to get a line aboard. The rising wind kept the surf a dangerous mood and approaching closet he Klyham herself was in danger of going on the rocks and with crew.

The Fild laid with her bow to the north east slowly settling in the sand. The life savers had promptly responded and Captain Johnson and his men rigged their gun and shot a line across to the wreck.

One by one the passengers were carried over in the breeches buoy and the antics of some of the passengers aloft over the seething water was one of the diversions of the proceeding for the spectators who had gathered in numbers along the beach walk and on the sand. Then the crew was taken off and as it was seen there was some stability to the wreck all of the movable and light articles of value were taken off.

The cargo of the vessel consisted of 30 or 40 tons of hay consigned to the Bandon warehouse. This was uninsured and will be a total loss as the salt water will spoil the hay for use in feeding.

The amount of insurance the vessel carried could not be learned today and in fact it was not definitely known here that the vessel was insured at all. The probability is that she has ample insurance and word is being awaited from the underwriters before and attempt is made to have her machinery.

Unless the weather gets unusually bad the machinery can be saved as the bow of the boat is well on the land at low tide.

The passenger list was S. E. Jones, M. Weingarten and J. W. Knopf.

The boat was in charge of Captain Hakman, it being his third trip. It was the first one that a seaman had his hand broken when the wheel got away from him going over the bar.

The crew consisted of 21 men.

The Speedwell was built at North Bend in 1908 for the A. F. Estabrook company of San Francisco, was a one

deck boat, gross tonnage 634; net 440 and length 173.6 feet; beam 39 feet; depth 12.1 feet; horse power 475; home port San Francisco, official number 205,438 and signal number KWQP.

Her lumber capacity was 750 thousand feet. She had previously been owned and operated by the A. F. Estabrook Company but the control of that company had recently been taken over by other interests and was passing over to a new organization to be known as the Fife-Wilson Lumber Co. of San Francisco.

The Fild carried principally hay and grain to Bandon and vicinity from San Francisco and in hauling railroad ties, piling and poles from this vicinity to San Francisco, the loss in a general way will be felt by the community at large as well as by the owners of the vessel.

The only man injured in the wreck was W. M. Kay of this city, an elderly gentleman of 64 who was among the spectators. An overbalanced log rolled on his leg breaking that member while he was seeking for a vantage place from which to see the sights.

Captain Swenson of the Brooklyn said the northwester came up about when that boat was off Chetco and he did not think it had blown long enough to make so swift a current as was afterward found to be the case.

It is the current to which Captain Hakman attributes the loss of the Fild.

HAS BROKEN ANKLE

Charles W. Ashton had the misfortune to break his ankle yesterday by having the rear wheel of George Laffaw's one seated automobile run over it.

The incident occurred just after noon when Mr. Laffaw was coming down to town from his home on Oregon Avenue, and at the foot of the hill, on what is most usually known as the County Wagon road leading up the hill from the old Gross corner to the Catholic Church property. Ashton had been standing on the running board or fender on one side of the car and Dr. Mann on the other, and the machine was coasting down hill. Just at the foot of the hill Laffaw who was driving applied the power just as Ashton was starting to get off, and the machine had a tendency to take an immediate jump forward, and Ashton instead of jumping off and letting holds go, hung on to the car with one hand and lost his balance with the new spurt of speed and one foot went under the wheel with the result that one bone was broken and the other badly fractured. He was immediately taken to the hospital.

TREADOLD BUYS A CAR

Al. Garfield reports that yesterday he sold a Studebaker Four, 40 H. P. 1917 model to G. T. Treadgold. The car will arrive on the next Kilburn and Mr. Garfield and Mr. Treadgold will go to Marshfield to receive it, and on the return home Treadgold expects to learn all about how to run it. Only 12 hours before the sale Treadgold had his mind set to buy a car of an entirely different make, but Al got there first.

Andrew Jackson Sherwood of Coquille came down to Bandon last Friday on the first boat, emerging out of the cold fog they have up there this time of year, and landed in an atmosphere of warm balmy crystal clear spring day, where everybody was standing around sunning themselves, and as he trudged the street with heavy overcoat, umbrella and rubbers on, he seemed decidedly out of tune with the season. He stumbled onto a couple of Bandon legal-ites, and said well you don't have as much fog as we do, if I had known the weather was so calm down here I would have come down in my launch. He said he came down to get Steve Gallier to prove a will which Steve had witnessed about 40 years ago. Leave it to Sherwood to run down ancient history, (with all apologies to Steve.)

The cheesemakers and dairymen's association from the several towns of Coos and Curry counties met in Bandon last Thursday to organize into one big association with a view to standardizing the quality of cheese manufactured and have the same inspected by state authority, similar to the plan now followed in Tillamook county. All cheese manufactured must come up to the standard to be entitled to the O. K. of the inspector, before going onto the market.

ADVANCE AGENTS FOR THE S. P. CO.

John M. Scott Leads a Party of Visitors to Bandon Thursday

Bandon entertained some distinguished railroad visitors last week. John M. Scott general passenger agent and J. A. Ormandy chief clerk of the passenger department of the Southern Pacific and both of Portland, F. W. Miller, local agent at Marshfield, and Addison Bennett, special staff writer of the Portland Oregonian.

They registered at the Chandler Hotel in Marshfield as the first arrivals at Coos Bay by rail. They came by rail all the way excepting only five miles on which no rails had been laid, between the Umpqua and the Siuslaw rivers. The remaining portion of the road is connected and work trains are running over it, and a special trip was made for the benefit of these officials over the completed portions of the road. They are gathering data and information which is essential for the passenger department to have on hand as soon as passenger service is installed on this line. Mr. Scott said to the Recorder, you can leave Marshfield about 8:30 in the morning and be in Portland at five o'clock of the same day. Mr. Miller added, yes and for half of the old price. The rate as now scheduled we understand is \$8.60, and service will most likely be installed in April. The company contemplates a day light service, until some time in the future when the road bed is older and more substantial than at present. The delegation visited the different towns of the county, called on all the business men that could be found left their cards, and left town as suddenly as they came. A banquet was given them at Marshfield, and a smoker was planned, but was cancelled owing to the fact that Mr. Scott was suddenly and unexpectedly called on business from here to San Francisco.

Mr. Scott made no statement as to the extension of the line from Coos Bay south except to state that it would some time surely be built.

WOODROW WILSON PETITIONS IN BANDON

Primary nominating petitions for Woodrow Wilson for Democratic nominee for President are in Bandon, foreign nature. Petitions for North East Bandon, No. 46 and South East No. 47 are in the hands of Will L. Mast. Petitions for North West Bandon precinct No. 45 is in the hands of Chris Rasmussen, and South West Bandon No. 44 is in the hands of C. R. Wade. All who sign are appearing voluntarily, none being solicited. A considerable number of enthusiasts have already hunted up the petitions and signed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie H. Ross last Saturday morning at 8:30 A. M. a daughter. Mother and babe are doing nicely, thank you. Mrs. Ross was formerly Esther Solve, and Archie appears scarcely more elated over the new arrival than grand dad, the Col. Ross. If the boys can get Archie out of the Post Office, where he is employed, long enough to get him up town, he will be expected to buy a box of cigars.

A. F. Miller returned today from a visit of a week in Portland.

WIN AND LOSE AT COOS BAY

Bandon Basket Ball Players Appear at North Bend And Marshfield

Bandon won one game and lost one when the basket ball boys made their trip to the Bay last Friday and Saturday. At Marshfield the game was played in the afternoon, with the air in the hall at a temperature of about 90 degrees and the home team won 35 to 12. Coach Quigley's boys came back, however and on the following night defeated North Bend 37 to 11.

The first game was lost through the inability of Bandon to connect with the basket. In every other department of the game they outclassed their opponents. Burrows, Marshfield's forward, made 25 of the total points annexed by the team. His work was pretty. The Bandon boys kept him well covered but he was able to make baskets from seemingly impossible positions.

At North Bend the game was rough but the locals played rings around the cellar champions and at no time was there any doubt as to the final outcome of the game.

The results of these games and the defeat which Myrtle Point chalked up against Coquille Friday night, tie Bandon and Coquille for second place in the league with the teams to meet here in the deciding contest Friday night.

Bandon and Coquille will tie up for the championship of the Coquille Valley in the final game of the season at Dreamland Friday evening. Incidentally the game will settle the fight for second place in the County League.

That Bandon will come out of the contest with the long end of the score seems to be the general consensus of opinion for though they lost to the county seat five on the up-river floor their Marshfield work two weeks ago gives them the edge over Coquille in speed, team-work and passing. With Ording out of the game with an injured shoulder, the visitors will be minus their best basket shot and the radical difference between their home floor and the local playing surface will place them at a disadvantage.

So far the two teams have each been beaten twice by Coach Niles' champions and have each won from Myrtle Point. With its present line-up Bandon will outweigh the visitors. The probable line-up will be Gallier, center, Leslie Pullen and Armstrong forwards; Webb and Johnson, guards; Geo. Ording and H. E. Boak are the men who will most likely officiate.

This game will close the basket ball season so far as the local school is concerned and basketball and track athletics will occupy the attention of the students. Due to the limited number of boys in the school, base ball has never entered into the county league sports, but this year Coach Quigley hopes to turn out a team and will make an effort to schedule contests with other high schools in the county.

BROWN GOES TO ALASKA

Dan Brown who has been living in Bandon for several months has caught the Alaska fever, and has returned to the field of his former operations there, near Hot Springs, on the Yukon river a short distance from Fairbanks, and will engage in placer mining.

He has left his family in Bandon, however, and during his absence, they will occupy the E. C. Endicott residence on Tenth Street in Azalea Park. Mr. Endicott, who was one of the proprietors of the Bungatow Grocery on Oregon Avenue has accepted a position with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at the town of Wendling near Eugene, and will also have charge of the post office there. He has been gone from here for several weeks, and Mrs. Endicott and children leave Bandon March first for Myrtle Point where she will visit with her parents for several days before going on to join her husband.

Deputy Sheriff Laird came home on the Kilburn last Sunday from Portland, where he went to get H. J. Paulsen for passing a bad check at Bandon. Paulsen furnished a bond for \$500 for his appearance before the grand jury in April and was discharged from custody.

Mr. Paulsen's bond has been received in Bandon and filed and the time for his appearance will be set a day or so before the next session of the Coos County Grand Jury.

With this issue of the Recorder we publish the political announcement of John H. Shields as candidate for sheriff of Coos county. We have lived here for practically ten years, and he has been here longer than we have we can't say just how long, but when we first arrived he impressed us as a Bandon citizen of some consequence in as much as he was one of the city dads, and a prominent business man. Ever since that time we have been principally impressed with his particular tendency to mind his own business. If he is as successful in his campaigning as he was in his private business, his opponents will know that he was in the race when it is over.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Talks to Commercial Club in Company With R. B. Murdock County Roadmaster

The members of the Public Speaking Class gave a most delightful program in the High School Auditorium, Tuesday, Feb. 29th at eleven o'clock. Each number was a success, showing careful, earnest preparation, both on the part of teacher and pupil.

The debate was possibly the greatest attraction of the hour, each girl handling the subject logically, skillfully and with no mean wit.

The judges were Mrs. W. S. Smith, Prof. Quigley and Prof. Turnbull. The decision stood two to one in favor of George Chatburn. We would not be at all surprised if George were still laughing. Grace Gibson made a fine chorewoman, while Harold Johnson called trains as glibly as though he had lived in Chicago all his life.

In short the entire program showed that these young people are getting what they need—the ability to appear before the public in an easy, graceful way, and to present clearly and well what they have to say. The program follows:

Reading—Little Brown Baby—Florence Reese.

Public Speaking Drill—Mildred Langley, director; Mary Thornton, Ruth Barrows, Edith Sumner, Katie Sumner, Katie Conrad.

Reading—C Liquita—Helen Fish.

Debate—Resolved: that the Single Session in the High School be Abolished.

Affirmative: Vera Irvine, Mary Haberly; Negative: Alice Gallier, Gail Boak.

Reading—Mr. Bowser—Flora Philpott.

Piano solo—Alta Hansen.

Farce—The Albany Depot.

Mr. Roberts, Eugene Scofield.

Mrs. Roberts, Rose Leibbrand.

Willis, George Chatburn.

Amy, her wife, Alta Hansen.

Mr. McIlheney, Errol McNair.

Mrs. McIlheney, Jessie Belle.

Shore Woman, Grace Gibson.

Train Caller, Harold Johnson.

News Boy, Ray Henry.

The Cook, Forest Matheny.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

John C. Kendall of Marshfield was a Bandon visitor last Friday and Saturday looking after business matters. John has had the political bee buzzing around his head for some time, and when we took him to one side and quizzed him about this secret aspiration, he openly and frankly fessed up and admitted that he is disturbed somewhat by political aspirations, and that he had definitely concluded to be a candidate at the coming primary election for the Republican nomination for Representative from Coos county to the State Legislature. Mr. Kendall has been a resident of Coos county for six or eight years, and is a member of the law firm of Goss Kendall and Murphy of Marshfield, and is quite a mixer and as a result has made numerous friends. It is rumored that Robert O. Graves and also Arthur K. Peck both attorneys of Marshfield are aspiring for the same office, and all being Republicans, the situation promises a warm contest at the primaries. No Democrat has volunteered so far to make the race against the winner of the trio. John says he is going into the fight to win, that if it is worth having, it is worth fighting for.

We of the Recorder, know all of them personally, quite well, and they are all good boys, and qualified. Not being of that political faith we can watch as a disinterested on-looker and say go to it boys, you all ought to win.

STATE ENGINEER TALKS ON ROADS

Talks to Commercial Club in Company With R. B. Murdock County Roadmaster

At a special meeting of the Commercial Club last night there were present, among others, Assistant State Engineer Cantine, and R. B. Murdock, roadmaster of Coos county. The meeting was interesting. Mr. Cantine revised, to some extent, the ideas of local road builders, saying that bonds should only be issued for such work as can be called permanent and temporary and repair work should be paid for by direct tax levies. Under permanent work he included acquiring rights of way, survey and excavations (not fills) and only such bridge and culvert work as are of concrete, iron or other permanent material. All other work, including hard surfacing, is temporary and repair work and each district should have its own way, regardless of any other district in the county, whether it wants concrete, rock, gravel or plank and pay its own bill. He assured us that without doubt, the state would adopt such roads, up and down the coast from Astoria to the California line as were suitable for a trunk line, and supplement the work already done by the county.

He stated that such a road would probably be District No. 4, the Pacific highway, the Columbia highway and a road through central Oregon, being districts number 1, 2 and 3 respectively, and urged the people of Coos county to build roads with a view to making them acceptable to the state later on; the work of the county and state, thereby supplementing each other. The idea seems to be gaining ground that the coast road should be called the Balboa Highway.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. L. P. SORRENSEN

On last Thursday night at 11 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. L. P. Sorrensen, the wife of Dr. L. P. Sorrensen, after a long protracted illness. She had lived the greater portion of her life in Bandon, and nearly all of her life in Coos county. She was formerly Maude Garfield and had an exceptionally large circle of friends. Besides her husband she is survived by Lester Garfield a son of seven and Evalyn a daughter of less than two years, her mother, Mrs. L. J. Rodley, a brother Albert Garfield, and her Grandmother Mrs. Fanny E. Dyer, all living in Bandon. The death occasioned sorrow, and the business houses were generally closed on Saturday afternoon to permit the many friends to attend the funeral services which were held at the family residence on Garfield Avenue, at 2 o'clock and interment was held immediately afterwards at the old cemetery.