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NEW MILL TO BE READY IN 30 DAYS

Waiting For Machinery Now

G. W. Dafeo Mill North of Town Almost Completed. To Cut Smith Bros. Timber. Superintendent Arrived Sunday.

G. W. Dafeo, of Detroit, Mich. who is building a mill on the old "Rose" place, six miles north of Bullards, announced today that the mill would be in operation within thirty days if everything goes smoothly. The plant is all ready to receive the boilers and engines, which will probably arrive on the steamer Bandon Thursday. Had it not been for a delay in arranging insurance matters, the machinery would have been here by this time.

Mr. Dafeo came into town this morning to meet L. E. Swan, who arrived on the Elizabeth from Detroit, and who is to superintend the mill operations. Mr. Swan is a lumberman of many years experience and has been in charge of several large mills in the east and middle west. Both men returned to the mill this afternoon.

"While we will employ only a small force of men for the present and will limit our cut to the amount of lumber that 14 or 15 men can produce, we will have sufficient power to turn out 45,000 or 50,000 feet of lumber in stock lengths, per day, should we care to," said Mr. Dafeo. He believes in having plenty of power and has purchased two 48" boilers to furnish steam for a 16" x 24" engine. This was done in view of increasing the cut later on.

The mill is being constructed to cut the timber belonging to Chas. and Wm. Smith, consisting of about 2,000,000 feet of cedar, spruce and fir located on the headwaters of Merchants creek. Most of the cut will be cedar and the lumber will probably be hauled to Bullards or Randolph, for shipment. Regarding the matter of hauling, Mr. Dafeo has not decided definitely as to where the lumber will be yarded.

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LOSES 600 SHEEP OUT OF A FLOCK OF ABOUT 800

C. C. Anderson, who was in from his homestead on upper Floras creek Saturday, states that this has been the most severe winter that he has ever experienced in this part of the state and that the stock loss in the vicinity of his place has been a heavy blow to the ranchers. James Culver, Mr. Anderson's nearest neighbor, lost between 600 and 650 head of sheep out of his flock of 800. The ranchers are making the best of their misfortune however, and all are in the same mood as Mr. Culver who remarked, "That is about the worst currying I ever got" according to Mr. Anderson.

AMERICAN SURVIVOR TO SPEAK

Deacon Nicodemus Elias, who escaped slaughter by the Turks only after a mad dash for liberty in which he was severely wounded, will speak at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, March 22. He will speak on the slaughter of Christians by the Turks.

Moss Averill, well known throughout Coos and Curry counties, has announced himself as a candidate for nomination for sheriff of Curry county on the Democratic ticket.

Al. J. Marsh, of Elk River, came up the coast Sunday stopping over night at Langlois and coming on into Bandon yesterday morning. After attending to business matters here Mr. Marsh left for Marshfield this morning.

Supt. Raymond E. Baker, of Coquille, was in Bandon last week on business pertaining to school matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter Celebrate Golden Wedding

Another golden wedding was celebrated in Bandon last week Wednesday, the observance being a few days late. The elderly couple observing the event were Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Edwards Carpenter, parents of D. W. Carpenter of the C. C. Cash Store. Mr. Carpenter and his bride who at that time was Frances A. Handy were married in Richland county, Wisconsin, March 10th, 1866. The anniversary was remembered only at a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carpenter with whom the old people have made their home during the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carpenter after their marriage in Wisconsin moved down into Illinois in the neighborhood of Galena where they lived a short time moving from there to Kansas in which state they lived from 1871 to 1888. In 1888 they moved to California in San Luis Obispo county where they raised beans and potatoes. They have always been farmers and are of the sturdy stock that make up the backbone of America. They have made numerous friends in Bandon who wish them many more anniversaries.

The Epworth League of the South Methodist Church gave a social and business meeting at the home of Rev. Wayne Knight, Tuesday night, March 14th. Those who came were requested to bring twenty five pennies with which they paid all sorts of fines inflicted by impromptu policemen. Two dollars and fifty cents was collected in all which made a worthy increase in the treasury. The business meeting then ensued which was followed by a variety of pleasing games. A good lunch was then served and the party dispersed.

One of the most entertaining games of the evening was an art contest which consisted in piecing together parts of pictures to produce the funniest combination. Much artistic ability was displayed and difficulty followed in selecting the most ludicrous. A good time was had by all and other socials are planned in the near future.

Lestie8 parks, who has been attending Willamette University since last September, arrived in Bandon Saturday for a ten day visit with his parents during the spring vacation of the University. While here Lestie will be the honor guest at several affairs given by his friends.

Ex-sheriff W. W. Gage was down from the county seat Saturday attending to business matters.

SHIPYARD DEAL IS ALMOST COMPLETED

Definite Decision Next Week

Chris. Notley of Portland. Only awaits Suitable Agreement with Moore Mill for Lumber. Two Large Boats to be Built.

A definite decision as to what is to be done towards opening the local shipyards will be reached early next week, is the announcement made today by John Neilson, Bandon agent for Kronenberg and Foard owners of the plant.

"All arrangements have been completed with Chris. Notley, the Portland shipbuilder who wishes to lease the yards, and the deal now hinges on the matter of lumber," said Mr. Neilson. If Mr. Notley is able to come to an agreement with the Moore mill, whereby he will be able to secure the lumber he needs at a suitable price, the deal will be closed and work of putting the yards in shape will commence at once. Several local parties have expressed a willingness to help care for the \$500 to \$800 expense necessary to put the yards in shape and provided the full amount cannot be made up privately, the matter will be turned over to the Commercial Club.

There have been several parties figuring on the shipyards during the past three or four months, but most of the propositions they had to offer were not agreeable to the owners. At least two different shipbuilders wanted to buy the machinery and equipment for use in yards elsewhere. However, the owners were only willing to sell to someone who would maintain the plant here and Mr. Notley's proposition to build at least two large vessels here secured for him a very low rental rate.

Mr. Notley is now in communication with Geo. W. Moore who is in Toledo, regarding lumber and expects a definite answer the latter part of the week. Should the deal materialize work on the two largest boats ever built on the Coquille river will begin at once. Both of the vessels will be of the steam schooner type and designed for the coastwise lumber trade. One will have a capacity of 1,200,000 feet and the other 1,000,000 feet. It will take about a year's time to complete the two and employment will be given to a large force of men.

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New Telegraph Wire Takes Place of Old

"Good night" to the old and well worn phrase, "We cannot get your message out. All the wires are down" Saturday afternoon the first message from Marshfield to Eugene over the new Western Union line along the right of way of the Willamette Pacific, went flickering across the wire and line trouble came to an end. Immediately after the new connection was made the old wire to Roseburg, which has carried thousands of messages during its 40 years of use, was cut out.

Business transacted over the old line was always subject to the word "if," for almost every storm put the line out of commission for a period of a few hours or days. Running through thick timber and brush along the mountain roads, the line went down under fallen trees and branches continually. The new line follows the cleared right of way of the railroad for the entire distance.

\$25,000 WORTH OF PORT BONDS SOLD AT PREMIUM

The F. E. Conway, Mortgage company, of Marshfield, were the successful bidders for the \$25,000 issue of Port of Bandon bonds, which were sold at a meeting of the Port Commission at Coquille, last Wednesday. The bid was par with accrued interest, with a premium of \$375 for the series which runs from two to ten years with interest of 5 1/2 per cent. Payment for the tug Kiliyam, recently purchased by the port, will be made from the proceeds of the bond sale.

FIFIELD MOVED 60 FEET ON BEACH

Almost Out Of Water

Work of Repairing Ship to Commence as Soon as She Lies Above the Tide Line. Will be Blocked Up and Work of Cleaning Will Begin

Work of saving the steamer Fifield is progressing rapidly and it is expected that she will be far enough up on the beach within a few days so that work of repairing the hull can be commenced. During the high tides of Sunday and Monday nights the donkeys succeeded in pulling her between 50 and 60 feet up on the sand and were it not for the high tides this week, repair work could be started where she now lies.

During one of the "big pulls" one of the lines slipped causing the ship to swing around until she now lays almost broadside to the breakers. Also, she is now closer to the south jetty than when she went ashore.

Although many parties expressed doubts as to whether or not the big boat would answer to the tugging of the donkey engines, Capt. McNaught, Contractor Payne and their men had no trouble in moving the ship. With the rising tide the lines were tightened and as each breaker swept in the boat moved forward a few inches. As soon as she is well above the tide line she will be blocked up and the sand will be cleaned out of the hold and engine room.

Wilson Petitions Almost Full

The nominating petitions for Woodrow Wilson, which have been in Bandon for the past two or three weeks, are now almost filled and within the next few days the petitions will be closed, certified and returned to Portland, in order that they may be there in time to be filed April 1.

While the petitions were not circulated here and bear only the names of those who were sufficiently interested to go out of their way to signify their approval of Wilson for re-election, the number of signers is exceptionally large.

W. C. Sellmer has moved into the house formerly occupied by L. J. Radley, on First street.

Small Fire Monday
John D. Goss was a Bandon visitor on legal business Saturday.

Assessed For City Taxes Property Outside of Limits

There is at least one Bandonian who was glad to welcome Assessor T. J. Thrift, who has been making the rounds of this part of the county, during the past week. J. H. Jones is the man who smiled when the assessor suggested that the city levy on a piece of property at the end of Jackson Ave on the north side of Ocean Drive, would be so much. Furthermore, Mr. Jones is entitled to that smile for, although the property in question has been assessed as city property for several years, it is outside the city limits as the boundaries are described in the voters pamphlet.

While interviewing tax payers in regard to taxes, Mr. Thrift was also circulating two petitions for nomination, one for himself for County Assessor and one for John F. Hall, who is seeking the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney.

Mrs. Korin Fry, of this city, is the victor to date in her suit against A. H. Sparks and E. N. Blackberry to make them relinquish money belonging to her which was attached to cover a debt that her husband, W. J. Fry, has contracted. Justice of Peace J. J. Stanley, of Coquille, decided the case in favor of Mrs. Fry last week, but the case has been appealed to the Circuit Court and will come up during the April term.

M. M. Young, former proprietor of the Baster Hotel in Coquille is making improvements on his place just south of Bandon and will take up his residence there in the near future.

COUNTY TAXPAYERS URGED TO ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION

Pleas to every commercial body in the county to aid in organizing a taxpayers league are being sent out today by the North Bend Chamber of Commerce. The committee in charge met last evening and unanimously voted to call a meeting of all representatives in North Bend on April 19 to discuss the proposed measure.

The matter was first broached there two weeks ago and has since met with considerable favor in several places.

"The object or purpose of this proposed league", runs the letter received here, "will be to organize the taxpayers of the county and through this organization to protect their interest by investigating all matters pertaining to the taxes and inequalities of assessments assisting the assessor and his deputies and the County Board of Equalization of arriving at a fair and equitable adjustment of tax values also to look into the expenditure of moneys raised by taxation in the county to urge such legislation as will be beneficial to the interests of the taxpayer and in a general way work toward a material reduction of the taxes in Coos county.

"The present high taxes of the county indicate the need of early action for the protection of the taxpayer and in the organization of a strong, active successful taxpayers' league seems to rest in the logical and practical solution of the problem."

The matter is to be further taken up at the next meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce.—Coos Bay Times.

Shoot Acid Through Walls To Keep Him Awake

Two complaints, each charging mental deficiency, have been filed at the County Court house from Bandon during the week just passed. The first complaint was against Mrs. Clara Kraus and charged her with being demented. The second was against Gust. Straum, who has been living in the fishing village across the river.

In the complaint Straum is said to be insane and Sheriff Johnson came down Saturday to take him to the county seat for examination. When taken into custody, Straum stated that fellow fishermen would not let him sleep nights and in order to keep him awake would shoot hydrochloric and other acid through the walls of his cabin.

ELIZABETH IN SUNDAY

The steamer Elizabeth arrived in from San Francisco Sunday carrying freight and the following passengers: L. A. Irvan, C. E. Broadbent, A. P. McClure, Mrs. M. Ashton, P. T. Crawford, A. R. McCartney, W. P. Crumby, Martin Anderson, C. C. Rathburn, J. R. Stow, A. Olsen and F. J. Dean. The Elizabeth will sail again Wednesday.

Sam Nass, of Astoria, arrived in Bandon Monday and will be here for two or three weeks, repairing and getting the Prosper cannery in shape for the coming fishing season. Mr. Nass states that the outlook for the fishing season on the Columbia River is bright with indications of a good run of fish and prospect of high prices.

W. G. Baker, a Roseburg jeweler, has written to A. B. Reese of this city, inquiring into conditions here. Mr. Baker states that he is looking for a location and sees a big opportunity in the coast country. He will probably come to Bandon in the near future to look over the situation.

Geo. Locke returned to Bandon from Toledo, Thursday to resume his duties as foreman of the Moors mill, the position he held here before the mill closed. Since leaving here Mr. Locke has been in charge of the Toledo mill and he reports that the latter plant will continue in operation for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Catterlin registered at the Gallier from Marshfield, Saturday. They remained over Sunday, Mrs. Catterlin visiting with old friends while Mr. Catterlin attended to business matters for the firm he represents in this territory.

"The Rosary" is coming.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD ELECTION

Meeting Called For Monday

Suggestion That City's Share of Road Tax Be Used on Township Line Road to Come Up. Other Important Business.

The question of what is to be done with the road tax money that reverts back to the city each year, is to be one of the important matters to arise at the special meeting of the Commercial Club called for Monday evening March 27, in the City Hall.

Under the present law each city is a road district in itself and 70 per cent of the tax money derived from the road tax in that district goes back to the city. The question has arisen as to what can be done with this money, some claiming that it can be expended for the improvement of city streets, while others claim it cannot be so used. So far there has been no legal decision on the point, but the Coos County Court takes the stand and announces that none of the money will be spent within the city limits. In Marshfield the problem has been the cause of what amounts to almost a factional war and there is a rumor that the people there are just about ready to take the matter into court.

Bandon's 70 per cent of the tax money amounts to about \$4000 and in order to get some action, it has been suggested that this money be spent on the Township Line road. The County Court has decided that no matter what legal questions may come up, if the taxpayers are favorable to having the money spent on the road, it will be used there. A committee will probably be appointed by the Commercial Club to canvass public opinion on the matter and a mass meeting may be called later to discuss and vote unofficially on the proposition.

Officers for the coming year are also to be elected at the meeting Monday night and the question of payment of the Club's share of the bill for the moving pictures that were taken throughout the county last summer, will be taken up. It was agreed that the pictures were to be paid for by the Elks Lodge and the Commercial bodies of the county.

A company of ladies members of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, dropped in on Mrs. R. B. Swenson last Thursday evening, giving her a surprise by way of a farewell to Bandon. A feature of the evening was the presentation of an address book to the hostess in which each of the guests, blindfolded drew a pig and signed the page with name and address. The efforts of the blindfolded artists to produce a proper pig created much merriment. The hostess was presented with a fine pair of pillow cases. The visitors had brought along refreshments the serving of which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. With an invitation to all to visit the editorial home at Monmouth the visitors departed.

Those present were the Mesdames Fashender, G. Boak, Moore, S. C. Johnson, Robinson, Fisher, Perry Tucker, Jones, G. R. McNair, A. Barrows and Garoutte.

TILLAMOOK ON COOS BAY RUN

In response to the demand of Coos Bay merchants for better freight service between that port and Portland, the gasoline schooner Tillamook, formerly in the Bandon-Portland run, has been placed in the service and will maintain a seven day schedule hereafter between the Bay cities and the north. As the Tillamook has a capacity of 300 tons it is expected that she will handle enough freight to relieve the present congestion.

Petitions addressed to Gov. James E. Ferguson, of Texas, and asking for the pardon of Chas. Chise, Bengal and their associates labor leaders who were convicted for killing guards at the state penitentiary and sentenced to 99 years imprisonment, are being circulated in Bandon. The men killed the guards in an attempt to escape from the prison.

Ray Morgan of this city is to locate at Coquille and practice law in that city.