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COQUILLE RIVER IS PUT INTO SERVICE

Was Built Here 20 Years Ago

Coal Burning Steam Schooner Which Formerly Ran Between Bandon and South, Is Rescued From "Boneyard" And Will Be Converted Into Oil Burner.

After lying in the "boneyard" at Oakland Creek for the past five years the steam schooner Coquille River, built at the Prosper shipyard in 1896 has been resurrected by the Parr-McCormick company and placed in service as a lumber carrier between Portland and California points.

The Coquille River is a coal burning vessel, a type of steamer that is seldom seen now because of the saving in the cost of fuel where oil is used, but the high charter rates now offered for seagoing bottoms of any kind makes it possible for her to be operated at a small margin of profit. It is estimated that the oil burners are to be installed in her this week will cut down the fuel bills fully two-thirds.

Originally built for the lumber carrying trade between this river and California points, the Coquille River for many years held the place in local shipping that the steamer Elizabeth now holds. After leaving this run she plied between San Francisco and Tillamook Bay and for many years was commanded by Capt. Olsen, now master of the Elizabeth. Shortly after Capt. Olsen left the Coquille River, she narrowly escaped destruction on Clatsop Spit, near the mouth of the Columbia river, but was saved and towed into Portland for repairs.

Work of constructing the wing jetty is progressing rapidly and the hole behind the city hall is now nearly closed with rock, as about 35 hundred tons having been placed since the work started six weeks ago, according to the announcement made today by Roy Roselle, who is in charge of the job for the Port Commission.

Just how long it will take to complete the job will depend largely upon the weather, which should be settled from now on. At present the quarry gang is getting out on an average of 500 tons of rock a day and should this average be continued, the jetty will be completed about May 10, although part of the crew will be kept on the job, clearing up and doing odd bits of work, until the 1st of June.

There is a possibility that the work will not cease at that time, as every effort is being made to continue the harbor work until the wing jetty now being built is extended about 200 feet towards the bar, and the contemplated 1500 foot extension of the north jetty seaward, is completed. The new wing jetty is considerably shorter than the old pile jetty which it replaces and it is thought that perhaps there will be enough money left from the present appropriation to warrant the immediate completion of the project.

NEW STEAMER COMING

To take the place of the schooner Oakland beached last week near Bay City, the Fife Lumber company has chartered the steam schooner Cleone which is now operating on the Eureka San Francisco run and she is expected to reach here on her first trip in about 10 days. The Cleone is a smaller craft than any of the steamers now plying between this port and the South.

FOUR CHEVROLETS ARRIVE

Four Chevrolet automobiles made up a part of the cargo of the steamer Bandon when she docked here, Friday forenoon. The cars were billed to Sherrard and Whittsett, local agents for the popular little machines, and will fill only a part of the orders that have been taken in southern Coos and Curry Counties so far this season. Ed. Clinton, Warren Parker, A. Harrows, and Mr. Schmitt, of Siusi river, each got one of the four machines received in this shipment and the Bandon will bring two more on her next trip, one each for Tom Harvey and Mr. Millard of Port Orford.

MOORE MILL READY TO RESUME OPERATIONS MONDAY

Superintendent Geo. Locke, of the Geo. W. Moore mill, states that the work of overhauling and repairing the plant will be completed and the mill ready for operation, Monday morning, April 3, the date set for the opening. There is sufficient logs in the boom now to keep the saws busy for some time, so don't be surprised to hear that old familiar friend, the whistle, let go with one grand whoop Monday morn. About 80 men will make up the working force for the present.

Frank Catterlin came over from the bay today to make the rounds of his customers here. Mrs. F. Briggs is packing her household effects and will leave on the next Speedwell for Los Angeles, where she will join her husband. Last night Mrs. Briggs was the honor guest at a surprise party given at the Tilton home in east Bandon. Many of her friends were present to bid Mrs. Briggs "bon voyage".

Henry Hess was in town today from his ranch south of the city. Dr. Leep, of Myrtle Point, was in Bandon yesterday visiting with his son, Dr. R. V. Leep.

Storm Holds Boats For Several Days

Bandon, Elizabeth and Brooklyn Crossed Out and Awaneda In Today

Shipping all up and down the coast was tied up by the severe storm of last week and reports of damage done cover almost every point between San Francisco and Alaska. Here the steamers were held inside the harbor for nine days, and although there was a choppy sea still running this morning, the Brooklyn Bandon and Elizabeth crossed out for San Francisco and the Awaneda came in with Portland freight.

The Elizabeth suffered the longest delay of any of the local fleet, being forced to lie idle since a week ago Sunday, and the Brooklyn was in port over a week. Leaving San Francisco a week ago Monday, the Bandon was caught in the worst of the storm and was forced to lie outside the bar here for two days, awaiting a chance to cross in. On the outward trip the Elizabeth carried the following passengers:

Thos. Anderson, A. Keeger, H. E. Katzenbach, David Loomis, Wm. Hess, M. Anderson and Harry Loomis.

ORPHEUM THEATER TO BE REOPENED SATURDAY NIGHT

Geo. J. Lemanski, who recently opened the Royal Theater in Marshfield, has closed a lease with A. J. Hartman for the Orpheum here and came over from Marshfield today to attend to matters pertaining to the formal opening of the theater, Saturday night. Mr. Lemanski is a moving picture show man of considerable experience and he promises the movie patrons the best that can be secured. The program for the opening night will consist of five reels of pictures and a vaudeville act. For the present a pianist will furnish the music at the Orpheum, but Mr. Lemanski is planning to install a three or four piece orchestra later on.

MODERN AMUSEMENT PARLOR IS FORMALLY OPENED FRIDAY

The Manciet brothers, "Hurb" and George, are now the proprietors of the most complete and up-to-date amusement parlor in Southwestern Oregon. Friday afternoon they moved their stock of goods into the middle room of the new Biggs-Buckingham building, where they are installing a complete new set of furnishings.

In the front of the room will be the store, with an addition to the general store of a soda fountain. Outside of the fact that the Manciet boys have the reputation of serving first class ice cream and soda, the addition of the fountain is of interest because the counter and back case are home industry products. They are made of native curly fir lumber and were manufactured here. Back of the store is the pool room, containing two pool tables and with two more to come along with a billiard table. On the balcony in the rear is a private card room. The entire room is steam heated and exceptionally well lighted.

BOY FIGURES IN FAKE HOLD-UP

Ex-Soldier Refuses to "Dig" Resting Easy On The Beach

Bill Kennedy, 16 Year Old Boy, Stages Fright For His Girl Companion But Joke Gets Beyond His Control And He Spends Night In Jail

A mischievous 16 year old boy a skitish young girl, and a serious minded ex-soldier, who was badly scared but who refused to throw up his hands were participants in a comic-tragedy last night with the result that a complaint was filed in the Justice Court, the boy spent one night in jail, the young girl fled the town, and the local justice of the peace interrogated witnesses for half a day this morning, and finally dismissed the matter as a joke.

Mrs. Kennedy who lives in the house just East of the Vale Hotel, was absent from home last evening, after the hour of spooks had arrived, but left in charge her two sons, and a young lady named Miss Grace Whitney, who had been making the Kennedy home head quarters when not employed. All had been out of the house, and "Bill" the younger son and the young lady later returned and entered at the rear or kitchen door, where a light was burning. Bill, then went into the dark front room and made a terrific commotion, and after a minutes pretended struggle returned to the kitchen, and with a mighty yell, said "I am killed dead" and acting the part fell at the lady's feet. Not recognizing the skillful performance of the 16 year old Romeo, she ran into the street to summon the first aid obtainable, which proved in Court this morning to be one H. O. Nettleton, an ex-soldier. Together they returned to the house, and she pointed into the house and said "in there".

Now young Bill did not stay dead long but immediately revived himself and hid him into the dark night, outside of and adjacent to the house. Further he it said that this comic-tragedy had many participants who were all summoned hence by the distress cry set up by the young lady. Mrs. Christensen and wife, Harry Sutton, Eb Pomeroy and possible one or two incog, were likewise present. Young Bill Kennedy did not know that a serious minded stranger had been brought into the "fracas" ordered him to get up. The ex-soldier was mightily scared but refused to comply. Here the testimony conflicts but Nettleton claims that the request was repeated twice more and emphasized by a pistol pressed against his chest, and when for the third time Mr. Nettleton refused, the hold-up man, who was not mentioned in anywise disguised, said, "Oh I have been having a H-I of a time and was into the house. Mr. Nettleton admitted that he was badly scared, but alleged that he plainly saw the object in the assailant's hands which he alleged upon information and belief to be a gun. A policeman with Nettleton's assistance found young Bill later, about midnight quickly sleeping in his own home where the entire tragedy was enacted identified him, with Bill's voluntary assistance, and Bill slept the rest of the night in the City Jail. The young lady who was so wrought up over the affair refused thereupon to spend the night in that terrible house and sought a room at a local hotel, and this morning took the Stage for the Four Mile territory.

Bill denies the gun play. All agree that no attempt was made to rob or molest the valuables of the held-up man. If any crime was committed, it was merely that of pointing a gun at another. To be a crime, the assailant must be over sixteen. Bill appears to be over sixteen alright, but he won't be signified until tomorrow the 29th, and then there was very little proof that there was a gun actually used. Any way the case was dismissed as too frivolous to be called to the attention of the Grand Jury and the tax payers, and the entire performance which escaped the notice of the "movie" men became a closed incident.

Geo. E. Morrison was down from the county seat yesterday.

OAKLAND SAID TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE

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Last reports from Bay City where the sailing schooner Oakland went ashore after becoming waterlogged last Thursday, are that the ship is laying easy on the sand and that she does not appear to be damaged to any great extent. Only the deck load has been smashed away and the hold is still filled with ties.

The beach where the vessel is lying is entirely free from rocks of any sort and all conditions are favorable to floating the ship. On board the Oakland is a steam cargo winch, which it is thought could be used to pull her off the beach and in smooth weather she could be towed into the Columbia river for repairs without any trouble as her cargo of ties will keep her up in the water. So far, however, the owners have made no statement as to what they intend to do with the ship.

By recent purchase, the Oakland became the property of the Fife-Wilson Lumber Company, of San Francisco, who are also heavily interested in the steamer Fifield, which is on the beach here. Thus the company has two boats that have been nearly wrecked during the late storm and both are in almost the same predicament.

First news that the Oakland was in trouble reached here Thursday morning, when a message arrived stating that she had been abandoned off Tillamook, the crew being taken into Everett, Wash., on the steamer Saginaw, while the vessel was east drifting 30 miles off the coast. On the following day she drifted ashore near Bay City. First reports were that she was fast breaking up but closer investigation showed the "wreckage" to be ties, of which the Oakland had a deck load.

Following the wreck of the Fifield the Oakland was hastily put into commission for use as a lumber carrier between here and the south. She was towed up the coast and left just off the bar here by the steamer Bandon, March 11. The tug brought her into port the same day and work of loading her with ties commenced. She left out under sail for San Diego at midnight a week ago Saturday night and had made but little headway when the equinoctial storm broke, twelve hours after leaving port. The deck load of ties was thrown overboard in an attempt to keep the vessel afloat, and at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon the steam schooner Saginaw coming up the coast from San Francisco, took her in tow. During the night the Oakland's crew signaled that their vessel was sinking when Captain Charles Lundquist, of the Saginaw, ordered the hawser cut. A heavy sea was running and the vessel drifted until morning before an attempt could be made to launch a boat to rescue the crew. The men from the Oakland were more than half an hour reaching the Saginaw in the mountainous seas.

At the price ships are selling for now the Oakland was worth about \$25,000 and she carried a cargo of 12,000 ties, valued at \$5000. It has been reported that no insurance was carried on the craft.

Capt. G. C. Dent was in command of the Oakland and the other officers and members of the crew were as follows: W. Olson, first mate, M. Thompson, Paul Kreft, Frank Wohles, seamen and B. A. Basso, cook.

DR. E. A. VOGEL TO TAKE DR. SOBRENSEN'S PRACTICE

Dr. E. A. Vogel, former classmate of Dr. L. P. Sorrensen at the North Pacific Dental College in Portland, will take over the office and practice of the latter in the near future. Dr. Vogel who was here loaning over the field a few weeks ago, returned to Bandon Saturday with his wife. Until next fall, when he will go to Chicago to take a post-graduate course in dentistry, Dr. Sorrensen has not decided what he will do.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS L. L. WHEELER STUDIO

A deal was completed last week whereby Edward Good, of Portland, becomes the owner of the photograph studio, on First street, of which L. L. Wheeler has been the owner for the past two years. Mr. Good will take charge of the studio April 1. He comes recommended as a photographer of considerable ability and long experience in some of the largest studios in the Northwest.

For the present Mr. Wheeler and his family will remain in Bandon, where he will enter the signwriting business. He states that he already has enough orders in view to keep him employed for some little time. As soon as the roads become passable the Wheelers will start on a tour of the coast in their car, seeking a suitable location.

S. L. Shumate has negotiated with Gus Barre as administrator of the R. P. Hempel estate, and secured a quit claim deed to the Hempel land of 166 acres located about 8 miles South of Bandon. That estate is practically ready to be closed up.

Exposition Opening At San Diego is Gala Event

Former Bandonian Writes Of Big Time On Opening Day

In a letter to the Recorder M. G. Pohl, formerly of this city but now residing in San Diego, gives the following account of the opening of the second year of the San Diego Exposition, stating that the weather conditions on the opening day were ideal. "From all sections trainloads of sightseers came in and no one stopped to count the thousands of automobiles rolling and speeding their way to the celebration, each filled with men, women, and children in their sweet and most stylish dress. The first pleasure that I experienced was to meet Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Smith (formerly of Bandon) who had come down in their auto from Riverdale. I was resting near the principal thoroughfare when the first event of the day, a military parade, started.

The present trouble in Mexico caused the parade to be short of cavalry and artillery and also a number of marines, but nevertheless, we enjoyed this as a beginning. Speeches, concerts, and other numbers followed until the hour of twelve proclaimed the formal opening of the fair. At this moment the salute of guns was fired, the Queen of the Exposition greeted the assembly and President Wilson, in Washington, pressed the button that threw open the doors of the buildings to the public. The throng of people was so thick that it was difficult to get over a glimpse of what was going on. At 2:30 o'clock the great Organ Concert Hall was filled. This highly ornamental building houses the big pipe organ which Mr. Sprockles gave to the county.

At the close of the concert the aviation exhibition began. Six double deck planes streaked over the grounds and, instead of dropping bombs, dropped thousands of red, white and blue flags. Many other entertainments followed, including the wonderful illumination in the evening.

It is stated that 45,000 people viewed the grounds on the opening day.

Frank Sumner, who is employed in the Marshfield post office, was in Bandon over the week-end visiting with his parents.

The room in the Anderson building on First street, which was vacated last week by Manciet Bros., is being remodeled and will be occupied by Garsen Bros., who will open a pool room about the first of the month.

L. W. Robinson is putting in his spare moments these days on a house that he is building in Portland Addition, west of Oregon Avenue.

J. Ira Sidwell left on the noon boat today for Portland, going by the way of Marshfield and the railroad. Mr. Sidwell goes to lay his new line of spring and summer clothes.

Roll Agleron is spending slow days in town and will not return to the woods until following Sunday as arranged.

TRACK ATHLETES ARE TRAINING NOW

Working Hard For Two Meets

Rain Last Week Put Stop to Outside Work Quigley is Making Up For Lost Time Now - Prospects Are Poor For Both Meets

With an unusually hard track season ahead and with but little material from which he must build the track team that is to represent Bandon High School in the two meets to be held in the county this Spring, Coach Quigley, wore a worried look last week because "Jupe" refused to give way to "Old Sol" and consequently track training was at a standstill. However, he is making up for lost time this week and still has hopes of developing at least one point winner.

Webb, Bullard and Bell, all of the veterans of the meet at Marshfield last season, are the pivots around which Quigley is working up his squad. He has lined up the events in which each of these men will probably appear and is sending them out over the cross country course every afternoon and putting them through other unlimbering processes. Bullard is scheduled to appear in the mile, Webb in the half mile and pale vault, while Bell will most likely take care of the 220 yard dash and the quarter mile. Shall, a senior who entered school from Eugene recently bears the ear-marks of a miler and may be Bullard's running mate. The javelin will be taken care of by Armstrong, who will also probably appear in the sprints.

The loss of Geisendorfer, who took all of the running events up to the quarter mile at the Marshfield meet last year, is going to make a hard hole to fill and it seems to be up to Quigley to make some sort of marginal transformation, for the first meet is less than a month away. This is the Myrtle Point meet, to be held as a preliminary to the championship contest, and only the Coquille Valley schools will be represented. The big meet will be held in Marshfield, sometime during the latter part of May.

In order to help get the high school boys in shape, the ex-track men in town have organized and elected Carl Bowman as their manager. Due to a strained knee received in a baseball game last summer Bowman, who holds the county high school record for the quarter mile, will be unable to don the spikes this year. Stoltz, Harvey, Peterson, and Lowry are some of the men that will wear the Independent's colors.

Although plans are on foot to organize an interscholastic baseball league in the county, the idea has been given up here because of the withdrawal from school of Leslie Pullen, the only available pitcher.

BABY BADLY BURNED

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hornung had her hands so badly burned Friday afternoon, that she is now unable to touch anything with them. Unable to walk yet, except by holding on to something, the little girl was playing in the kitchen under the watchful eye of her mother. Mrs. Hornung left the room for a minute and while she was gone the baby evidently put her hand on the stove, pulled her hand away, started to fall and caught hold of the stove with both hands. When Mrs. Hornung rushed into the room the baby was holding onto the stove with both hands and seemed unable to let go.

A doctor was called at once and dressed the wounds. The inside of the hands were burned almost to the bone and the outline of the fingers and palm could be seen on the stove.

Owing to the fact that but a few people turned out to the meeting of the Commercial Club, last night, it was decided to call the meeting off and hold another when it will be possible for more of the business men to be present. As there are some matters of considerable importance to come up, a meeting will probably be called early in April.