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CONGRESSMAN VIEWS THE PORT OF BANDON

FURTHER GOVERNMENT AID FOR HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS VERY PROBABLE.

Congressman Hawley Views Local Harbor—Taken for Trip on Tug—Finds Former Scholar Here—Speaks on Rural Credits—Plans of Port Are Discussed.

Tuesday noon Congressman W. C. Hawley arrived in Bandon from Coquille accompanied by the Port of Bandon commissioners, C. B. Zeek of the Republican Central Committee and other local friends.

During the afternoon, in company with Mr. Zeek, Col. R. H. Rosa, Atty. G. T. Treadgold and C. H. Patterson of the local harbor improvements works and others, Mr. Hawley was taken out over the bar on the tug Kiliyam and the urgent need of extending the north jetty and other improvements explained. The trip was much enjoyed by the distinguished visitor, who discussed the needs of the harbor with the various gentlemen.

"Bandon has the making of a fine harbor," said Mr. Hawley, "and it will be endeavored to keep the improvements under way until it is completed."

It was explained that the former appropriations had all been so small the work would hardly become started before lack of funds would necessitate its stopping. As a result the cost has been higher; and the work accomplished less.

During the afternoon it was arranged that he should address the citizens at a public meeting at the Orpheum. About 200 people attended the meeting and the congressman's address was well received. He spoke on "Rivers and Harbors," and "Rural Credits." After reviewing the work accomplished by the government in improving the rivers and harbors of the country and the work accomplished in Oregon in particular, Mr. Hawley took up the latter subject. He is one of the committee-men in charge of the framing of a Rural credits bill. The committee will meet before congress convenes and draft the proposed measure. In the meantime they are out gathering ideas among the people. Mr. Hawley has a large number of forceful arguments in favor of his plan for a rural credit law.

Meets Former Scholar
The congressman's stay in Bandon was made doubly pleasant by the meeting of J. A. Byrne, a former scholar of Mr. Hawley's at the time he was president of the Willamette university. Mr. Byrne was in some of the classes personally conducted by the president at that time and had the pleasure of standing up on the football field and holding the line against the on rushes of Coach Hawley. They spent a few pleasant hours talking over old times in which Mr. Byrne also gave the congressman a general idea of the Port of Bandon's needs.

"The government will have practically \$20,000 left of the present appropriation after the gap it is now working on is completed," said Col. R. H. Rosa. "We hope to induce them to use this amount on extending the north jetty at least five hundred feet and building up the low places. This project will require a larger sum, but Mr. Hawley gives assurances an effort will be made to have another appropriation made. The port is planning on connecting up the south jetty with the present inner jetty with a rock jetty which will then give a well defined channel. The port has decided to repeal the \$250,000 bond issue ordinance and will pass another ordinance for port bond not exceeding \$50,000 to be issued in sums of \$25,000. The government will probably appropriate a sum for deepening the bar."

Some of the nicest apples ever seen in Bandon arrived today, consigned to Miss Elsie Wolfe. The fruit is perfectly formed and a glimpse at them makes the mouth water. They came from Mr. Emerson of Spokane, Washington, where they were grown. The box of fruit was a surprise present to Miss Wolfe, and needless to say, it will be much enjoyed.

Crotalus Giovannus Universalis Hic Est

Globe Trotter, Poet and an Ideal Press Agent Arrives in Bandon—Travels Barefoot.

Tuesday morning, perhaps one of the most peculiar characters ever seen in Bandon wandered into the World office, announced he was "Rattlesnake Jim," shook hands with the force and offered the cigars, saying he could afford to be liberal as Postmaster Sweet had a large supply and was liberal hearted. It was gleaned Jim had just been down to the office getting the Bandon postmark placed in one of his books. He gave an interesting sketch of his travels and upon being asked as to whether he could use the typewriter, sat down and reeled off the following, printed verbatim and without any changes as to punctuation or spelling:

Bandon was visited this week by "Universal Rattlesnake Jim," otherwise known as James Lauhno Lonefeather, of Luzern, Switzerland, who is on a 23-year tour of this globe, barefoot. Jim is traveling for three important things—A health that is immune to any disease; an education that is better than any university can furnish, and adventures that are impossible for many to find otherwise.

From birth up until the age of 11 years and 6 months Jim was under a stroke of paralysis, being in one position all the time; the arms and feet and the body below the thorax practically dead. By the aid of physical culture; fresh air and exercise, Jim overcame his malady and began to walk and gain control of his limbs.

Has Traveled Far and Wide
So he left his home town, Luzern, Switzerland at the age of 12 years, on April 6th, 1897, and will return April 6th, 1920, at the age of 35 years. In the last 18 years he has traveled over 125,676 miles, barefoot, over the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. Last winter he passed through Salem and Portland, Oregon, en route to Western Canada, but was refused admission there on account of being half German-Swiss. So he is making his way from here back to San Francisco again. From there he will journey through Central America, South America, West Indies; Hawaiian, Samoan, Society, Fiji Islands; New Zealand, Australia, West Africa, and then home.

Part Sioux Indian
His father was a full-blooded Ojibwa-Sioux from Bismark, North Dakota, U. S. A. His mother a German-Swiss from the city of Zurich, Switzerland. He speaks English, French, Spanish, Latin, Arabic fluently and parts of Russian, Japanese and Hawaiian tongues. He makes expenses by manual labor and by giving exhibitions of Swiss yodeling and the following dances: Ojibwa-Sioux war dance; Nez Perce war dance; Navajo war dance; Russian Kukuska or Kazuska dance; Scotch Highland fling and the Giants Causeway Irish jig.

Jim carries a large and miscellaneous assortment of books and papers with him, among which is a ledger containing newspaper clippings pertaining to his travels. Another contains the signatures and stamps of the various post offices of the towns and cities he has visited, and signatures of mayors, governors, and numerous other dignitaries and people met along the way.

Ray Watkins Promoted
Manager J. B. Bodin of the local Standard Oil branch, received notice last week that he was to be transferred to Walnut Grove, Sacramento valley, California, where he will be in charge of the station. The Walnut Grove district is said to handle about five times the business of the local district and the change comes as a promotion to Mr. Bodin. He has been in charge of the Bandon district since its organization about a year and a half ago. Ray Watkins, who has been assistant at the station, is promoted to the position of manager. Mr. Watkins is a local young man. He is a conscientious workman and his many friends are congratulating him on his substantial advancement.

C. F. Pape made a trip to Rogue river Monday on business for the Sperry flour company.

NORTH AND SOUTH ROAD IS FAVORED

GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BRIDGE CARNIVAL.

Engineers Visit Bandon and Inspect Floras Creek Gravel; Favor the County Securing Services of U. S. Engineers to Lay Out the Lines—Coast Highway Contemplated.

That the Good Roads association of Coos county, recognizing the need of two main thoroughfares through the county, one east and west, the other north and south, therefore be it resolved: That we do hereby designate, establish and approve the following trunk lines, to-wit:

Commencing at the intersection of Sherman avenue and Newmarket street in North Bend, and running thence south and easterly through Marshfield, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Bridge and Remote to the eastern boundary of Coos county, designated as the east and west line.

Also: commencing at the northern boundary of Coos county and running south via Tenmile, North Bend, Empire, South slough, Bandon, to Langlois at the southern boundary of Coos county; and designated as the north and south line.

The above resolutions sum up the consensus of opinion as expressed at the good roads meeting at North Bend last Friday. A large number of boosters were present from all parts of the county. Speeches were made by County Judge Watson, U. S. Engineer B. H. Burrell, A. G. Raab of North Bend, M. C. Maloney of Marshfield, A. T. Morrison of Coquille, L. G. Johnson of Myrtle Point, A. A. Baker of Bridge, Chas. Dennis of Tenmile, State Engineer Cantine, Mayor Geo. P. Topping of Bandon and others; giving the views of the taxpayers of the various sections of the county.

Improvement is Shown
Mayor Topping in speaking for this section said that he had been in the county for more than fifteen years, and while it had been said that the people of the county were not getting the value of the money that was being spent for road purposes, he could see a vast improvement in the roads of the present to those of a few years ago. He brought out the point that the people who needed good roads the most were the farmers who have no way of getting their produce to the nearest market, and yet they are the ones who are most likely to turn down a bond issue.

Engineers Visit Bandon
Following the good roads convention at North Bend Messrs. Burrell and Cantine were shown about the county by Commissioners G. J. Armstrong and Dement and J. E. Montgomery of the Coos and Curry Telephone company. They visited Bandon, where they met a number of the city's good road boosters and later taken for a spin along the new Township line road and down the Bandon-Langlois road.

"You should have government engineers brought into the county to lay out your main trunk lines," said Mr. Burrell. "This will eliminate all factionalism, which is one of the greatest hindrances to county road building. This can be done without expense to the county. Too the people should get away from all ideas of temporary roads and build their highways to last. In a county like Coos where you have many miles of road needed and only a small bond issue possible only the trunk lines should be contemplated which will be of service to the greatest number."

"In nearly every instance where government engineers have been employed the people have been satisfied with the way their bond issues have been expended. In a county like this one good road grades are essential and they should be constructed first, even if hardsurfacing has to be forgotten until a later day."

Gravel Good Road Material
"The finest kind of material for building a cheap and well-wearing road bed, if it is properly laid," is the opinion expressed by the engineers after inspecting the Floras creek gravel while on the trip to the Curry county line.

Bandon on Pacific Highway
Mr. Burrell, who is of the department

DR. J. R. WETHERBEE SELLS STAR RANCH

BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN SECURES 1100 ACRE HOLDINGS ON 10-YEAR LEASE.

Ranch is One of the Best Equipped in Curry County—George Laird Purchases Holstein Cattle and Duroc Hogs—Doctor Had Been in Charge of Property for Three Years.

A deal was closed Friday, whereby Doctor J. R. Wetherbee disposed of his interests in the Star Ranch, near Langlois.

H. H. Hansen of Norway has secured a ten year lease on the property and purchased the greater part of the livestock, which was the property of the doctor. Sixteen head of thoroughbred Holstein cattle were sold to George P. Laird. Mr. Laird also secured two prize winning Duroc Jersey hogs. The animals will be taken to his ranch near Lampa.

The ranch consists of 1100 acres of fine land, a considerable portion of which is bottom land. There are many up-to-date buildings among which are several silos, milk houses and a well equipped cheese making plant. Dr. Wetherbee has manufactured the milk produced into cheese, mostly, and at the present time has several thousand pounds in storage at Los Angeles, Cal., waiting an improvement in the market.

Will Go to Portland
It is said Dr. Wetherbee has a large ranch near Portland under consideration, and will go there in a few weeks. He will raise thoroughbred stock for sale to ranchers desiring to improve the grade of their livestock. He has been in charge of the Star ranch for 3 years during which time it has become known throughout the state as one of the most up-to-date ranches in Southern Oregon. Mr. Hansen is a relative of Smidt Hansen of this city. He has been in the dairy business at Norway for several years. The Star ranch land and buildings are the property of San Francisco people.

FIND THE FAIR INTERESTING

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sullivan Return From Visit to California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sullivan returned this week on the Elizabeth from a two or three weeks visit to San Francisco and other California cities. They spent a week at the exposition and found the big fair up to expectations. Mr. Sullivan says the attendance has reached the 14,000,000 mark and that San Francisco people are jubilant.

They spent a short while at Colusa, Sacramento valley, visiting with relatives of Mrs. Sullivan's and recalling old acquaintances. They formerly lived at that place. Mr. Sullivan found business fairly prosperous in the Sacramento valley district, but all in all times are about the same there as in Bandon.

Making Harbor Survey
Engineer C. R. Wright and assistant, Verlin Parker left for Coos Bay Monday, where they were joined by Junior Engineer James Polhemus. The party went to Florence on the Siuslaw where they will make a harbor survey. The survey will extend from the bar for ten miles up the river, giving complete data which will probably be used as information for harbor improvements.

ment of public roads, Department of Agriculture, is a strong booster for a highway paralleling the coast. He believes the Pacific highway which crosses the Siskiyou at a high altitude should have another connection which could be used in the winter time. He favors in order to obtain this that a hardsurface or gravelled road be constructed along the coast from San Francisco through Eureka, Bandon and out to the valley, by way of Coos Bay or Coquille. In case this road is ever built, it will mean the placing of this city on an important trunk line. At this time the stretch between Coos Bay and Tillamook is sparsely settled and but poorly connected by means of roads. But the road between Bandon and San Francisco is practically all laid out on permanent grades.

Oregon Avenue Plans Cannot Be Changed

Adjourned Session of City Council Was Short But Full of "Pep"—Interest Rate Changed.

"To change the plans of the Oregon avenue improvement in any manner at this time would require proceedings more difficult and complicated than any ever attempted by the council—and the chances for success would be practically nil," said City Attorney G. T. Treadgold Tuesday evening. "It would mean that every property owner interested in the improvement would have to sign an agreement permitting the change, which it is certain could not be arranged; or else every dollar paid by property owners and city could be returned to them and the acceptance of the same obtained." The report that a number of the property owners favored a change in the route of the new street taking the old county road survey instead of coming straight down the hill, was the reason for the opinion. The Catholic church injunction will be taken up and threshed out as soon as Judge Coke returns from Eugene. In the meantime contractor Webb has completed the work as far as Fourth street, and will now start work on the lower end of the cut.

The refunding and water bond ordinances as amended placing the interest rate at 6 per cent, were passed and received the Mayor's signature.

The assessment ordinance on the Wall street sewer was passed. City Engineer Sawyer requested to make an estimate on the repair of the Caroline street sewer.

The city budget for next year was discussed and Mayor Topping will prepare the same in time for the next council meeting. The budget will be published this year in order to allow citizens to obtain all possible information as to what city expenses are.

DEPENDS ON BUSINESS

Coast Railroad Will Be Considered When Volume of Business is Determined.

C. J. Millis, a high official of the Southern Pacific, who was in Marshfield last week, in speaking of the proposed coast road passing through this section, is reported to have said it will depend in part on the Eugene-Coos Bay line paying \$400,000 annually, interest on the \$8,000,000 spent on the line and equipment. "We are going to meet the fiercest competition that we have ever met, and this is water. Are we going to get the business that will warrant the building of the track down the coast?"

A SURPRISE BANQUET IS MUCH ENJOYED

Pythian Sisters and Knights Hold Banquet Supper in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bodin.

Monday evening, while the K. of P. lodge was holding secret convocations, members of the Pythian Sisters took possession of the banquet hall. The tables were spread and a stray Knight informed he should brook the news to the lodge that a banquet was awaiting their appearance. The affair was planned as a complete surprise and it certainly came up to expectations. The lodge was closing when the messenger entered and before he had imparted the news several members left.

Sisters and Knights formed ranks and marched to the dining room. The supper was much enjoyed. A number of fine talks were made in which regret was expressed on losing Mr. and Mrs. Bodin from the ranks, in whose honor the affair was planned. Mr. and Mrs. Bodin both joined the organizations since coming to Bandon a year and one-half ago.

Builds Artistic Yard Fence

Capt. O. Wren of the local light station, has just finished building a neat appearing panel fence around his Fourth street property. The fence is constructed of the best grade of dressed lumber. It is a substantial improvement and an ornament to that section of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson were Coquille visitors the latter part of the week.

UPPER FOUR MILE IS A FINE SECTION

SECTION IS FAST SETTLING UP BUT LACK OF GOOD ROADS IS A DRAWBACK.

Homesteaders of Upper Four Mile and Floras Creek Section Have Built Fine School House—Many Trails Constructed—Is a Stockman's Paradise.

(By a World Correspondent)

It is a well established fact that during the past few years a goodly number of home-seekers have visited Bandon with a view of finding a small tract of good land on which to make a home and living but after following some real estate agent through the glades adjacent to Bandon for a few days go away completely disgusted.

In general the good ranches are not for sale. The owners are getting imbued with that spirit of "something better next year" and are not at all anxious to have their ideals shattered by selling out.

Homesteading a Man's Job

How many people coming to Bandon on this home seeking mission ever get to hear of the upper Four Mile and Floras creek country? These two creeks head close to each other in a big rolling country timbered mostly by alders with now and then a scattering of second growth firs. Nature has gifted this country with the very best soil; plenty of springs and creeks and an abundance of grass which grows among the trees. Four years ago the settlers of this whole section could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But today one taking a trip through this splendid wild country will find homesteaders here and there, all busy hewing out homes and building mighty air castles for the future. A new school district, No. 39, has been formed and a school house just finished; the lumber being drawn a mile on sleds from where it was unloaded from wagons at the Curley place. The grounds for the school house were donated to the district by Byron Young; also the building, slashing, etc., was all done by donation work by these energetic and enthusiastic homesteaders. They have built trails for miles and miles; they have left their families for months at a time and gone out to earn that all mighty grubstake; came home again and slashed and grubbed up acres of land with a grub hoe to plant the vegetables on which they mostly depend for sustenance.

The Backbone of the Country

These are the people that are developing the country. These are the people, living miles away from even a wagon road that are entitled to a consideration when it comes to the road question. Imagine a man traveling from four to six miles by trail in the winter time and then wading in mud from ten to twelve miles for a few necessities of life! We whom are living on the main traveled highways imagine that we are living back fifty years ago as far as roads are concerned and so we are. Let every person be true to his or her self and this person will be true to the community in which he or she lives.

Favor Good Roads

While we may not all like the bonding proposition to build permanent roads we should consider ourselves in duty bound to cast a vote in its favor. It will not only be a benefit to ourselves, but it will induce home-seekers to stay with us and improve these tens of thousands of fertile acres that are now covered with brush and logs. We all now have a chance to place ourselves on a par with the advancement of civilization. Can we afford to let the golden opportunity go by without even a try? We can help the faithful homesteaders living miles back by giving him good roads to travel on in the last stretch of his journey to the city. We can help get our county on a par with other counties and most of all, we can help ourselves if we are not too selfish to do so.

Otto Sabro made a trip on the Sabro Brothers' Indian motorcycle to Coos Bay, Coquille and Myrtle Point, the forepart of the week. He says the roads were then in fine condition for motoring and that the trip was much enjoyed.