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Steamer Wrecks; 8 Dead

Santa Clara Goes to Pieces on Coos Bay Bar.

- Dead—Bodies Recovered
Mrs. M. J. Dunn, Butte, Mont.
Mrs. D. H. Thorne, Hood River, Oregon.
Eugene Gillenwater, aged 7, Seattle.
Mrs. S. Calbeck, Salem, Ore.
Mrs. B. Cullen.
Delmar Bogue, aged 9 years.
Harry Andrae, oiler, Santa Clara.
Alfred Crowley, aged 13 mo. of Sedro-Wooley, Wash.
Those Reported Missing
C. Allen, J. A. Gillman, Fred Jones, Mrs. H. A. Morris, M. Weekie, S. Collins, James Hayes, Henry Kanack, Mrs. W. G. Marguard.

- Passenger List
R. W. Anderson, F. T. Ballard, Lucille Ballard, Henry Bogue, Delmar Bogue, J. Cramer, W. G. Marguard, J. Crowley, Alfred Crowley, Mrs. B. Dunn, Margaret Dunn, T. Goff, A. Gillenwater, Hugh Gillenwater, W. Hunter, Fred Jones, I. W. Larson, Mrs. H. A. Morris, W. G. Marguard, J. W. Noyes, Thomas R. Roy, Chas. C. Sincald, E. A. Sykes, Mrs. Nettie Thorn, M. Weekie, C. Allen, Mrs. F. T. Ballard, Wm. Bogue, Mrs. S. Calbeck, Alice Church, M. Castigan, Mrs. B. J. Crowley, Mrs. B. Cullen, Ray M. Dunn, Dr. D. F. Davis, J. A. Gillen, June Gillenwater, Chas. Holgart, Jas. Hayes, Henry Kanack, Patrick Murphy, A. P. Martin, H. H. McCann, J. Niel G. W. Senhauser, Thelma Snell, C. H. Thorn, Annie Turney.

The steamship Santa Clara, operating between Portland, Coos Bay, Eureka and San Francisco, was wrecked while entering the Coos Bay harbor at 4:20 Tuesday afternoon, and eight people are known to have lost their lives, their bodies having been recovered, while nine more are still unaccounted for. She carried 48 passengers and a crew of 42.

Captain Lofsted had just given orders to cross the bar, when a huge wave lifted the ship high into the air. She came down with great force in the trough of the wave and struck the sand. Before she could be gotten under control another wave caught her and she was again grounded. She had lost her rudder by the first blow and was at the mercy of the mountainous breakers, which rapidly drifted her onto the south spit close to what is known as Bastendorf's beach where she is now going to pieces.

Wireless distress signals sent out before the apparatus went out of commission were answered by the steamer Adeline Smith, which was in the harbor at Coos Bay at the time, but owing to the position of the ill-fated vessel it was impossible to render aid.

Realizing that assistance could not be secured in time, Captain Lofsted ordered life boats to be lowered. The first in command of the third officer was filled with women and children. It was launched successfully and was manned safely until about half way to the beach, when a large comb struck it and turned it over. It was here that the lives were lost, the women and children being unable to combat the waves.

The second, third and fourth life boats were more fortunate, reaching land safely, but the fifth with eight members of the crew including the captain and first mate, was twice capsized in attempting to cut loose from the ship. Each time the men were thrown into the water, but succeeded in again getting onto the ship, and they were finally rescued by the life saving crew with the use of the breeches buoy.

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Facts About Ship and Cargo
The Santa Clara had a gross tonnage of 1588, net tonnage 1208, length 223 feet, breadth 38 feet and a depth of 24.1 feet, horsepower 900, owned by the North Pacific Steamship company. The loss on vessel is estimated at \$150,000 covered by blanket insurance; loss on cargo probably \$50,000, partly covered by insurance held by consignees.

Bar Reported Shoaled
According to parties who have knowledge of the waters at Coos Bay the bar there has evidently shoaled during the storms of the past week. They claim that the ocean currents, in their uninterrupted sweep down the sand beach to the north of the bar there carry an enormous amount of sand, a large percentage of which is swept far out to sea again when the current strikes the rock wall at Coos Head, Bastendorf and Mussel reef. The greater portion of the north jetty has sunk and the sand laden current is allowed a clean sweep directly across the mouth of the bar. The storms are supposed to have increased the sand, forming a shoal on the bar and leaving only the narrow channel cut by the tidal flow of the Bay, approaching the depth maintained by the bar dredge during the summer.

Parents and Sister of Local Woman Rescued in Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Ballard and daughter Lucille, who are among the rescued from the steamer Santa Clara, are parents and sister of Mrs. J. H. Biles of Bandon and were enroute from their home at Sedro-Wooley, Wash., to spend a year with a son at Coos Bay and their daughter here. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ballard are said to be invalids, the latter having sustained a broken shoulder, and it was only by sheer good fortune that they were found in their berth after the first life boat had been launched for they would surely have been placed in the first boat and would probably have been lost, as the boat capsized.

Mr. and Mrs. Biles, hearing of the wreck, Tuesday evening took the first boat for Coos Bay Wednesday and are now with their relatives who had been taken to the hospital at North Bend.

Over 50 members of the local lodge L. O. O. M., went to Coquille Wednesday night and assisted in the installation of the new lodge at that place. About 50 members were taken in and the boys declare they had the time of their lives. The excursion boat returned home early this morning.

The Bandon Commercial Club has been requested by the North Bend Commercial Club to appoint a committee of two members to meet with delegates from other parts of the county at a conference to be held during the coming week for the purpose of promoting the proposed coast military road.

October was a month of sadness for W. H. Logan, an employe of the Sixes Mining company, who has been in Bandon several days. On October 1st, his wife's brother at Erie, Pa., was killed in an automobile accident; about the middle of month his son-in-law, John Wagner, died of blood poisoning in the jaw, said to have been the result of improper dental work; and on the 23rd he received word that his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Logan, had been asphyxiated at Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. E. W. Schetter left on the last Speedwell for Oakland, where she was called by the serious illness

MAYOR'S MESSAGE IS AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

Chief item of interest in the council procedure last evening was the reading of the mayor's budget and a discussion of the same. In the early part of the evening the time was taken up in discussing minor questions of routine work.
Elbert Dyer made the city an offer of a lot, 80 foot front on First street west, opposite the Gallier hotel, on condition the city pay \$25 per month during the lifetime of Mrs. Fannie Dyer and assume street and sewer assessments against the property amounting to about \$800. The lot is proposed for a city hall and library site. The matter was referred to a committee of Mast, Pape and Johnson, for consideration and report.

The report of the viewers on the First street east extension was rejected and a new board appointed, consisting of C. E. Bowman, P. C. Stephenson and F. S. Perry.

City Attorney Treadgold reported the Port of Bandon was now protesting against the government's proposal to reduce the size of the local light station and the council voted to cooperate with the port in the move. As noted in writup on the proposed removal, appearing in the World, the idea is to place the station on this side and use electricity from the local plant. The plans are said to be for an inferior light. The majority of the citizens favor leaving the light in its present location and making no change in its size.

The Mayor's budget follows:

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDON AND TO THE OFFICERS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

Gentlemen: We have entered upon the second year of our administration and the time has arrived through the provisions of Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bandon, where it becomes my duty to submit to your consideration, a message and recommendation for the ensuing fiscal year.

I take pleasure in first mentioning the fact, that the members and officers of this administration for the last sixteen months, have worked harmoniously together, not so much as a matter of agreement, but for common causes, that of good government, economical administration of the city's affairs, and for the general welfare of the community.

Taking into consideration the limited resources of our commonwealth, it is important that each officer and every department keep in mind and study at all times the most possible rigid economy, incurring only that expense which is necessary and in keeping with a good business system, to the end, that the affairs of the city may be properly attended to, that system may prevail in all departments, and that the city's affairs though intelligently handled in a progressive manner and with an eye for development is yet conducted with as little cost to the people as possible.

I find it is our duty to review the year's business, that we may more intelligently handle that of the succeeding year. I know no better way to review the past affairs than to carefully consider along with other things the pen picture of the work we have just gone through and it has been ably furnished us in the annual report of our City Recorder, bearing date of October 18, 1915, and on that day submitted to me as Mayor of the City of Bandon.

I therefore submit the same to you herewith in full:

BANDON, OREGON, OCTOBER 18, 1915. OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORDER

To Geo. P. Topping, Mayor of the City of Bandon.

I herewith submit to you information as to the total expenditures of the City of Bandon, for the period of: From October 1, 1914 to September 30, 1915, in all departments. There are a few accounts still not submitted and I am unable at this time to get them, and as the same have not been allowed and audited prior to this information, the same will be included in the expense of next year, however, they are small.

Office of Recorder.
TOTAL \$998.88
The amount provided for in the budget for the office of City Recorder

\$1060.00. Certain supplies allowed for last year have not been purchased and this office run \$61.12 under the allowance last year.

Office of City Engineer.
TOTAL \$2,447.18

This department was allowed the amount of \$2,300.00 last year, no allowance was made for assistant engineer. Said officer was retained for a period of three months after budget made and therefore a deficit will exist under this department of \$147.18. Had the services of the assistant engineer been dispensed with at time budget was accepted, this department would also have been under the budget allowance.

Office of City Treasurer.
TOTAL \$151.10

The allowance made this department was \$225.00 and provided for certain books needed. In as much as said books have not been provided by said officer, this department at present time stands \$68.40 under the budget allowance.

Police Department.
TOTAL \$2,542.50

This department, under budget provisions, was allowed \$2,640.00 last year. The services of one night-watchman having been dispensed with, this department stands \$97.50 under its budget allowance.

Health Department.
TOTAL \$167.10

This department under budget provisions was allowed the amount of \$270.00. In as much as the services of the health officer has been dispensed with, the amount of \$102.90 stands to the credit of this department under its budget allowance.

Legal Department.
TOTAL \$983.45

The budget provisions for this department last year was the amount of \$1,625.00, and included salary for attorney; \$200 for additional legal expenses, \$25.00 for supplies and \$500 for the disputed claim of J. D. Goss. In as much as this matter is pending, according to the City Attorney's ruling on the matter, this amount stands to the credit of the department at this time. The department stands \$641.55 under its budget allowance for last year.

Fire Department.
TOTAL \$721.45

The allowance made this department last year was the amount of \$1,240.00, and provided for \$1000.00 hose and \$240.00 rent. The additional amount of hose provided for was not purchased and in as much as the rent has been reduced on the fire hall this department stands \$518.55 under its budget allowance.

Mayor and Councilmen's Salary.
TOTAL \$466.50

The amount allowed for this purpose last year was \$685.00 and was based on an average of 3 meetings a month. This administration has not averaged that many meetings each month and under this item have saved \$219.00 in accordance with allowances made in said budget.

Fuel for City Engineer's Office, City Recorder's Office and the Jail.
TOTAL \$31.90

The amount allowed for this item was \$59.00. We have saved \$18.10 on this allowance.

Miscellaneous Expenditures.
TOTAL \$893.76

City Water Department Expenditures Since the City Has Operated the Same.
TOTAL \$8,622.41

sum greatly in excess of the budget allowance. As no recommendation was made for the labor, etc., in the Water Department. I have not charged this to the street department but I am setting all of said matter out in Water Department. However this amount stands as an indebtedness against the General fund until the General fund is reimbursed from the Water fund.

City Library (During time operated).
TOTAL \$627.66

The General fund carried the expense of the Library until taxes for that fund were available, therefore reimbursement should be made to the General fund for the amount of \$363.81, being the total amount as paid out of the General fund for the City Library. At present time the balance in this fund will not allow for all of that amount and carry the running expenses, but I shall from time to time present claims as this fund will allow, until said amount is paid back to the General fund.

Light Department.
TOTAL \$1,881.92

The above amount is for the general service of the City only, including supplies, and does not include the Library service. The lights for the past three months run \$167.00 each month, for City alone. There are petitions on file at present time asking for more lights, and upon which no action has been taken. The provisions made in budget last year for lights including supplies was the amount of \$1,925.00. The general fund carried the light service of the City Library for four months until taxes were available for that fund, therefore the Library fund should at this time take up said amount as paid out of the general fund. After said amount is so reimbursed the light department stands \$43.08. The amount due from the Library fund is \$20.10.

City Printing.
TOTAL \$280.74

The allowance made under the budget last year for this item was the amount of \$200. Owing to special improvements made the cost of printing has been greater, but this item is not a direct charge against the General fund, as the General fund has a resource from the special improvement funds created, and the 5 per cent as assessed to each project will defray the cost of printing and reimburse the General fund in the end. The actual amount expended in this line for which the General fund defrays is \$63.00 and includes all stationery for all departments. We have not exceeded the allowance made in the budget which did not take into consideration printing and stationery for special improvements as that fund itself carries said expense.

Election Costs.
TOTAL \$45.71

The allowance made for this item was \$109.00, and \$54.29 was saved under said allowance.

Sewer Up Keep.
TOTAL \$46.63

The amount allowed for this purpose was included under head of "emergencies" and was the amount of \$100.00. We have saved \$53.37 on this allowance.

Interest Paid Out by City Treasurer on General Fund Warrants Redeemed and Park Warrants Outstanding.
TOTAL \$265.36

The total expenditures in all departments and miscellaneous from October 1, 1914, to September 30, 1915, is \$23,028.06.

Revenues of the City of Bandon from (Continued on Last Page)

Bandon Woman Missing

Mrs. H. A. Morris is Believed Victim of Wreck.

That a Bandon woman was a victim of the ill-fated steamer Santa Clara is the belief here since the passenger list has been made public. Mrs. H. A. Morris, who is still among the missing, is thought to be the wife of H. A. Morris of Twelfth avenue west, the man who owns the caterpillar traction engine. The latter's wife has been spending the summer with relatives at The Dalles. It was not known here that she was enroute home, but as soon as Mr. Morris saw the name in the passenger list he telegraphed to The Dalles and learned that his wife had left there for home. Although it is possible that the missing woman is not the local one, it is generally believed here that she is for it would only be by the strangest coincidence that another woman with exactly the same name should be traveling to Coos county. Mr. Morris after receiving an answer from The Dalles chartered the Whitsett car and drove to Marshfield this afternoon, in hope of finding his wife alive. Late tonight no trace of her has been found and a patrol has been established along the beach in the vicinity of the wreck, keeping watch for dead bodies that might drift ashore with the tide.

DISPUTE OVER FUEL RESULTS IN ATTACHMENT

Robert Dollar Company Suing Bandon Power Company For Fuel Latter Say Not Received.
A civil suit, brought by the Robert Dollar Company against the Bandon Power company, attracted considerable attention here the first of the week, when Deputy Sheriff Laird and James A. Dollar canvassed the city attaching the monthly light and power bills. The writ or attachment states that action has been commenced to recover the amount of \$551 and interest together with the costs from the Bandon Power company, which amount it is claimed is due the Dollar company for fuel furnished at the Lyons-Johnson mill. Manager Elliott of the Bandon Power company states that the fuel for which the Dollar people are suing had never been delivered or used by them, and that the suit will be fought out in court. An interesting legal battle may result.

The Schoolmasters' Club met with Miss Rodgers Saturday and mapped out a program for the year. Officers were elected as follows: H. Quigley, president; Ernest Sidwell, vice president; Miss Smith, secretary-treasurer. The annual banquet will be held during the present month.

FORMER RESIDENTS DEAD

News of the death of Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Logan, well-known residents of this section, which occurred at Los Angeles on the night of October 22, was received here several days ago by the former's brother, W. H. Logan, an employe of the Sixes Mining company. Death was the result of illuminating gas poisoning, the gas escaping into their bed room. The bodies of the couple were discovered next morning by the landlady. The victims had apparently lighted the stove to warm the room and the fire had smothered.
Was Veteran Schoolmaster
Prof. J. C. Logan had many friends in this section, having taught school at Prosper and in nearly all the schools of Curry county during the past 8 or 9 years. He was born at Greenburg, Ohio, 71 years ago, com-

ing west 17 years ago. Mrs. Logan's maiden name was Ella Moore. She was 58 years of age. There were no children in the family. Mr. Logan has one brother and four sisters all of whom are living, the oldest being 78 years. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He owned several thousand dollars worth of property here at the time of his death.
The bodies have been shipped to Barbeton, Ohio, to be interred in the old family cemetery lot.
Wrote Cheerful Letter
That the death of Mr. and Mrs. Logan was purely accidental is further apparent from the fact that the former had written his brother here on the 19th, and in a very cheerful letter told of how they were enjoying themselves and what their plans for the future were.