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ENGINEERS TURN DOWN SURVEY FOR COQUILLE RIVER

REPORTS UNFAVORABLY ON PROVISION OF RIVERS AND HARBORS LAW.

Claim Channel is in Good Shape and Present Commerce Does Not Warrant Consideration of New Project—Port Commission Will Appeal to Washington Engineers.

"In view of the excellent condition of the existing channel between Bandon and Coquille and the present extent of the commerce of the river, it is not believed the locality is worthy of further improvement by the government at this time; except the maintenance of the present project."

Quoting this as the principal grounds upon which his conclusions are based, Arthur Williams, major of the corps of engineers, at the Portland office, under date of October 20, has submitted an unfavorable report on the provisions in the last rivers and harbors law providing for a survey of the Coquille river from Coquille city to the sea, with a view to provide a project for improvement.

Privilege of Appeal

The report was received by the local Port Commission this week. It continues: "You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from this conclusion to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports of this character are referred."

Four Weeks Time Allowed

Explaining further, Mr. Williams states that an appeal may be made in writing or orally and that written communications must be in the hands of the committee within four weeks from the date of his report. If, however, more time is desired, the board should be informed and a request made for an extension. He says further: "Where interested parties desire data necessary for the preparation of their appeal to the Board of Engineers it will be given them verbally by the district officer or, in his absence by the senior assistant engineer connected with the improvement."

Hawley to Intervene

A letter from Congressman Hawley referring to the report, states that he will be glad to receive data and additional facts showing the need of the improvement and will take the matter up personally with the Board of Engineers.

Port Will Appeal

Port Attorney Treadgold states that the Commission will prepare an appeal at once and forward the same to Washington. The appeal will be based on the fact that the present need of improvements is preventing the local port from developing the great commerce which it has resources to support.

42 HIGH SCHOOLS TO DEBATE

Several New Teams Will Be Seen in Oregon League This Year.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 8—Forty-two high schools of Oregon have entered the Oregon High School Debating League. The 42 are the high schools of Oregon City, Clatskanie, Silverton, Vale, Bend, Myrtle Point, Marshfield, Estacada, The Dalles, Union, Athena, Madras, Moro, Klamath Falls, Medford, Condon, St. Helens, Newburg, Lebanon, Tillamook, Brownsville, Prairie City.

MAN IS DUST; ALONG COMES THE WATER WAGON OF FATE—AND HIS NAME IS MUD.

Photos of Local Man and Wife Found in Wreck

Mystery Surrounds the Recovery of Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton's Pictures From Wreckage.

A puzzling situation has presented itself to E. T. Wolverton, the local real estate and insurance man, and for the past few days he has been scratching his head in vain endeavor to find a solution.

Individual photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton, together with one each of well-dressed middle-aged woman and a grown boy, were picked up on the beach at Coos Bay among wreckage of the Santa Clara, which had floated ashore, and Tuesday were brought here by Frank Catterlin. Immediately the sailing list of the ill-fated vessel was scanned for a relative or friend's name who might have been in possession of the pictures, but not a name is familiar. The pictures are in small neat frames, the latter bearing the trade mark of a Detroit firm.

A dozen of each of the photos of Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton were made by J. W. Applegate, former local photographer, last spring. Each one can be accounted for by Mr. Wolverton, but it is impossible to figure out how any of them got onto the Santa Clara.

Letters of inquiry are being sent to each of the parties who had been given the pictures in hope of receiving information that will solve the mystery.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING CALLED

Voters of District to Meet November 29th to Vote Next Year's Tax Levy.

The School Board is calling a special meeting to be held at the High school building the evening of November 29th, at which the voters will discuss the finances of the district and decide upon the levy necessary for the coming year. The official notice of the call and budget for the district are published this week on the Western World legal page.

The total budget calls for \$39,457.63. Of this amount \$15,625.99 is necessary for teachers' salaries and \$13,141.39 for outstanding warrants. The other larger items of the budget are \$3,206.83 for interest on warrants; \$1,450.00 for janitors, and \$1,000.00 for repairs on buildings, etc.

According to the report recently published covering the affairs of the district for the past years, the levies heretofore have been underestimated. The Board urges that everyone interested in the schools attend the special meeting, if possible, when the budget and all matters concerning school district finances will be discussed.

To Complete Building

Bids are being asked for by the School District for the completion of the second story of the Eastside school building. It appears the grades are crowded and that it will be necessary to complete the second story of the building immediately.

Jury Decides Minor Case

The case of Eddie Oland vs. Jim Benn was heard by a jury in Justice Court Tuesday afternoon, and decided for the defendant. Oland was suing for \$26 and some cents alleged to be due him for making ties for Benn. The defendant claimed he had no contract with young Oland but had paid the latter's father in full for all ties delivered to him. The jury was made up of T. W. Robinson, Harry Allen, Victor Brewer, W. D. Marshall, Thos. Anderson and John Nielson. Chatburn & Gardner appeared for plaintiff and G. P. Topping for defendant.

Piling Jetty Washed Out

The piece of piling jetty put in by the Port of Bandon near the Breuer dock early this summer was taken out by the highest tide of the season, which occurred Monday. The repair was only temporary and served its purposes during the summer in keeping the channel open.

\$25,000 Voted To Rock River Jetty

Government To Give Use of Plant and Donate Rock To Permanently Check Current from Leaving Channel.

A bond issue of \$25,000 is to be advertised for sale immediately by the Port of Bandon commission for the purpose of rebuilding and rocking the inside jetty from the Breuer dock towards the south bar jetty, a sufficient distance to prevent the main current of the river from going into the lagoon in Breakwater addition.

Such is the result of a meeting of the Port Commissioners held in Bandon Saturday, when an ordinance was passed appropriating two \$25,000 bond issues, one to be sold at once and used for the aforementioned purpose. It was not definitely decided at the meeting whether it would be advisable to rebuild and rock the present inside jetty or to build wing dams that would divert the current back into the main channel at the point where it is now breaking through and running towards the lagoon. But since the high tide of Monday has carried away that portion of the pile jetty rebuilt early in the summer, it is practically agreed among the port officials that a rock jetty is the only kind of sea wall that will hold.

Local engineers, who have been cooperating with the port officials on friendly terms, also advise that rock be used, as that will be the only way to make the work permanent. Port Attorney Treadgold states that the government engineers have offered the use of the local plant now in operation, without charge to the port for use in the work, and will donate rock from the Tupper quarry.

Local Work to Continue Commissioners J. E. Norton and E. E. Johnson, who went to Portland to interview the government engineers on the question of using the unexpended \$30,000 of the Coquille river's appropriation towards repairing and extending the north jetty towards the sea, reported at the meeting that while no definite agreement was obtained they were much encouraged as to the success of the plan. According to Mr. Treadgold, the Port is assured that the present work by the government force would continue uninterrupted until the Port is ready to use the plant for rocking the inside jetty. It is understood that the local work will not stop until the balance of the Federal appropriation is consumed, which means that much work will be done on the north side.

The government men at Portland also informed the committee that a boring survey of the bar and channel at the mouth of the river has been authorized. It has been stated that a rock reef exists across the channel between the two jetties which makes it dangerous for ships in crossing while the bar is rough. Others claim that the reef is far enough down not to interfere with the channel, but that sharp pinnacles protrude from the reef which should and could easily be removed. The latter theory is considered more plausible because of the fact that there has been as much as 24 feet of water on the bar. The boring survey will determine exactly the condition that exists.

The Port Commission also passed an ordinance regulating placing of drift wood in the river, which during high tides has been proving a menace to navigation.

Type Was Always a Source of Trouble

Grand Jury Will Investigate Charges Against Local Parties—Part of Simpson Plant Gone.

Some of the biggest surprises are encountered when least expected.

Frank Cameron, editor of the Agitator, came over to Bandon this week to purchase the type of the Surf plant from Miles A. Simpson. They had practically closed the deal and were down to the point of comparing inventory and visible assets—presto! The type could not be found.

It had been stored in the Oriental hall after the fire of two summers ago and the owner had not looked it over since. The cases were there, but that was all. Not a single essential of the art preservative remained. Marshal F. A. Holman was informed and a still-hunt for the metal started. James McGlynn, the junk dealer came under the eagle eye of suspicion and he was invited into Justice Wade's court on the charge. Several hundred pounds of metal lying on the dock ready for shipment was compared with samples of type and similar characteristics observed.

Mr. McGlynn stated the metal had been purchased here and there about the county and melted into bars at the Rogers foundry. Mr. Rogers states that metal belonging to various parties is occasionally melted there and shipments made in his name as metal buyers in the south will pay the foundry more for metal than they will individuals. The case goes over to the grand jury for investigation.

Fire Scare Tuesday

The fire apparatus started for C. R. Wade's residence Tuesday afternoon in answer to an alarm. A kerosene can caught fire while the girl was pouring oil in the stove, but Mrs. Wade came to the rescue in time to prevent a conflagration.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Last of Government Land Is Surveyed

Squatters at Headwaters of Four Mile and Floras Creek May Soon Make Fillings.

The only portion of unsurveyed land near Bandon, which lies in township 30 south, range 13 west, is now being brought under the transit by Government Surveyor Fred Mensch and crew. The land is situated about 15 miles southeast of Bandon at the headwaters of Four Mile and Floras creeks. Practically all of this land is occupied by squatters, who settled on it during the last few years and have made many improvements. They now have an opportunity to make fillings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Engleke left today via Roseburg for Portland, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Engleke have been residents of Bandon for some time and he was formerly one of the nightwatchmen.

SANTA CLARA BURNED

A report from Coos Bay is to the effect that Santa Clara was afire on the beach at a late hour last night; it is supposed having been fired by the beachcombers. The oil tanks burst about the time the vessel struck on the sands and the hull was flooded with oil. Government mail on board the boat is rumored to have been plundered, and the report gives this as a possible cause for firing the wreck. The Northern Pacific Co. still claims the vessel and prosecutions may be started against the plunderers. Government officials are said to be on the Bay investigating alleged mail thefts.

Joseph Fyfe Buys Interests of Local R. R. Tie Dealers

Closed Deal With Geo. M. Laffaw—Also Buys Estabrook Interests Says Report.

Joseph Fyfe of San Francisco, vice president of the Estabrook company, this week closed a deal with Geo. M. Laffaw for the purchase of the latter's entire tie and pole business.

Mr. Laffaw has been conducting an office on the water front for the past two years, shipping thousands of dollars worth of cedar ties a month to California ports. The past summer he had the steamers Acme and Phoenix plying between here and the south. He has not yet decided what he will do in the future. All his interests have been disposed of except 160 acres of tie timber which he holds south of the city.

It is also reported that Mr. Fyfe has purchased the tie business of the Estabrook company in Bandon and other sections of the county.

Gas Schooners In

The gas schooners Tillamook and Ahwaneda arrived in port from Portland this morning with cargoes of local freight. The former carried material for the Stephan and B-B buildings. The Ahwaneda proceeded to Coquille after discharging part of her cargo here.

THREE-IN-ONE AD ---A UNIQUE IDEA

Stores in Ellingson Building Start New Advertising Stunt This Week.

"You can buy for less in the Ellingson building". Under the above slogan, the three stores, Orange Pharmacy, Boyle Jewelry Co. and J. Ira Sidwell, are in this issue of Western World firing the opening gun of a spirited advertising campaign that will last until after the holidays. They have reserved page five of the World "for the Ellingson building" and a glance at that page will reveal an attractively displayed three-quarter advertisement that is as interesting as it is conspicuous.

The three stores are among the most enterprising of the city, and have done much to give Bandon modern up-to-date goods and services. This year they have taken a special interest in the holiday season and are making a united effort to make shopping pleasant. Their idea of uniting advertisements under a single slogan is a new one in Bandon that is bound to prove a drawing card for their stores.

Magnificent Phenomenon Is Observed Off Bandon Coast

A thin, graceful column of water and vapor rising a thousand feet high and merging into a mammoth black funnel-shaped cloud, the entire mass whirling with terrific force and racing up the coast at the rate of 30 miles per hour, was the wonderful phenomenon observed off the coast of Bandon about 12:30 Sunday afternoon. It was a waterspout of unusual magnitude, such as are occasionally seen by mariners far out at sea, but very seldom visible from shore. Probably half a hundred Bandon people were fortunate enough to be looking seaward at the time or had their attention drawn in that direction, and they stood awe-stricken at the impressive sight during the short period of its duration. The weather was calm and although it had been raining, the sun was shining brightly at the time.

When first observed the column was just off the south jetty, its base appearing to be about in line with the farthest breakers from shore. In its race up the coast it remained intact and plainly visible until about opposite Whiskey Run, when it gradually dissolved. The diameter of the column appeared to have been about six or seven feet, although it might

ALMOST PERISHES IN HEROIC EFFORT TO RESCUE CHILD

MRS. H. A. MORRAS HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN WRECK OF SANTA CLARA.

Thrown Into Surf When Lifeboat Capsizes She Holds Seven Year Old Boy in Arms Until Big Breaker Tears Them Apart—Was Rendered Unconscious and Injured.

Mrs. H. A. Morris, the local woman who was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer Santa Clara, and who was reported missing for several days after the wreck, is now at her home in this city. She came from North Bend with her husband Friday, the latter having gone there in search of her the day previous.

Tried to Save Boy

In a heroic effort to save a seven year old boy, whom she was holding on her lap at the time the life boat capsized, Mrs. Morris almost lost her life. She held the lad in her arms while drifting and working her way towards shore until within a short distance from the beach, when a large breaker struck them. It threw the boy over her head and one foot struck her in the jaw, rendering her unconscious. When she recovered she was again floating on the waves, the life preserver having a tendency to throw her on her back. When she reached shore she was completely exhausted and had to be carried to a beach cabin nearby.

Sustained Fractured Rib

Later Mrs. Morris was taken to the North Bend hospital, where it was found that in addition to a badly bruised jaw, she had sustained a fractured rib. She states she cannot remember what happened on the boat, neither does she know how she sustained the fractured rib.

Boy's Body Found

The boy Mrs. Morris tried to save was later found dead on the beach. Physicians worked over him for hours but the little fellow could not be revived. The physicians stated that he must have been killed by the force of the wave driving his head into the sand, as his lungs were not sufficiently filled with water to have caused death from drowning.

Law on Legal Printing Rates

According to reports from Salem the State Editorial Association at its session the past week, decided to draft measures to be proposed at the next session of the legislature fixing the legal rate for county printing in the state. This decision is the result of the dispute between the Marshfield dailies and the Coos county court over the county printing charges.

There has been much greater as it is difficult to estimate on account of the uncertainty of the distance. G. T. Treadgold, who viewed the sight from his residence stated that it was the most marvelous thing he had ever beheld. Captain R. Johnson and members of the Coast Guard crew also saw it and remarked of its grandeur. Many others, including the usual number of Sunday beach strollers, were among the favored who witnessed the occurrence.

A water spout, according to the Americana encyclopedia, is exactly analogous to the whirlwinds experienced on the deserts. It occurs when opposite winds of different temperatures meet in upper atmosphere, whereby a great amount of vapor is condensed into a thick black cloud, to which a vortical motion is given. This vortical motion causes it to take the form of a vast funnel, which descending near the surface of the sea, draws up the water in its vortex which joins in its whirling motion. The whole column from water to cloud assumes a magnificent appearance, being light color near its axis; but dark along the sides. In calm weather it maintains its vertical position and is carried along the surface of the sea.