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### MANY REASONS WHY SURVEY IS NEEDED

PORT OF BANDON MAKES A STRONG APPEAL TO ENGINEERING BOARD.

**Falling Off in Commerce Due to Menace and Obstruction to Navigation—People Have Shown Desire for Improvement by Giving Financial Support.**

A strong appeal to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Washington, D. C., has been forwarded by the Port of Bandon commission asking that the new survey project for the Coquille river, which was unfavorably reported by Maj. Williams of the Portland office, be re-considered. The appeal was signed by the officers of the Commission and the Mayors and commercial club presidents of Bandon and Coquille.

Reasons why the proposed survey should be had, are quoted as follows:

First—That the falling off in commerce on the river at the present time is due to the menace and obstruction to navigation caused by the lack of proper improvements and maintenance.

Second—That the finding that this locality is not worthy of further improvement by the government is erroneous, but that the resources and prospects for future commerce here render the project adversely reported on in every respect a worthy one.

Third—That the present fair condition of the Coquille river is due to the expenditure by the Port of Bandon of the funds derived from taxing its people, \$46,055 of such funds having been spent during the past summer in dredging the river.

Fourth—That the Port of Bandon has expended considerable money in pile and rock jetties to protect the channel at its mouth, and is now negotiating with the engineers to expend \$25,000 more of the Port's money in the construction of more rock jetties, in accordance with the government's plan.

Fifth—That during the past year commerce in the river has been practically at a standstill, owing to the shoaling of the bar itself, thereby preventing vessels from crossing with reasonable loads; and that as a result mills have shut down and the lumber traffic is at a standstill.

Sixth—That the people of the Port are ready to do their part in the work of improvement in the future as they have done in the past and they are entitled as a matter of right to have the proposed survey made, which they claim will show what a widening and deepening of the channel from the bar to the city of Coquille will be justified.

Seventh—That the extensive mills of the George W. Moore Lumber company at Bandon and of the Robert Dollar company at Coquille and Bulards, which in the past have kept so many vessels busy transporting their products, will start up if conditions of navigation are bettered, and they would never have been closed except for the obstructions to navigation we now seek to remove, and which have formed in the most part during the past year.

Eighth—That the coal mines at Riverton can and will ship valuable and frequent cargoes of coal in the future as they have in the past, if obstructions to navigation are removed.

Ninth—That the present condition of the commerce of the Port is an unfair criterion, but that the amount of commerce to be benefitted should be judged by what has been done in the past and what may be expected in the future, if the obstructions are removed.

Tenth—That the Coquille river embraced in the Port of Bandon is second in importance on the Oregon coast only to the Port of Coos Bay; and that the vicinity served by this Port is the richest of any equal area in the west in natural resources, consisting of timber, coal and oth-

er minerals, dairy and agricultural products, which are bound to be rapidly developed in the near future, with the needed improvement of the means of transportation.

In support of this appeal is appended some data as to shipments made from the Port of Bandon in the year 1913; the following being the principal items:

### Schoolmasters' Saturday Enjoy Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the Schoolmasters' Club of Bandon was held at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening, about thirty attending. Superintendent Turnbull acted as toastmaster and the following program was carried out:

"The Eyes of the World," Margaret Dumphy; "The Star of the Country Sky," Ernest Sidwell; "At the Foot of the Rainbow," Rev. C. M. Knight; "After School—What?" Mrs. Roy Corson; "Who's Who and Why?" Harold Quigley.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church served the banquet which contained the following:

- Cream Celery Soup
- Boiled Fish (Egg Sauce)
- Pickles
- Fried Chicken (Brown Gravy)
- Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas
- Hot Biscuits
- Cranberry Salad
- Ice Cream
- Assorted Cake
- Coffee.

The club recently elected the following officers: Harold Quigley, president; Ernest Sidwell, vice president; Miriam Smith, secretary.

### County Tax Value Over Twenty Million

County Assessor Prepares List Showing Valuations On The Various Items.

Assessor T. J. Thrift has prepared a summary of the assessment roll of Coos county for 1915. The following are the various classes of property assessed and the valuation of each. (Property assessed by the state tax commission is not included in the list):

Aeres of all lands,	\$42,805	\$12,599,536
Aeres of tillable lands,	21,905	1,858,799
Aeres of timber lands,	457,685	8,121,470
Aeres of non-tillable lands,	363,215	2,619,276
Improvements on deeded or patented lands		713,950
Town and city lots		3,916,219
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Improvements on lands not deeded or patented		37,099
Logging roads,	52.05 miles	123,290
Rolling stock		56,450
Steamboats, sailboats engines, machinery		467,569
Merchandise and stock		360,475
In trade		166,450
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.		5,220
Money		47,540
Notes and accounts		186,609
Shares of stock		34,295
Hotel and office furniture		156,979
Horses and mules, 2,650		454,455
Cattle, 15,422		14,959
Sheep and goats, 5,666		10,735
Swine, 2,200		6,315
Dogs, 553		

Total value of taxable property equalized by the county board of equalization \$29,578,677

The valuation of the county for this year is \$714,483.00 less than in 1914.

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Lumber, 87,586,000 board feet; ties, 5,855,000; pieces of piling, 3,420; poles, 5,019; shingles, 5,325,000; cords of matchwood, 563; bundles of splints, 12,914; shooks, 223,539; tons of coal, 893.

Other miscellaneous freight going out is estimated at 2375 tons; while the inbound freight is put at between 1600 and 1200 tons a month.

### THREE MILL TAX LEVIED BY PORT FOR NEXT YEAR

EXPENDITURE OF PORT MONEY FOR INSIDE JETTY IS MADE CONTINGENT TO EXPENDITURE OF REMAINING GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

A three mill tax, which will raise approximately \$15,500 will be levied on all assessable property in the Port of Bandon for next year's revenues, according to an ordinance given final passage at the meeting of the Commissioners in this city, Saturday.

**Port Money Made Contingent**  
Secretary Norton, a member of the committee who visited the district engineering office at Portland a short time ago regarding the disposition of the \$30,000 remaining after the completion of the present project, stated that there has been a misunderstanding concerning this matter locally. He referred to that portion of Junior Engineer Pohlman's report to the Portland office in which the local port expects to expend \$25,000 in building dams to confine the river to its channel in the inner harbor, regardless of whether the government expends the remaining \$30,000 here.

According to Mr. Norton the committee of which he was a member made it very emphatic to the Portland office that the expenditure of the Port money would be contingent on the \$30,000, and that the engineers had given them reasonable assurance that the latter amount would be spent here. The Commissioners therefore instructed the secretary to write the Portland office at once correcting the statement in Mr. Pohlman's report.

**Take No More Promises**  
Mr. Norton stated further that the

committee was not in favor of beginning work with Port money until the Portland office has given absolute assurance that the \$30,000 is forthcoming. It appears that the Portland office had made certain promises at the time the dredging was done here last summer, but after the dredging was done failed to make good their promises.

However, it is practically certain that the issue will come to a successful close and that the new local projects will be commenced as soon as the present work is completed.

**Plans for Confining Current**  
At least two plans for confining the river current to its channel at the mouth of the inner harbor are under consideration. One is to build sufficient rock jetty to shut off that current from the Breakwater lagoon. The other was presented to the commissioners at Saturday's meeting by Engineer Charleson. It is to build two or three wing dams extending at right angles to the current from the south side of the river. The latter method had at one time been considered by the Federal government.

In order to decide on the most effective and lasting construction works for that purpose the commission voted to send Secretary Norton and Engineer Charleson to Portland to confer with Senior Engineer Pohlman. Mr. Norton, while there, will also bring the question of the \$30,000 to a final issue.

### KILLED A BIG BEAR

Local Hunters Bag a Brain Three Miles From City.

A black bear weighing about 500 pounds was killed last Thursday in the vicinity of the old Roca mill east of town by "Knack" Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox, Chet, Pierce, Art Gilbert and "Cork" Coons made up the bear hunting party. With the aid of Mr. Gilbert's five hounds they tracked the animal in the huckleberry glades east of Bandon, ran him through the hills creek and Bear creek sections and finally cornered him near the old mill. Blinded by the excitement of the chase, "Knack" would have walked over the bear had not one of the dogs jumped in front of him just in time. He said he was within four feet of the animal when he fired the fatal shot.

The body of an unknown man, thought to be a sailor from the ill-fated Santa Clara, was found at noon Tuesday, washed far up on the sandy beach between Coos Bay and the Umququa.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hanly of Lamona, expect to leave on the Elizabeth for a visit at the California metropolis.

### SCHOOL CENSUS BEING TAKEN

Bandon Led County for Several Years But Last Year Lost by 5.

The annual school census is being taken this week by C. M. Knight, clerk, who will be prepared to report to the county court by the first of the month. Much interest is taken in the census here as Bandon had led the county for a number of years up to last year when Marshfield with 965 was first. Bandon had 950. According to the school laws of Oregon the county must levy a tax of \$8.00 pro rata to aid in the support of the schools and in addition the state gives approximately \$1700.

### OLD FRIENDS MEET

Bandon now has a centenarian among its residents, James Haft of Langlois, who is 103 years of age having moved here to spend the winter with relatives. Mr. Haft yesterday met his old friend, W. R. Wells, a local citizen. They had not seen each other for 25 years. Mr. Haft and Mr. Wells were neighbors at Olalla, in Douglas county, from the time of their first meeting which occurred in 1855 during the Indian war of Southern Oregon. They are both hale and hearty. Mr. Wells is 73.

### BASKET BALL PROSPECTS SHADY

Fourteen high school lads responded to the call of Coach Harold Quigley at the first basket ball practice of the season at Dreamland, Friday afternoon. Of those dozen and two who aspire to represent Bandon on the floor this year, only four have ever appeared in a suit as a regular. They are the Pullen boys, who filled the forward positions last year, Webb, who made a name for himself as guard and Armstrong, their teammate who filled the other guard berth during a part of last season.

The prospects for this season are not bright, for although Quigley lost only two strong men by graduation, he lost a fast and efficient second team last June. That bunch of "subs" had more to do with the success of last year's team than most people suspect and their absence will double Quigley's task this year. Only one player, a center has to be developed for the first team, but without a second team worthy of the name, developing the regulars is going to be more than recreation. One bright spot there is in the prospect, however. All of those 14 on

the squad are possessed of an abundance of "pep" and the grumbling and insubordination on the part of a few is gone.

Last year was Quigley's first with the local High school and he made good. Taking hold of a team that had been "cellar champions" in the county league for three years, he brought them out in second place at the end of the season. In the opinion of many last year's team was the fastest ever turned out by Bandon, yet they won only four out of the eight games played, lost three and one was contested and thrown out. They won every game on their home floor and lost the rest, due to the fact that the only available floor in Bandon was the Dreamland floor, also used for dances and very slick. Used to the slick surface on which they practiced five and six days a week, the boys were lost on the rough boards of the other halls in the county.

So far it is impossible to get a line on the new material, as basket shooting alert has been on the program of daily practices.

### Panter Brothers Buy Competing Boats on River

The Myrtle Point Transportation company, of which the Panter Bros. of this city are the principal owners, last week closed a deal whereby they became the owners of the entire boat interests of the Coquille River Transportation company. The principal stockholders of the latter were C. W. Ashton and E. W. Schetter. Capt. O. R. Willard formerly was interested in the latter concern but had sold out some time ago.

The boats included in the transfer were the Coquille and Charm. Panter Bros. now control all the large boats on the river except the Dispatch and Favorite which belong to the Farmers' Transportation company.

A new schedule has been arranged: The Charm, with Allen Panter pilot and S. Hufford, engineer, leaves Bandon at 6:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m., connecting with the train to Coos Bay. The Telegraph, with Walter Panter, pilot, and Wm. Panter, engineer, leave Bandon at 8:00 a. m. and connect with train for Powers, returning, leave Coquille at 2 p. m. Only one trip a day is made. The Coquille with Stacy Panter as pilot and Carl Donaldson engineer, leave Coquille at 7 a. m. and returning leave Bandon at 2 p. m.

The Pronto will be used exclusively for special charter, while the Dispatch, Capt. Thos. White, of the Farmers' line leaves Bandon as usual at 7 a. m.

### 30-Foot Black Fish on Two Mile Beach

Hundreds of Sea Gulls Are Enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner on the Big Supply of Blubber.

L. A. Langley, Loyd Mynatt and J. T. Lillard made a duck hunting trip to the mouth of Two Mile creek Sunday, going and returning via the beach route.

They viewed the whale carcass on the beach at that point, discovered by Schmidt Hansen, Friday. The whale is of the variety known as "black fish." The carcass is about 30 feet long, covered with barnacles in patches, and in an advanced stage of decomposition. The hunters state the enormous supply of blubber and putrid flesh is proving a real thanksgiving dinner to the hundreds of sea gulls who are so tame they have to be "shooed" away from the remains in order to get a good look at it. The gulls go to the carcass and gorge themselves a while, then take a trip to the creek and bathe. Then after a few hours repeat the performance.

### Prominent Man Drowns

Bud Turpin, a prominent Marshfield architect, lost his life when a row boat up set, in which he and his brother-in-law were crossing the Bay near the new bridge. The latter was rescued. Mr. Turpin was 29 years of age and leaves a wife and child. Local people will remember him as one of the leaders of the Marshfield aggregation who came here last summer to attend the Elk Day doings.

### Judge Coke is a Candidate

While at Eugene a short while ago Judge John S. Coke announced his intention to seek the nomination for the Circuit court Judgeship again. The Judge has held the position for a number of years and in the main has been satisfactory to all concerned, from which it is judged he will run strong in the primaries. To date no other candidates have entered the field for the position.

### Engineer is Injured

Chief Engineer Cook of the gasoline schooner Rustler was struck by an automobile at Marshfield, Monday night, and had a narrow escape from being badly hurt. As it was he got some severe bruises but was not seriously injured.

Mrs. E. Lewin has engaged passage on the Elizabeth, intending to visit her daughter, Miss Otilie, who is a student in San Francisco. She will also visit at Sausalito and other California points.

### LOCAL MAN CAUSES ARREST OF BROKER

MANAGER BAKER OF CREAMERY CO. REPORTS IRREGULARITIES TO P. O. OFFICIALS.

E. F. Zuern of San Francisco Charged With Misuse of Mails—Bought Large Amount of Produce From Bandon and Marshfield Firms and Sold Below Market Price.

Through the instrumentality of J. C. Baker, manager of the Bandon Creamery company, an alleged commission broker crook is in the toils at San Francisco, having been placed under arrest by Federal authorities, charged with the misuse of United States mails. The fact that several shipments of butter made by the local concern to E. F. Zuern had not been paid for, prompted Mr. Baker to look into the matter and although several hundred miles away succeeded in determining to his satisfaction that the commission man was not on the square. He asked Postmaster W. J. Sweet to report the matter to D. E. Wood, postal inspector for this district, and the latter has since caused Zuern's arrest. Zuern owes the local company for two shipments of butter, about \$250, which will probably be recovered.

A San Francisco dispatch of Monday says: On complaint of the Bandon Creamery and the Coos Bay Ice & Cold Storage company of Marshfield, E. F. Zuern, who says he is a commission merchant, was arrested by the postal authorities on the charge of using the mails to defraud. According to the post office inspectors, Zuern ordered large quantities of butter, eggs and poultry from the Oregon firms, received the shipments and disposed of them by underselling the market. He failed to make payments on his orders and drafts on his "bank account" were not honored.

Zuern's letterheads gave his business address as 354 Fourth street, Oakland. Inspector Maderia says Zuern had no legitimate claim to that address. After receiving two shipments of butter Zuern left Oakland, coming to San Francisco where he went into business at 503 Mission street and later at 144 Clay street. Hourly crates of turkeys were deposited at the Clay street place consigned to Zuern. The postal authorities believe that Zuern intended to dispose of the birds in the wholesale district by selling them to jobbers at a price lower than the market quotations.

Zuern is alleged to have been in trouble before because of his misuse of the mails. He says he was acquitted in the San Benito county courts after having been arrested for failure to pay for a consignment of cheese. Zuern was held under \$2500 bonds for appearance before United States Commissioner Krull. His hearing will be held Wednesday.

### Former Bandonian Takes Own Life

A Portland dispatch states James Cartwright, a former Bandonian, who had been suffering from cancer of the face, shot and killed himself at the Good Samaritan hospital there, Tuesday. Cartwright at one time had little notion store, selling sea shells, etc. in the building now owned by M. Bruner and used for a shoe repairing shop.

### TAXPAYERS' MEETING

The committee of the City Council on the Occupation Tax question, composed of Councilmen Johnson, Mast, Pape and City Attorney Treadgold, announce that a mass meeting of taxpayers will be held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, November 30, at 8:00 o'clock. The committee desires the citizens of Bandon, both men and women, to attend the meeting and give their ideas and suggestions in view of reaching a satisfactory settlement of the revenue question for the coming year.

This is an important meeting and YOU are urged to be there.

TO BE KIND TO YOUR EMPLOYEES IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO KISS YOUR STENOGRAPHER EVERY MORNING.