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## FALLING TREE KILLS LOGGER AT TWOMILE

**JOHN BARROWS MEETS DEATH INSTANTLY WHEN SNAG GIVES WAY ABOVE HIM.**

No One Saw Accident But Body is Found by Teamster Short Time Later—Leaves Wife and Five Little Children Who Reside in Bandon—Funeral Today.

John Barrows, a logger who resided with his family in Bandon, was accidentally killed in the Elwell pole camp at Two Mile, about 12 miles south of this city Tuesday afternoon. No one saw the accident, and when the body was discovered a dead timber was lying across it. The heavy wind had caused the dead timber, which had been leaning against another tree, to fall. Mr. Barrows was working directly under the snag, and it is believed that he had no chance whatever to get out of the way. The tree apparently struck him across the back of the neck and shoulders as he was severely bruised there. He also had several bruises across the chest and face, which indicated that his body had been wedged between the falling log and the one on which he had been working. Death was probably instantaneous.

A teamster working at the camp, was the last man to see Mr. Barrows alive, and later was the first to find him dead. He had talked to him about 15 minutes before, both having remarked about the dangerous looking snag overhead, but both considering it safe.

The coroner was immediately notified. He deputized S. C. Johnson to conduct the inquest and bring the body to Bandon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. S. Smith at the undertaking parlors this forenoon and burial was made in the Bandon cemetery.

John Barrows was about 43 years of age. He came to Coos county from Astoria, Oregon, some thirty years ago and for many years resided with his parents at Coquille. Several years ago he came to Bandon where he had since acquired a cozy home on Filmore avenue. He is survived by a widow and five small children, four girls and one boy. The oldest is 15 years and the youngest five months. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Julia Barrows and a sister, Mrs. Henry Johnson, who resides near Riverton and a brother, Richard Barrows of Santa Rosa, California.

The deceased was a quiet unassuming man who never had much to say but always attended strictly to his own business. He was a hard-working man, having spent all his life in the woods. Aside from his work, home life took up all his time for he was a great home lover and thought the world of his wife and five little children. His sudden death has prostrated the widow; it is one of the saddest local tragedies of the year.

## SOUTHERN OREGON CASE TO CONGRESS

Disposition of 96,000 acres of timber land, largely in Coos county, was placed in the hands of congress in a decree filed Tuesday in the federal court in the government's case against the Southern Oregon company. It amounts to forfeiture of all the company's claims except \$2.50 per acre. The decree follows the supreme court's decision against the Southern Pacific in Oregon and California land grant case. The company's attorneys are preparing an appeal to the supreme court. It is understood the appeal will contend the general rule that "innocent purchasers should be protected," should apply.

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## Alleged Swindler Is Held at 'Frisco

**Man Who "Handled" Coos County Produce Must Face Federal Grand Jury.**

Manager Baker of the Bandon Creamery company received word from the postal inspectors at San Francisco this week that E. F. Zuern, the commission merchant who had fleeced the local firm together with several others in Coos county, has been bound over to the Federal grand jury. At the preliminary hearing Zuern, who is said to be a clever swindler, admitted that he owed these firms various amounts, but stated that he had simply been unable to pay them. However his attempt to explain the fact that he changed the name of his business firm and also locations so often is said to have been unsatisfactory, therefore he has been held.

Mr. Baker has been requested by the postal authorities to gather all the advertising matter and letters he had received from Zuern and be prepared to go to San Francisco in the near future, as he may be called upon as a witness when the alleged swindler comes to trial.

## Two Mile Resident Dies

John F. Scott, 74 years old, who with his family had been residing on the Teanyson place at Two Mile, died Tuesday, after a protracted illness. The funeral was conducted from the local undertaking parlors this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial took place at the K. of P. cemetery. Deceased came here 8 or 9 years ago from Hornbrook, Cal. He is survived by a widow and a number of grown children.

## Almost Hit by Tree

The heavy rain of yesterday afternoon caused a small landslide along the Ferry road near the power plant, and almost resulted seriously to Wm. Netherly, a wood hauler for W. L. Christie. Netherly had just passed the spot with his team when a large tree fell across the road. Sand to a depth of four feet was washed into the road.

## OFFER AMMUNITION CONTRACT

Eastern Concern Would Have Bandon Man Fill Contract for Them. A letter received this week from an eastern ammunition factory by A. Garfield, local Studebaker agent, is indicative of the great demand for shells that is now taxing the capacity of every available plant. The company apparently was under the impression that Mr. Garfield conducted a machine shop here, and offered him a contract for turning out 100,000 3-inch shells. The letter contained complete specifications as to the machinery required, the price to be paid, etc.

## SAN FRANCISCO LOOKS FOR SLIGHT DEPRESSION

Effect of Exposition Already Noticeable and Outside Points Looking Up.

San Francisco looks for somewhat of a depression, in the commercial line after the holidays according to Dr. H. L. Houston, who, accompanied by Mrs. Houston and their daughter, arrived on the Brooklyn from a month's stay in and about the California metropolis. The stimulating effect of the Exposition during the year has built up and expanded many lines of business, which will necessarily have to retract again when the outside money stops pouring in. There will be a general reaction from the boom, and the commercial institutions will be the first to suffer. The wholesalers generally did not have a very good year, which of course is due to the depression along the entire coast. There are many idle men in the city at this time, and before the winter is over the charity workers will probably have plenty to do. In the smaller places, the doctor states, conditions are better all around.

There is a general feeling among wholesalers that conditions in the sections tributary to San Francisco are getting better and that soon all the lumber sections will have revived to normal.

Mr. Houston spent considerable time at the hospitals in the city, taking up special surgical work.

## OREGON COAST ROAD IS TO BE DISCUSSED

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALL OREGON TO MEET AT PORTLAND**

State Engineer's Office Supports Move to Get Coast Road From Astoria South to Crescent City—Data on Probable Cost Is Asked For by Chief Engineer.

The annual meeting of members of Boards of County Commissioners of all counties of Oregon will be held at Portland, December 8, 9 and 10. E. I. Cantine, chief deputy engineer, has addressed a letter to each member in the coast range of counties asking him to bring to the meeting data as regards number of miles of road now open and which might be used in a coast project. Also the number of miles necessary to build to make connections, and probable cost of same.

Judge Watson, according to the North Bend Harbor, has stated that he was going to the meeting loaded to the guards with all the necessary information and was quite enthusiastic about the plan and the interest the higher-ups are taking in a scheme that has long been met with favor in Coos county.

Coos county has a coast road between Coos Bay and Bandon which is open to traffic during the summer months. The grade is an easy one and can be made a good road at a comparatively small cost. North of Coos Bay a well graded road leads from the Haynes inlet boat landing to Templeton, and from there to Lakoside a distance of about eight miles, a new road would have to be built to carry out the coast plan. From Lakoside north to the county line is less than four miles.

Engineer Cantine is making each commissioner who attends the convention to make such suggestions as he may deem necessary to expedite the plan. The State Engineer realizes the importance of constructing a road along the coast, which is the only available route for both winter and summer traffic. The Pacific Highway, running through the interior, is passable only part of the year, the heavy maws and sleet putting the road in an impassable condition much of the time during the winter. This would be entirely obviated on the coast road.

## MUCH SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

Six Inches Reported at Powers the Past Week—On Curry Hills.

Visitors at Powers the past week report a snow fall of about six inches at and near that place, which seemed quite a novelty to them.

Others from down the coast say that considerable snow has fallen in the mountains and that game is seeking the lower levels. The snow can be seen from Bandon on the hills to the south.

At this place, though, snow is a veritable curiosity. In fact it has been many years since more than a few flakes have fallen during an entire winter and with the exception of a few frosts, the only great difference between winter and summer is the heavy rains and attendant winds during the winter months. Flowers bloom the year 'round. And many of these, such as calla lilies and other less hardy plants requiring considerable skill and energy to make bloom in other climes, seem to prefer the winter to the summer season for their growing period.

## BAR ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN BANDON

Coos County's Legal Lights Will Fraternize Here on December Twenty-Seventh.

The legal lights of Coos county, better known as the Coos County Bar association, will hold a social and business meeting in Bandon, Wednesday, December 27. This was decided at a meeting in Coquille, Monday, when Attorneys Topping, Treadwell and Wade prevailed upon the organization to accept Bandon's hospitality. The program has not yet been arranged, but it will occupy both afternoon and evening.

Nonda Anderson of Coquille was a Bandon visitor today.

## DRY LAW POINTS ARE MADE PLAIN

**"ALL VERY SIMPLE," DECLARES MR. EVANS—PROHIBITION IS MISNOMER.**

Manufacture and Sale Only of Intoxicants Forbidden and Limit Is Put on What Individual or Family May Procure—Local Men Prepared for Possible "Knockout to Law"

Requirements for purchasing liquor in Oregon after December 31: It must be ordered from some dealer outside the state. It must be paid for when ordered; liquor sent C. O. D. being considered as sold within the state. If sent by an express company, it may be delivered, but only to purchaser in person. The deliveryman must present an affidavit blank, to which the consignee must sign and swear. He must swear that he is the person to whom the liquor is consigned and that he has not received more liquor than the quantity allowed him by law. The expressman may charge 5 cents for the affidavit. The purchaser then may do anything he likes with the liquor except sell it. No person or no family may receive more than two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquors (whiskey, brandy, wine, rum) nor more than 24 quarts of malt liquors (beer, ale, porter, etc.), within a period of four weeks.

"It's very simple," said Prosecuting Attorney Evans of Multnomah county a few days ago as he proceeded to explain the law to an Oregon representative. "In the first place, said Mr. Evans, 'It isn't a prohibition law. It isn't a dry law at all. The new law merely prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. It doesn't prohibit the use of it. It wipes out the saloon, the brewery and the distillery.'"

First, explained Mr. Evans, we must know what this article is which we are prohibiting the sale and manufacture of. The law defines: Intoxicating liquor—All spirituous, malt, vinous or fermented liquors, and all mixtures or preparations likely to be used as a beverage, which contain more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume, and all other mixtures which are intended to produce intoxicating liquor.

## Blind Pigs Not Favored

"Blind pigs" after January 1, are not likely by the very nature of the law. In the first place a way is provided for procuring liquor legitimately. To get it illegitimately would be an expensive and dangerous process. The bootlegger will have a hard time getting the liquor to sell and an even harder time getting anybody to buy. Drug stores may not carry liquor—that is, regular honest-to-goodness "booze". But they may have ethyl alcohol, which some druggists say is a rather inclusive term.

For the purpose of law enforcement, Evans asked a well-known firm of pharmacists for an accurate definition of ethyl alcohol. It is: Starch converted into alcohol through fermentation. But apples, corn, potatoes and numerous other such edibles contain great quantities of starch and "apple jack" and corn whiskey might roughly be defined as ethyl alcohol. The law, though, puts other obstacles in the way of the would-be law violator, even should it be stretched so that a druggist could carry corn whiskey and apple jack on his shelves.

There are stringent provisions against obtaining liquor through the prescription of an irresponsible physician. He may give a prescription, only for ethyl alcohol, for the druggist sells nothing else. And, even with a prescription, the purchaser must swear to an affidavit before the druggist, stating the purpose for which the alcohol is to be used. If other than ethyl alcohol is prescribed, it must be furnished from the private supply of the patient or physician. It cannot be sold. Ethyl alcohol may be sold by druggists to individuals or families in no larger amounts than two quarts in four weeks. It can be furnished only for medicinal, pharmaceutical, mechanical and scientific purposes. If medical, the prescription of a physician must be filed with the affidavit. For other purposes the affidavit must state the exact intent.

## Druggists Favor An Air Tight Lid

**May Decide Not to Carry Liquor of Any Kind Even for Medicinal Purposes.**

Walter S. Wells of the Orange Pharmacy and C. Y. Lowe of the Rexall store, returned Saturday from North Bend where they attended the quarterly meeting of the Coos County Pharmaceutical association.

In a short discussion the druggists expressed the opinion that they should not even take out a federal liquor license for next year. Such action would mean that alcohol could not be purchased at any drug store in the county, not for any purpose. Neither could whiskey be bought for medicinal purposes.

In short talks several of the druggists stated that they do not wish the edium that would attach to them if during dry times, they sold alcohol in any form. The opinion was expressed that in the past drug stores have been severely criticized and some, too have sold liquor on the side; and in 1916 the criticisms would be increased ten fold. Therefore steps should be taken to clear their skirts by refusing to take out Federal liquor licenses.

It is possible that a special meeting of the association will be called later to discuss the prohibition question, there being too short a time at the meeting for a thorough consideration of the problem. Unanimously the members voted in favor of writing the Oregon senators and representatives in Congress to vote in favor of the Stevens bill which stands for standard prices, and which is being fought by the big businesses that have stores in various cities and cut prices. Prices of drugs have fluctuated up and down on account of the war. The members set a standard price for such articles as glycerine, quinine and carbolic acid, all of which have gone up several times over their former prices.

The action of the druggists was rather to lower prices than to advance them. Myrtle Point was selected for the next meeting of the association in February. The members present were: William H. Furness, Myrtle Point; R. S. Knowlton and C. O. Fahrman, Coquille; W. S. Wells and C. Y. Lowe, Bandon; M. E. Everitt, L. G. Platt and Eaton, North Bend; Frank D. Cohan, Frank Birch Brown, Harry Winkler, Frank Lee and Frank Parsons of Marshfield.

## MAKING FRIENDS IN BANDON

Candidate for Prosecuting Attorney Also an Entertainer.

Atty. I. N. Miller of Marshfield, candidate for Republican nomination for district attorney of Coos county, spent several days in Bandon the past week meeting old friends and making new acquaintances. Friday evening he was guest of honor at an informal stag party at the studio of Prof. A. Richards. A splendid program furnished the entertainment, Mr. Miller taking a prominent part as an elocutionist and monologist, at which he proved himself to be extraordinarily proficient. Atty. Miller has been a resident of Coos county for the past five years. He has been in close touch with all public matters in the county, especially at the county seat, and has a host of friends who are already putting forth considerable effort in his behalf. He has made many friends during his short stay in Bandon.

Affidavits taken by common carriers and prescriptions and affidavits in drugstores are to be kept on file. Each one must be numbered. At any time they must be accessible to any court or any officer of the law. The county clerk must preserve the affidavits and prescriptions for two years.

Violations of the law for first offense, is penalized by a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months. For the second violation the fine may not be less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and imprisonment must not be less than 30 days nor more than one year. For a third offense, two years in the county jail is the penalty, and the punishment may not be suspended by any court.

"So you see," said District Attorney Evans, "it isn't a complicated law after all."

## BANDON LEADS IN SCHOOL POPULATION

**COMPLETE CENSUS REVEALS FACT THAT DISTRICT HAS 865 OF SCHOOL AGE.**

Every Large District in County Has Less in Number This Year, But Bandon's Decrease Lowest in Proportion—Daily Attendance Same as Last Year.

Bandon again bears the distinction of having the largest school population of any district in Coos county. Clerk C. M. Knight has completed the census and finds a total of 865 of school age, which is 95 less than last year. Every large district in the county shows a decrease, but that of Bandon is proportionately less than any of the others. Marshfield last year had 984, but this year it has 823; North Bend had 839 in 1914 and now has but 653; Myrtle Point has reduced from 499 to 355 and Coquille is considerably less, although the exact figures seem to be in doubt.

It was stated at the recent school meeting that Bandon has a higher tax for school purposes than any other district in the county; and that none of the other districts had voted more than 9 mills. This is found to be untrue, for Myrtle Point has levied 20 mills (same as Bandon) and North Bend has levied 16 mills.

Superintendent L. W. Turnbull of the local schools stated today that the daily attendance at this time is approximately the same as a year ago in spite of the fact that the population of school age has been reduced so materially. This would indicate that local citizens generally are taking more interest in the schools and that more parents are sending their children to school than ever before.

## NO CAUSE IS FOUND FOR ROAD COMPLAINT

Commissioner Armstrong Investigates Bear Creek Conditions—Says Rivalry the Cause.

County Commissioner G. J. Armstrong made a trip to the upper Bear creek country the first of the week to view some planking done there under the supervision of District Supervisor Daniels. A resident of that district had complained to the county court that the work was not satisfactory, giving that body to understand that things were in a deplorable condition. On his return Mr. Armstrong stated that he had found no cause for such complaint and that in his opinion conditions were grossly misrepresented to the court. He believes that rivalry existing between the upper and lower Bear creek sections is the cause of all the contention. In his opinion much better results and satisfaction could be obtained in that district if all factions would get together and work harmoniously.

## NO GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR HARBOR NEXT YEAR

Appropriation Budget Will Carry But \$5,000 for Local Port—Colombia to Get it All.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8—Estimates for Oregon rivers and harbors as provided in the estimates of the army and navy engineers to be acted on by Congress this session, are as follows:

Columbia river, north jetty, \$2,502,000; Coos Bay, \$70,000; Tillamook Bay, \$48,000; Clatskanie river, \$3,000; Coquille river, \$5,000; Yaquina, \$2,000; Lower Columbia, \$369,000; upper Columbia to the Snake river, \$38,000; Snake river, \$25,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$47,300. The above shows that practically all government funds appropriated for rivers and harbors works in Oregon this year will go to the Columbia river and tributaries. The \$70,000 contemplated for Coos Bay is for maintenance of the bar dredge Michie. The \$5,000 for the local river is for maintenance.

Paul Stephan is heating up the bakeoven in his new bakery building this week. All the material for finishing the structure is not yet at hand but as soon as it comes the building will be rushed to completion immediately.

TAKE THE CARDS THAT ARE DEALT YOU AND PLAY THE GAME.