

Esther Buhne Loses Load and Masts

Tow Line Broke in Rough Sea and Schooner is Rendered Helpless—Many Ships Leave Port.

Last Friday the steamers Grace Dollar, Elizabeth, Fifield and Brooklyn left with lumber and ties for the south. The Grace Dollar had the Esther Buhne in tow, the latter, an old three-masted schooner, having been sold to San Francisco people. The Esther Buhne was heavily loaded with ties, and according to a report brought here by the Speedwell Monday, her tow line was broken while off Eureka and she lost her deck load and two masts. The information was picked up by wireless. It is believed however, that the Grace got another line to the boat and succeeded in taking her on south. The sea was very rough.

The Esther Buhne is one of the last of the sailing fleet formerly making this port. The vessel in her day was one of the largest ships making this port and her sailings were looked forward to as events. After the advent of steam propelled craft however, it was found unprofitable to run the sailing vessels and for a number of years the craft had been tied up at the old Randolph mill site. Last fall she was disposed of by the Dollar people to San Francisco parties and was loaded with ties for the trip south, it being planned to have her towed down by one of that company's boats. Owing to the shoaling of the river at that time, though, it was found impossible to have one of the larger craft enter the local port, and after an unsuccessful attempt to have the ship taken outside to meet the Melville Dollar from Seattle, it was decided to wait until the harbor conditions improved, and the ship was towed up the river again to her anchorage at Prosper.

Four sailors were aboard the Esther Buhne and it was feared they might have been injured or washed overboard when she lost her deck load.

The Ruby arrived in port Friday and is loading at the Prosper mill. The Speedwell is in port after ties. She will also take the Archie Kruse box factory machinery to North Bend. The Ahwanedda came into port from Portland a few days ago. The boat is a small gasoline propelled craft, which carried an exceptionally large cargo, about 100 tons. She was here for some time on the last trip from Portland, having been laid up with propeller trouble.

PROF. A. RICHARDS FRACTURES WOOD-BLOCK

Prof. A. Richards is suffering from a bad bruise on one of his fingers. It appears the Professor was either scabbing on the wood man, or as a later thought better presents it, the woodman had eased up on some of the pieces of wood to the extent they refused to make connections at the stove door; and Herr Prof. was doing the strong arm act. Down over the block he brought the firmly grasped piece with the full weight of his 160 pounds, enhanced with the annoyance created by the refractory stick. Oh! And the middle digit of the right hand was a deep and painful red. Prof. evidently isn't much of a wood-splitter.

Dr. R. V. Leep removed the larger portion of the discoloration from the injured member and Mr. Richards will experience but little inconvenience other than a tender soreness for several weeks. Nevertheless, splitting wood has been placed on the taboo list as a fit subject for one of his New Years resolutions.

LUMP COAL, delivered anywhere in town, \$4.50 per ton. CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, D23Rfc

OBITUARY

Mrs. Adelia Irwin

Mrs. Adelia Irwin, wife of G. W. Irwin, died at their home south of town at 3:45 p. m. Christmas Eve, after a lingering illness which developed into dropsy.

At the time of her death Mrs. Irwin was 52 years, 10 months and 17 days old, having been born in Wyoming, Pa., February 7, 1862. She was married to Mr. Irwin at Square Top, Pa., February 15, 1884. During their married life Mr. and Mrs. Irwin made three trips to the Pacific coast, visiting all of the more important cities of the west. They returned here the last time on the 13th of December just passed.

Besides her husband, deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. S. R. Barnes of Bandon; Mrs. Fred Logsdon of Davenport, Wash.; and Miss Grace Irwin of Clinton, Okla.

The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday afternoon, C. H. Chandler officiating. Interment was at Bandon cemetery.

County May Lose \$100,000 In Taxes

District Attorney Liljeqvist Says Douglas County Action May Take Years to Settle.

Coos county stands one of the best chances in the world of losing close to \$400,000 in delinquent taxes due from the Southern Oregon company and the O. and C. land grant, according to District Attorney Liljeqvist, says the Coquille Sentinel.

Close on the heels of the Federal court decision in Portland declaring that the lands of these two concerns can be held at only \$2.50 an acre, comes a suit in the Roseburg courts to throw out the case of the county against these lands for taxes on the grounds that the land has been taxed at the rate of about \$14 an acre and not \$2.50. The county started to foreclose on the lands and this started the action. This believes Mr. Liljeqvist, is the opening gun of litigation that will have to wade its way through the maze of the courts and may bring no direct results to the county for at least seven or eight years, and even then, the possibilities are that there will be a reduction in assessments which lops off a goodly sum that the county had counted on eventually collecting.

And now there arises another question in this connection. Why, if the companies now protest the assessment of more than \$2.50 an acre, did they not before this go to the board of tax equalization with their protests? It is quite possible that this phase may have an important bearing on the matter. As the situation now stands the decision of the Federal court in Portland is appealed to the United States Circuit court of appeals in San Francisco, and from there it will have to go to the Supreme court of America. And in the meantime Coos county secures no money for tax purposes from these land grants. Mr. Liljeqvist is anxious for Judge Skipworth to come here, and Coos county will also start the ball rolling, by proceeding to foreclose on some of the land which is now in litigation.

PREPARING TO START MINE

Cut Creek Mine Will Soon Be Running—Employ 5 Men.

The Gold Beach Metal company, which has been preparing to operate at Cut Creek, a point on the coast above Bandon, has been working 8 men for the past three months, installing machinery and making ready a dump and ground sluice for mining. The company expects to take out gold and platinum. They have a steam engine that will throw a hydraulic stream from a 2 1-2 inch hose with a pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch and it will tear out enough sand to warrant about 100 yards each day. The company expects to start active mining operations immediately after January 1st and will work the remainder of the winter. Hal and Guy Stutsman, who are employed at the mine are at home for the holiday season, but will return down the coast in a few days. The mine will employ five men when it starts.—Marshfield Record.

Several Out for Sheriff

From the rumor and gossip of the street there will be several candidates in each party for the nomination on their respective tickets for sheriff in the primaries in April. It is said that W. W. Gage and James Thomas, present deputy game warden, will contend for the Democratic nomination and that Sheriff Alf. Johnson and Steve Gallier, of Bandon, will seek the Republican nomination.—Coos Bay Times.

Wong Yuen Yung, former editor of the Asiatic News, a paper published at Shanghai as the official organ of the Chinese favoring a return to the monarchical form of government, was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas banquet at San Francisco Christmas night. The assassin escaped and was unrecognized.

The aggregate capital invested in the railroad transportation system in Oregon is approximately \$220,000,000. Of this vast sum, nearly one-half has been expended in the past nine years. The total increase in mileage during the period reached 1424.56—an average of 179 miles a year, as contrasted with the average annual construction of 31 miles for the period prior to 1907. There are now in operation in Oregon 3209.82 miles of railroad. In addition there are several railroad projects under way and when these lines are completed the railroad lines in the state will total nearly 3400 miles.

The prohibition law in Oregon will cause an estimated decrease of \$250,000 in receipts of the United States internal revenue office in Portland for the first six months of 1916.

IT'S ALL MUSH

this week at the

SANTO GROCERY

24 First St.

Phone 571

For a Quick Breakfast These Frosty Mornings We Offer until January 7th

Liberty Oat Flakes with or without premiums 60 oz. pkg.	25c	E-C Corn Flakes 3 pkgs. for	25c
Liberty Wheat Flakes with premiums 60 oz. pkg.	25c	Shredded Wheat Biscuit 3 pkgs. for	35c
Fisher's Extra Fancy Rolled Oats 9 lb. bag	40c	Cream of Wheat 2 pkgs. for	35c

REMEMBER, tomorrow; holders of the lucky numbers will be awarded the 10 PRIZES. Get one more chance it may be a WINNER.

Programs Enjoyed On Christmas Day

Exercises at Latter Day Saints Church Were Attended by Large and Appreciative Audience.

A Christmas entertainment at the Latter Day Saints church Christmas Eve was enjoyed by an exceptionally large attendance of the regular congregation and friends.

The special choir, consisting of Miss Kate Chatburn, Raleigh Tucker, Miss Belle Chatburn, Mrs. Boyd, F. J. Chatburn, D. W. Carpenter and Tom Chatburn, rendered special selections suitable to the occasion.

Appropriate opening remarks by Elder F. J. Chatburn and a short talk on Santa Claus by Samuel Wood was followed by recitations, music, dialogues and drills by the Sunday school children, which reflected no small amount of credit upon those in charge of the program as well as revealing the splendid talent of the children participating.

A solo by little Elva Wood, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wood, was said, by many, to have been the best they had ever heard from a child of that age.

Also little Sylvia Marshall did herself proud in a fine recitation. The way the audience tried to get him back certainly proved that Goo. Chatburn told them in a recitation "How he Liked the Teacher."

At the conclusion of the program candy and oranges taken from a beautifully decorated tree were passed out to the entire audience, especial care being taken to give every child present a treat.

Christmas Program

The following program was rendered at the M. E. church on Christmas Eve: Organ Voluntary (while children formed in line); March (as the children marched to platform); Song, "Glory to God in the Highest"; the school and choir. Prayer, Rev. C. Mayne Knight; Hymn, "Joy to the World"; by congregation and choir; Scriptural Recitation, by three classes; several recitations by children; song, "A Merry Chime"; recitations by children; anthem, "When Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem"; choir; recitations by children; song, "Merry Merry Christmas," by younger classes; tableaux, by class of young ladies; song, "Christmas Blessing"; offertory; distribution of gifts by Santa; hymn, "Coronation," congregation and choir; benediction, by pastor.

Mrs. Ragan Gives Party

On December 18th Mrs. Ragan gave a much enjoyed "Grandma's Play Party" for her grand daughters and a few of their friends. The tables were set with little boats filled with candy, Jello patties and cake and lemonade and other lunch. Games were played. Those helping Mrs. Ragan serve were: Mrs. Zeek, Mrs. Hite, Mrs. Fassbender and Mrs. Langley. Children invited were: Misses Mildred Langley, Vellena Langley, Eula Langley, Irene Trumbull, Nettie Trumbull, Lucile Trumbull, Clara Scofield, May Scofield, Doris Button, Reta Button, Gladys Le Brand, Eva Le Brand, Burton Le Brand, Helen Payne.

The Thimble Club met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Jones, Thursday, December 23rd, for the purposes of electing officers and transacting other business as well as enjoying a lovely turkey dinner. In the center of the table was a Christmas tree with a present for each of the members. Ribbons ran from place cards to the tree. The home was beautifully decorated with huckleberry and red tissue paper. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Jones were: Mes-

James Bowman, Barrows, Le Gore, Brown, Gibson, Perry, Dippel, Rankin, Nygren, Edmon, Jones, Tucker, Fassbender, Tuttle, Lewin, and Mrs. Conger as the guest of the club. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Le Gore next Thursday.

One of the many pleasant, informal Christmas day gatherings was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rasmussen on Ocean Drive. The home was artistically decorated with Oregon grape and huckleberry greenery. A bounteous Christmas dinner was enjoyed and the guests report one of the delightful affairs of the holiday season. Enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen were: Capt. and Mrs. John Johnson, Miss Hattie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fassbender, Mr. Haaland and Miss Josephine Haaland.

The McNair family and relatives enjoyed a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNair Christmas day. Besides the latter the following enjoyed the occasion: Mrs. Ralph Rackleff and daughter, Mrs. H. L. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boak and three children, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watkins and baby, and Harry and Errol McNair.

Library Notes

During Christmas week the following books were donated: "Coniston" "Green Pastures and Piccadilly" "The Yemassee" "Vasconcelos" "Woodcraft" "Border Beagles"—these are old fashioned stories of adventure, by Gilmore Simms. Also the "Harmonies of Evolution," by Florence Huntley and "The Crime of the Congo," by Conan Doyle.

F. AMELIA HENRY, City Librarian.

Will Get the Ladies Vote

Atty. I. N. Miller of Marshfield, candidate for prosecuting attorney, called on the Western World force today, having come over to take in the meeting. Mr. Miller was one of the first candidates in the field to declare himself and he has since been steadily gaining in popularity. He has a very good standing among his fellow lawyers, is a splendid speaker, and has an appearance that is very much to his credit. In fact he is so good looking that he ought to get every suffragist's vote in the county.

Local News

C. C. Howell was a business visitor at Arago Monday.

Misses Alice and Gladys Gallier are visiting relatives at Coquille this week.

BORN—Wednesday, December 29 to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bowers, a ten pound girl.

Jack Tupper was down from Coquille Christmas day to take dinner with friends.

Chas. Lorenz went to Coquille the first of the week for a visit at the home of his parents.

Wendy Medlock of Coquille has been visiting with friends in Bandon during the holidays.

Mrs. Edwin Ellingson of Coquille is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Manton E. Treadgold.

Lloyd Jergensen has gone to Powers, where he has accepted a position in the company store.

Harry Pierce has gone to San Francisco, where he expects to get a job with a wholesale firm.

Mrs. Ralph Rackleff and daughter of Myrtle Point spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Bandon.

Friendly Medlock of Roseburg has been spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Bandon and Coquille.

Jerry Huntley was here the first of the week enroute to his home at Gold Beach from a visit with his son at North Bend.

James Cowan, Sr., of Marshfield a timber cruiser for the Estabrook company was in the city Monday enroute to the south.

Miss Dorothy Gibson, cashier at the Bandon Hardware company, who was on the sick list several days the past week, is again at her place in the office.

Thos. W. Jones, recently from Chicago, has taken up 160 acres on Floras creek, about seven miles from Langlois and expects to improve the same.

Miss Stella Shields left this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields, for their Myrtle Creek ranch, where she will remain for some time.

Some twenty baskets, proportioned to accommodate large and small families, were sent out by the committee in charge of the Christmas activities for the needy.

Harold Stutsman, who is employed in the mining operations at Cut creek near Bullards, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stutsman, at Marshfield.

R. M. Wilder returned to his home at Ten Mile Monday, after accompanying his wife here on a visit at the F. S. Tuttle home. Mrs. Wilder will remain some time.

Miss Hazel Manwarning, of Curry county, left Tuesday for Corvallis to take a course in cheesemaking at the O. A. C. Miss Manwarning is already an experienced cheesemaker.

Frank Herman, who has been finishing the painting on the Buckingham-Biggs building, spent Christmas at his home at Marshfield. He returned to continue work Monday.

Mrs. H. L. Hopkins of Bend, Ore., arrived in Bandon last week to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McNair. Prof. Hopkins is attending the state teachers' meeting at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stemmler and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Giles and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roberts, of Myrtle Point were Bandon visitors yesterday and today, the gentlemen attending the session of the Coos County Bar association.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Johnson and daughter, Miss Ha, went to Myrtle Point the first of the week for a few days' visit with relatives. It is said duck hunting up in the Myrtle Point section is excellent and it is more than probable Mr. Johnson will succumb to the lure of the shot gun.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. King of Corvallis, Oregon, arrived a few days ago via Drain for a short visit with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ostrander of this city. Mrs. King (nee Lucile Marson) will be remembered as one of the students of the local high school of which she is a graduate. Both Mr. King and his wife are students at the O. A. C., taking the engineering course.

Commercial Superintendent J. A. Montgomery of the Coos and Curry Telephone company came over to Bandon Tuesday on business for his company, returning on the Wednesday morning boat. Mr. Montgomery states the heavy rains and winds of the past week or so have caused considerable trouble to the company's lines and the result has been that it is hard to keep up the usual efficient service. They have extra line-men in the field and as soon as a break occurs, an attempt is started to repair the damage.

United States Soon To Get Dyestuffs

Negotiations Now Under Way May Bring About Shipments.

Plenty of dyestuffs for immediate needs may soon be had if negotiations now under way prevail.

Great Britain has announced its willingness to permit exportation from Germany of sufficient dyestuffs to supply the immediate needs of American industries. Negotiations with Germany based upon this assurance have been begun informally by the state department, with a view of persuading the Imperial government to permit the exportation of dyestuffs without receiving concessions, which it heretofore has demanded, of foodstuffs or cotton from the United States. Great Britain has consistently refused to allow Germany to import these commodities. Recently, however, it asserted to shipment of tobacco.

Lack of Dyes Affect Locally

Lack of dyestuffs have a local effect greater than many Bandon people are aware. In the colored paper line it is becoming very hard to secure colored stocks of certain grades and even in the colors obtainable the printer finds they won't stand very much sun light, or lack brilliancy, while the prices have advanced from 25 to 150 per cent on certain classes of stock. Local clothing merchants state certain grades and classes of clothing are now proving unsatisfactory coloring or else hard to obtain. The Bandon Steam Laundry is perhaps the hardest hit, though, Manager Derringer stating it has been almost impossible for him to secure sufficient commercial bluing to keep the plant's output of laundered white goods up to the usual standard of whiteness. The bluing is what makes laundered clothes have that fresh clear-white appearance. When it is not used in sufficient quantities the product has a yellow tinge, especially noticeable on the seams. Mr. Derringer recently ordered a supply of blue and received only a pound or two, accompanied by a letter from the company to the effect their supply was just about out and that they had no idea when they would be able to obtain a new one.

COOS BAY BAR IS NOW IN GOOD SHAPE

Engineer C. R. Wright Completes Survey and Finds Shallowest Depth is 27 Feet.

Engineer C. R. Wright has just completed a survey of the Coos Bay bar and made his report to the board of army engineers, says the North Bend Harbor. He finds a spot 200 by 300 feet square which is 27 feet at mean low water, and which is the shallowest spot to be found on the bar. This is off 500 feet from where the black buoy marks the end of the sunken jetty.

Much Deep Water

Soundings taken across the bar from the government range buoy west of Coos Head to the outer end of the bar range from 27 to 47 feet. This is the best condition which has prevailed at this season of the winter for years and is an excellent showing for the bar dredge Michie.

No Vessel Has Trouble

No vessel entering Coos Bay is delayed a moment on account of the bar for at no time is the water too shallow to be crossed in perfect safety. In fact the bar is deep enough to permit the passage of vessels of much larger capacity than those employed in the trade now.

LOST—Jade and Sapphire brooch. Finder leave with Lentner Gallier at Bank of Bandon.