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RAILROAD COMPANY ADVERTISES COUNTY

FIFTY THOUSAND BOOKLETS DESCRIBING OF THIS SECTION TO BE SENT EAST.

General Passenger Agent Scott and Other Prominent Officials Visit Bandon Today—Getting Acquainted With New Territory—Are Much Interested in the Beach.

Fifty thousand colored booklets, handsomely printed, beautifully illustrated, will soon be sent throughout the eastern states advertising Coos county and its tributary communities according to John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific railroad, who with J. A. Ormandy, chief clerk of the general passenger department, and W. F. Miller, superintendent of the road between Marshfield and Powers, were in Bandon today.

The booklets will contain 32 pages, dealing with the various resources and possibilities, particularly the beaches and summer resort attractions. The entire expense to be borne by the Southern Pacific railroad company. The edition will be out in a short time and distributed in time to reach the easterners before they start on the summer trips.

Getting Acquainted

The visit of the officials to this section at the present time, according to Mr. Scott, is to get better acquainted with the territory that will soon be served by the new Willamette Pacific. They left Portland Sunday and had visited Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Powers before coming here. The trip between Portland and Powers was made by rail except for a distance of five miles.

Through Service by April

Through service between Powers and Eugene will be established about the middle of April, according to Mr. Scott, the road being then connected except for the bridge across the Umpqua, where a ferry will be used. The latter bridge will be completed by September. However, as soon as the remaining five miles of rails are laid it will be possible to go from Bandon to Portland in one day.

Non-Committal on Extension.

On being asked whether there was any late information concerning the proposed extension of the road from Marshfield to Eureka, Cal., Mr. Scott, was rather non-committal, merely stating that the company will probably wait until they see what returns they receive from the present road before considering any further development.

The officials appeared to be much interested in Bandon and community, inquiring into the conditions of the various industries. They were especially desirous of securing information regarding the local summer tourist attractions, the proposed new hotel project, etc.

They report that business has been improving rapidly in all parts of the state and are of the opinion that Oregon will be more prosperous than ever during the present year.

Would Standardize Coos County Cheese

O. A. C. Man Coming to Take Up Important Matter With Producers—Larger Returns.

The placing of Coos county cheese on a standard basis has been done in certain other counties of the state (Tillamook, for example) is the object of a visit to this county in a short while of Dr. Hector McPherson, field agent of the bureau of markets at the Oregon Agricultural college. He was expected this week.

Tillamook cheese is known throughout the northwest because of the standardizing of the name. Dr. McPherson acts on the belief there is no reason in the world why Coos and Curry counties cannot do the same thing. It means a higher price for the product. Carl Haberlock of Tillamook has offered to come here and work to get the system started. Mr. Haberlock is selling agent for more than 20 cheese factories in Tillamook county.

CONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED ON JETTY

THIRTY MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED ON LOCAL PROJECT FOR THREE MONTHS.

Work in Charge of Roy Rozelle Under Supervision of Junior Engineer Polhemus of Portland—Recent Flood Was Great Factor in Scouring Channel of River.

Preliminary work in preparation for the construction of the south-side inner jetty started Saturday morning, following the arrival of Junior Engineer J. H. Polhemus in Bandon Friday from Portland.

R. A. Rozelle is in charge of the work under Mr. Polhemus, with D. A. Patterson as assistant. Daniel Miller continues in the office force and the crew employed consists of men employed last summer. The work opened with twenty men, and the number will be increased to thirty as soon as actual operations are under way.

The inner jetty is to be about 600 feet in length. It will have a base of 32 feet and will extend about 8 feet above low water. The piling required for preliminary falseworks total 80, making forty bents in all. The contract for furnishing the piling has been let to Frank Cox, who will have them on hand ready for the McLeod Bros. to start driving the piling Monday. The cost of the work has not been fully determined as yet but Engineer Polhemus estimates the construction work to last three months and will cost approximately \$10,000. The funds were furnished by the Port of Bandon, but the work is being done entirely under government supervision and with the use of the government's paraphernalia.

Survey of the River

Speaking of the local operations, Engineer Polhemus states that as soon as the jetty work is completed the government will make a survey of the entire local project. They will also make the boring survey of the bar. This information will give complete knowledge of local harbor and river conditions and will be of considerable use in determining the necessity for, and magnitude of further improvements.

Inner Harbor Deep

W. A. Hoover, employed on the government works, with the crew in charge of preparing the dock equipment for operations, reports the water off the Breuer dock to be over 20 feet at low tide. The government laid a water pipe across the river last summer in order to supply fresh water for the north side engines. During the high water of the past month this pipe was broken into five pieces by the force of the flood. The crew spent a portion of Monday grappling for the pipe and incidentally gained some information concerning the depth of the water and the condition of the river bed. Last summer the bottom appeared to consist of mud into which the pipe sank; but the crew found Monday that the mud was entirely washed out down to bed rock. The bed appears to be small boulders with an occasional snag.

Republicans Lead Local Registration

More Than Half Identify Themselves With G. O. P.—Oldest Man to Register is 90.

The total registration for the precincts of which C. B. Zeek is registrar, up to February 22, was 561, divided among the various political parties as follows:

Republicans	360
Democrats	140
Socialists	21
Independents	24
Prohibitionists	5
Progressive Republicans	1

Mrs. C. B. Zeek was the first to register here; the oldest man registering to date was Yelverton Newton Lowe, aged 90 years, the father of C. Y. Lowe; the oldest woman, Mary E. Shumaker, 87 years; the youngest woman, Mrs. Lentner Gallier, who

HIS ATTITUDE ON DE-FENSE.



—Evans in Baltimore American.

Roadmaster Takes The Traffic Census

Blanks Sent to All Taxpayers in View of Determining Relative Importance of Each Road.

R. B. Murdock, Coos county's new roadmaster, has this week sent out traffic census blanks to all the taxpayers of the county. The blanks should be filled out as completely as possible and mailed back to Mr. Murdock in the enclosed stamped envelope. A letter to the press explains the undertaking.

"The object of the traffic census is, briefly, to obtain information upon which to base an improvement program. It is not expected that we will even get close to the correct tonnage hauled on any one particular piece of road, but it is expected that we will be able to tell the relative importance of each road; and more than this is unnecessary. The traffic census has proven of value for this purpose in other localities.

"It is well known that, even under the most favorable conditions, the maximum fund available would not be sufficient to improve all the roads in Coos county satisfactorily in one year's time. It seems, then, that the only practical and business like way is to lay out a program for improvements covering a period of years and, in so doing, it seems only just that attention should be given first to those roads which are the most used by the greatest number of taxpayers. This does not mean that the maintenance of the lesser roads should be neglected but that permanent improvements should be carried on in their proper order, eliminating duplications and disconnected and aimless projects. It is hoped and believed that such a course will meet the approval of all.

"The census is intended to include every resident taxpayer in the county. If any have been omitted, they may obtain blanks from the roadmaster."

signed up on her 21st birthday; the youngest man, R. H. Osborne, also 21. About 50 naturalized citizens have to date applied for registration, but fully half of them could not produce their papers, therefore were ineligible.

Would Have County Levy School Taxes

Assessor Favors a County School Board to Look After Finances; District Directors Also.

T. J. Thrift, county assessor of Coos county, and Wm. Tolman, county assessor of Curry county, arrived in Marshfield Monday enroute to their homes from Salem where they attended the convention of Oregon assessors. Twenty-seven counties were represented.

Mr. Thrift said that the assessors went on record in favor of having the school taxes levied by the county instead of by small districts. The plan as outlined is to have a county board to look after the financial end of it and merely district directors to look after the other details of each district. The idea was to reduce expenses, the assessors feeling that in some cases rural districts voted a heavy school tax because non-resident tax payers had to bear the brunt of it. Mr. Thrift said that he believed that Coos county had the highest tax levy of any county in the state. He suggested that it might be well for the county to drop the road taxes for one year and levy a tax that would pay all the outstanding warrants, thereby cutting off the interest expense. This he felt sure would be for the best in the end.

Veteran News Writer Here

Addison T. Bennett, pioneer news writer for the Oregonian, arrived today and is gathering data for a booster article about Bandon and community to appear in an early issue of that publication. He has been visiting other parts of the county and will go as far south as Port Orford.

Bandon Loses Big Game

In the most closely contested basket ball game of the season the Bandon high school team lost its chance for the county championship at Dreamland Saturday night, having been defeated by Marshfield by a score of 22 to 21. The contest was full of spectacular plays and the result was uncertain until almost the last minute of play, when the referee called a foul on one of the Bandon players.

COQUILLE TAILOR IS UNDER ARREST

CASHES DRAFT AT BANK OF BANDON WHICH PROVES TO BE NO GOOD.

I. Rosenberg Being Held at Crescent City Awaiting Arrival of Deputy Sheriff Laird With Requisition Papers—Bank Takes Usual Precautions.

Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird is enroute to Salem to secure the signature of Gov. Withycombe to requisition papers for I. Rosenberg, formerly a tailor at Coquille who is charged with defrauding the Bank of Bandon out of \$475. He is at present being held at Crescent City, Cal., where he was apprehended on word from Sheriff Johnson. It will be necessary for Mr. Laird to also go to Sacramento, Cal., to secure the signature of the governor of that state before going after his prisoner.

Rosenberg, who had sold his business at Coquille, came to Bandon the forepart of the present month. He called at the Bank of Bandon and requested Cashier F. J. Fahy to cash a draft for \$475 drawn on the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. Not being a regular customer of the bank and a comparative stranger, Mr. Fahy stated that he could not honor the draft without taking the usual precautions, whereupon Rosenberg offered to telegraph to the eastern bank to secure their O. K. The Cincinnati bank replied with a telegram to the bank of Bandon that they would honor such a draft, but to be positive of identification. Mr. Fahy called Rosenberg's attention to the warning, and the latter explained that he having resided in Coquille and not in Bandon it was probably for that reason that the reference was made. He then brought in several local business men to identify him, and the money was paid over. As further guarantee of the validity of the draft, Rosenberg had submitted a pass book of the Cincinnati bank, showing a balance several times the amount of the draft.

Rosenberg apparently was in no hurry and acted perfectly calm during the transaction, arousing no suspicion whatever. He deposited a portion of the money in the local bank and several days later drew the last check against it. When the draft reached the east it was turned down and came back marked "Incorrect signature." In the meantime Rosenberg had left the community and Sheriff Johnson and the various detective agencies through which the bank is protected were notified. He was located at Crescent City.

It is believed that the transaction was a clever swindle in which the local man was assisted by an eastern accomplice. However it is also possible that the draft was turned down through a mistake of the eastern bank. Rosenberg has offered to come back and straighten the matter out, but the officials decided to take no chances and are securing requisition papers.

Pleased Large Audience

The Juvenile Musical Trio, under the direction of Prof. Richards, appeared at the Grand Tuesday night in their first public concert, given in connection with an unusually good program of pictures. The little fellows proved themselves very good entertainers and pleased a large audience.

No Powdered Booze

Attorney General Brown has ruled that thirsty Oregon residents hereafter cannot quench their alcoholic cravings through the use of a so-called magic powder named "Zanol." The attorney general holds that the compound violates the Oregon prohibition law. It is advertised as "the most delicious, mellowest liquor you ever tasted."

The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college publicly announced that a new forestry building would be added to the already splendid group of structures this year. It is estimated to cost \$50,000 and will be a marked addition to the college as well as Corvallis when completed.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER VISITS THE COUNTY

STATE OFFICIAL MAKING RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY IN VIEW OF STATE AID.

Material Assistance to Be Received Providing County Will Take the Initiative—County Court Will Be Asked to Call Bond Election for Day of Primaries.

Through the instrumentality of Chas. Hall, president of the Coos and Curry Telephone company, and one of the leading good roads advocates of the state, Coos county is at present undergoing a reconnaissance survey in view of securing state aid through the State Highway commission. E. I. Cantine, chief deputy of the Highway division of the state engineer's office, arrived at Marshfield Tuesday and is at the present time going over the main roads of the county in view of getting a general idea of conditions and needs.

The State Highway commission has been working under the policy of "we help those who help themselves", and therefore has aided with state money several counties who within the past few years have raised money for the purpose of permanent highway construction. Coos county having repeatedly talked bonds for hardsurface roads, has been recognized by the commission and will receive material assistance from that body in the event that it shows its good faith by voting the recently proposed bond issue of \$370,000, or something similar.

An election was to have been held about a year ago, according to the part year bond issue revival, but was postponed from time to time until at the present many are under the impression that the project has been abandoned altogether. Such is not the case, however, for, according to Mr. Hall, the county court will be asked to call an election to vote on the bonds on the day of the primaries which will be held in May. If the bonds carry it is said that many good things in the road building line are in store for this county.

Mr. Cantine is also interested in the proposed coast highway, which has been explained in this paper a number of times, and while here will examine the route from Coos Bay to Bandon and on south through Curry county. It is planned to make the coast highway a part of the great military preparedness plan, and in view of the unusual interest in that direction there seems to be a good chance for it to materialize.

City Will Prosecute Ordinance Violators

City Attorney and Marshal Find People Are Slow About Removing Obstructions.

Obstructions in the streets of the city must be removed or those responsible may have to face the municipal judge one of these fine mornings and tell the reason why.

At the last council meeting the matter was brought to the attention of that body through petitions from citizens, and the council passed a resolution directing the city attorney and city marshal to give all offenders due notice and then if they failed to do anything, to enforce the ordinance governing placing obstructions in the streets or on the sidewalks. Several have taken the hint and have complied with the law, but there are a number who have paid but little attention to the edict. Hence the following:

Notice to Citizens of Bandon

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That by order of the Common Council requiring me to enforce the ordinances against obstructing streets, all persons maintaining street signs, wagons, merchandise, wood, or other obstructions in any of the streets of the City of Bandon, after March 1, 1916, will be prosecuted for such offense.

(Signed:) G. T. TREADGOLD, City Attorney.