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RAILROAD TO CARRY MAIL IN NEAR FUTURE

CHIEF OF PORTLAND DIVISION IN COUNTY TO ARRANGE FOR CHANGE IN ROUTE.

Star Routes to Be Abandoned and Bandon Will Receive Portland Mail Evening of Day Sent—Parcel Post to Arrive Every Day Instead of Once in Twelve Days.

Unless the big trainmen's strike, which is now pending, interferes, the mails into Coos and Curry counties from the outside will come over the Willamette Pacific by the last of May. Such is the statement of Albert S. Rand, chief of the railway mail service for the Portland division, who was in the county looking over the mail situation this week. His early visit is the result of the activity of the commercial bodies of this county in asking that the mails be carried by train as soon as a regular schedule is adopted.

Will Necessitate Mail Clerks

Establishment of a route from Eugene to Coos county will necessarily include the appointment of railway mail clerks along the way, and the Southern Pacific has arranged for combination baggage and mail cars on the run between Marshfield and Reedsport and between the Umpqua river and Eugene. The equipment now at Cushing has such coaches. The change will have the effect of giving a number of towns that have been enjoying twice a week mail service mail twice daily. Towns of this class include Lakeside and Ada, a place ten miles north of the Umpqua river.

The routing of the mails over the Southern Pacific will cause the abandonment of a number of star routes. The first to go will be that now contracted with J. Laird and Reedsport parties between Roseburg and Myrtle Point, serving all of Coos county, Camas valley and way points. Another will be the route between Scottsburg and Gardiner which is established on the boats. The third will be a curtailing of the route now serving the section along the coast north of North Bend.

Better Service for Curry

The new arrangement will mean a much faster mail service for Curry county points as the mail for that section will doubtless be carried to Coquille along with the Bandon mail and brought to this city for distribution via the present star route. This will mean Curry county mail will be only a few hours later in distribution than the Coos county mail.

Parcel Post Daily

One great advantage of the change will be the regular receipt of parcel post mail which since the government contracted to send it through Portland and from there to Coos Bay via steamships, has been only a limited service. There have been periods of fully 12 days when the parcel post did not arrive in Bandon. The best that has been given at any time has been a five day intermittent service.

Local People Benefitted

Bandon will be greatly benefitted by the change in service. Instead of receiving Portland mail on the third day, if the contemplated schedule is accepted, it will arrive here on the evening of the same day it leaves that city.

Schedule of Train Service

Superintendent W. F. Miller of the S. P. offices at Marshfield announces that there will be two trains daily over the new railroad, the service to commence not later than April 7. From the schedule it is deduced the in-coming train will leave Eugene at 7:20 a. m., arriving in Coquille at 4:30 p. m. The out-going train will leave Coquille on its way from Powers at 8:16, arriving in Eugene at 5:10 p. m., from whence connections may be made with the Portland train. Captain Walter Panter states that the Myrtle Point Transportation company is making arrangements to adjust their schedule so that people from this section may catch the train at Coquille for Portland and outside points, and will also meet the in-coming train, thereby giving rapid service down the river. The service between Eugene and Powers calls for two distinct schedules; one for the

Has Narrow Escape From Death in River

Mrs. S. A. Carmichael Falls Into Water While Leaving Charm at Coquille Friday.

Mrs. S. A. Carmichael narrowly escaped drowning at Coquille Friday afternoon, while attempting to go ashore from the Charm unassisted. She was carrying a traveling bag in one hand, umbrella and bag in the other, and was just about to step onto the dock when she lost consciousness and went overboard. It is believed that she was affected by the gasoline fumes from the boat. A gentleman standing on the dock saw her fall and called to Captain Panter and others, who quickly came to the rescue. Through their kindness she was taken to the Hotel Baxter where she was given a change of clothing and the captain kindly held her boat overtime so that she could return to Bandon.

Mr. Carmichael came over from Marshfield Saturday, returning with his wife Monday morning.

ORPHEUM OPENS SATURDAY

G. J. Lemanski Starts Out With Vaudeville and Pictures.

The Orpheum Theatre will be reopened Saturday night of this week under the management of G. J. Lemanski, who for the past seven years has been in the picture business at Coos Bay. Mr. Lemanski comes well recommended. His opening program will consist of pictures and vaudeville Saturday and Sunday nights for which an admission of 5 and 15 cents will be charged. For the regular picture shows the charge will be 5 and 10 cents.

New Steamer Coming

The Fyfe-Wilson Lumber Co., has chartered the steamer Cleone, now operating between Eureka and San Francisco, to ply between Bandon and the south, taking the place of the schooner Oakland. The first trip will be made here in about a week.

Sheriff Johnson Runs Again

Sheriff Alf. Johnson announces that he will again run for the Republican nomination to that office at the coming primaries. Mr. Johnson is completing a successful term of office, during which time he has made many friends. He has surrounded himself with a competent force of assistants whose prestige will also lend much support to his candidacy.

Suing for Divorce

Chas. H. McCue of Bandon is suing his wife, Mrs. Eva M. McCue for a divorce, claiming that she deserted him in June, 1914, and has since refused to reside with him. Deputy Sheriff Laird served the papers on Mrs. McCue at Marshfield this week. The father asks custody of the two children.

Fifield Not in Danger

Contrary to opinions expressed by many that the prospects for the saving of the Fifield are vague, M. W. Payne, in charge of the workmen, stated today that the ship is now out of danger from the breakers, and that the work is progressing preparatory to making the necessary repairs before launching her in the water. Several methods of getting her back to the water are under contemplation but it has not yet been decided which one will be employed.

Sold Three Cars

Local Agent Al. Garfield this week sold three new automobiles—two Fords and an Overland. Ray Watkins bought a Ford, evidently for the purpose of demonstrating the value of Zerolene, as Mr. Watkins is the Standard Oil company's manager here. Geo. Mathers who operates a jitney to the Ferry is to have a new Ford for his service and Sam Harper manager of the Prosper store, has placed his order for a roadster of the new Model 75 Overland.

section of road between Eugene and Reedsport on the Umpqua river; and the other between Powers and Reedsport. This is necessitated on account of the fact the Umpqua bridge is not as yet completed. As soon as it is finished the service will be made "through." The present plan is to transfer at the Umpqua on barges.

Resurrecting Ships From the Boneyard

Old Schooner John G. North and the Steamer Coquille River Must Again Go Into Service.

Marshfield, March 25—Now comes the word that the old schooner John G. North, built in Marshfield in 1881, 35 years ago, has been sold and still must do her duty riding the briny deep with a cargo during these days of wild charter rates. For years the old vessel has been lying on the Oakland mud flats, slowly burying herself in the black ooze, and her coming out now will be like the calling to the colors of the fourth line of European reserves.

The boat was resurrected from the "boneyard" by her owner, William Peters, and sold to John E. Heston, of Los Angeles, terms private. The North is of 336 gross tons, has a length of 143.5 feet and carries a crew of eight sailors.

And there was quite a bit of joking along the Portland waterfront when the old steam schooner Coquille River, built at Prosper on the Coquille river in 1896, came chugging into port in response to the call to duty. She is of 415 gross tons, has a length of 146 feet and carries a crew of 20 men. She is one of the last of the old coal-burners on the coast and it is said that her coal bill eats up every cent of profit that her owners, Parr-McCormick, could expect to make under normal conditions from her carrying of 400,000 feet of lumber. She is to be made into an oil burner. For the past five years the Coquille River has been lying in the Oakland creek "boneyard." Her run previous to that time was between San Francisco and Fort Bragg, California. Some 12 years ago she was sent on a trip to Portland, was disabled with engine troubles off Tillamook, and drifted north into the breakers at Clatsop spit, but was picked up just in time by a Columbia river tug boat.

Mill Starts Monday Morning

The old familiar whistle of the Moore mill is to be heard again Monday morning, according to Superintendent Geo. Locke, who states that everything will be ready to begin work at that time. Between 75 and 80 men will go to work.

Brought Here For Operation

Dr. K. A. Leep of Myrtle Point, was in Bandon this week with his daughter, Mrs. Allison Roberts, also of that place, for the purpose of performing an operation for appendicitis on the latter at the Emergency hospital. Mrs. Roberts is convalescent. The Myrtle Point physician is the father of Dr. R. V. Leep of this city.

Another Building Contemplated

Coos Bay parties, who contemplate establishing in business here, are in the city today conferring with local property owners on First street in view of having the latter construct a large business building for them. Definite information is as yet withheld from publication.

Petitions for Road Bonds

The County Court, it has been generally understood, contemplated calling a road bonding election of its own motion for primary election day, May 19th. It has been decided, however to wait for petitions containing three or four hundred signatures for the proposed bond election. When such petitions have been presented to the court, it will have the option to issue a call at any time not earlier than forty days and not later than twenty days prior to the election.

Opening of Bids Delayed

The County Court last week refused to open bids for a long improvement near Coledo, said to amount to about \$40,000. The Court found that the specifications had not been properly drawn and that there was a general misunderstanding between the contractors. New specifications will be drawn up and bids opened, April 8th.

Archie Kruse has shipped to San Francisco the box factory machinery which he bought in Bandon and shipped to North Bend. The machinery has been shipped to the Ely Machinery company, which firm it is said, will sell it for Mr. Kruse.

Ginseng Culture is Proving Successful

Two Year Old Plants Show Excellent Growth—More Local People Putting Out Plants.

The ginseng industry, started here two years ago by R. H. Phelps, is apparently proving successful. While it takes five years for the roots to mature and become marketable, the growth of the plants during the past two years has been highly satisfactory. From all indications the experiments being made will prove profitable as well as to show conclusively that this section is particularly adapted to the growth of this rare and valuable herb.

About two dozen local people have put out small patches of ginseng during the past two years and more are engaging in the industry this spring. Mr. Phelps has 2000 two year old plants at his place south of town, which he reports are making excellent growth. C. E. Klepper put out some plants last year. These probably have made the best growth of any in the community. In a few days he expects to sow 25,000 more seeds. Kennedy Baker is one of the new venturers this spring. He has had 500 plants and 110,000 seeds put out in the garden of his home in East Bandon.

The industry is being watched very closely and if another year proves as successful as in the past, it is probable that it will be made a business on a larger scale.

RECALL BEFORE JUDGE COKE

Two Mile School Board Files Demurrer to Action Taken in Court.

The recall movement against the Two Mile school board is now in Circuit Court. The board has engaged the services of Attorney G. T. Treadgold, who has filed a demurrer against the action taken by the petitioners, and Judge Coke has called for briefs on the issue. Judge Coke's decision will probably include an opinion as to whether the recall law is applicable to school officials.

"Hold-up" Accepted as Joke

"Bill" Kennedy, who resides with his mother at the Vale building on Second street, was arrested Monday on complaint of H. O. Nettleton, being charged with attempted hold-up. According to Mr. Nettleton he was decoyed to the rear of the building by a woman who called to him for help stating that there was a dead man in the house. Upon arriving he said he was accosted by Kennedy who pointed a gun at him and demanded that he throw up his hands. Mr. Nettleton refused to comply with the demand, whereupon he said the lad lost his nerve and "beat it." In Justice court Tuesday morning the boy and his friends explained the matter as a joke. It was accepted as such and Kennedy was discharged.

MAY SETTLE TAX MATTER

County Court Makes Counter Offer on Kinney Estate.

A counter compromise offered by the county court bids fair to settle the Major Kinney tax muddle in the payment of some \$40,000 of back taxes into the Coos county treasury. Under the new offer F. B. Waite would pay all back taxes, some of them due since 1907, the costs and 7 1-2 per cent interest on taxes due prior to 1908 and 6 per cent on the remainder.

Sustains Broken Collar Bone

W. C. Irvine met with a bad accident at Prosper Friday morning while working with the longshoremen crew that was loading the Elizabeth. He was dodging a sling load of lumber it appears, and in some manner a cable caught his right arm near the elbow. When the cable tightened up with a jerk, the force of the blow wrenched his collar bone in two. He was brought to Bandon where the bone was set by Dr. Gale.

Times Says It's Bedillion

The Coos Bay Times says: According to an apparently well verified report reaching here, R. E. L. Bedillion will be appointed postmaster at Bandon within a few days. There has been a lively contest for the position.

Another Firm Would Build Three Vessels

Owners of Local Plant Communicated With San Francisco Parties—Depends on Lumber.

J. L. Kronenberg arrived on the Bandon from Sausalito to confer with his agent, John Nielson, in regard to the local ship building plant. The matter of closing a deal still depends on the ability to get ship timber at the Moore mill. Mr. Moore is expected here in a few days when definite information will be received.

Mr. Nielson states that a San Francisco concern is also negotiating for the local yard. This company contemplates building three vessels, and is asking for further information regarding the availability of ship carpenters in this section.

CHILD'S HANDS BADLY BURNED

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hornung Falls Against Stove.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hornung was painfully burned about the hands Friday evening, when she fell against the kitchen stove. She is just beginning to walk and while her mother was in the pantry she wandered close to the stove. She apparently became overbalanced and grasped the hot stove with both hands to keep from falling. Her cries brought Mrs. Hornung to the rescue. Dr. Leep was called, the wounds dressed, and at present the little one is recovering rapidly, but it is not yet known whether the burn on the right hand, which was quite severe, will cause it to be mutilated.

Morgan Child Gets Burns

The nine months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan was badly burned on the right hand and arm Friday evening, as the result of falling against a hot stove. Dr. Mann was called to dress the wounds, which are healing rapidly.

Supt. Turnbull Re-elected

At a recent meeting of the school board, Supt. L. W. Turnbull was re-elected on a two years' contract. Mr. Turnbull has given excellent satisfaction during the present year. He has a high standing among the educators of southwestern Oregon and has been the recipient of a number of flattering offers from other places.

Wesley Pheninger, the young lad

whom J. Ira Sidwell took charge of and tried to tame by giving a nice home and opportunity to go to school, is again in the industrial school. Probation Officer Hark Dunham having taken him to Salem last week. The lad didn't appreciate what Mr. Sidwell was doing for him; in fact he has proven a hopeless case. He first went home, where a sister tried to look after him, then he went to live with other parties, but continued to get into trouble and finally had to be taken away again.

There will be no services at the

Church of the Brethren next Sunday, but the following Sunday Elder Barklow of Myrtle Point will be present.

T. P. Hanly, owner of one of the

finest dairy ranches on the lower Coquille, paid Marshfield a business visit last week. He says the freshets of the past winter didn't cause much damage to the ranches in his vicinity; in fact, he says that the principal damage done to the river banks is caused by the wash from steamers, and that it is probable the Port Commission will act in the matter of limiting the speed of river boats. The washing away of the banks is not only an irreparable loss to the farmers, but is also responsible for the formation of numerous shoals in the river, which will have to be dredged at public expense.—Coos Bay News.

Speaker Coming Saturday

Miss Brown will arrive Saturday and will speak at the K. of P. hall Saturday afternoon (2:30) and evening. She will speak at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and afternoon and in the evening at the K. of P. hall. Race betterment, child welfare and kindred subject will be the topics of her various addresses.

SCHOONER OAKLAND ON NEHALEM BEACH

VESSEL WHICH LEFT BANDON ON FIRST VOYAGE SOUTH WASHED ASHORE.

Sprung Leak After Being Out Twelve Hours—Deck Load Was Thrown Overboard and She Was Taken in Tow Following Day—Believed to Be Sinking; was Abandoned.

No word concerning the wrecked schooner Oakland, which left this port a week ago Saturday night, has been received at the local office of the Estabrook company, but a dispatch from Bay City, Ore., states that she went on the beach at the mouth of the Nehalem river and is high and dry. The jib sail was set, but other sails were gone, the deckload was gone and the cabin was broken up. Otherwise the vessel was in good shape. Since then the high tides have swung her around, grounding her stern and it is reported the heavy swells are breaking her to pieces. Beachcombers have been busy several days taking the railroad ties from her hold and piling them up on shore. George Williams of Bay City was sent to the scene to take charge of the wreck.

From Tillamook comes the report that the Oakland was in sight of the beaches all day Wednesday of last week, but there was no tug at that point, otherwise she could have been salvaged.

A report from Everett, Wash., under date of Thursday, March 23, explains the wreck as follows:

"The steam schooner Saginaw arrived here late last night with Capt. G. S. Dent and the crew of the three-masted schooner Oakland on board.

"Leaving the Coquille river at midnight last Saturday, the Oakland sprung a leak when 12 hours out, en route to San Diego. The deckload of ties was thrown overboard in an attempt to keep the vessel afloat, and at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon the steam schooner Saginaw, coming up the coast from San Francisco, took her in tow. During the night the Oakland's crew signalled that their vessel was sinking, when Capt. Charles Lundquist, of the Saginaw, ordered the hawser cut. A heavy sea was running and the vessel drifted until morning before an attempt could be made to launch a boat to rescue the crew. The men from the Oakland were more than half an hour reaching the Saginaw in the mountainous seas.

"The Oakland was left 29 miles out from shore in the path of coast-wise steamers, off the Tillamook coast. The members of the crew are W. Olsen, first mate; M. Thompson, E. Anderson, M. Anderson, Paul Krefit, Frank Wholers, seamen; and B. A. Basso, cook."

A most successful Library tea was given by Mrs. S. C. Endicott, assisted by Mrs. W. S. Wells and Mrs. C. McC. Johnson, at the former's home Tuesday afternoon. A large number of ladies attended, some donating cake which was served with tea. Victrola music entertained the visitors. The periodical fund of the Library realized \$10.50 from the event.

Wheeler Sells Studio

A deal was closed this week whereby E. Good of Portland becomes owner of the L. I. Wheeler picture studio. Mr. Good will take over the establishment April 1st. Mr. Wheeler will remain in Bandon until the roads permit of auto tours, when the family are planning on a trip in their car to the east. They will visit relatives in Minneapolis, later going to Washington, D. C., and spending the winter in Florida.

William Lundquist, who left Bandon last fall for Nevada, returned on the Speedwell from San Francisco via Coos Bay. Leaving Bandon, Mr. Lundquist first visited relatives at Carleton, Oregon; then went to Nevada, where he is interested in mining property; and visited Southern California on the swing back to Bandon. He found much activity in mining enterprises in Nevada, but on the whole, believes Bandon is as active as any of the western communities in which he sojourned.