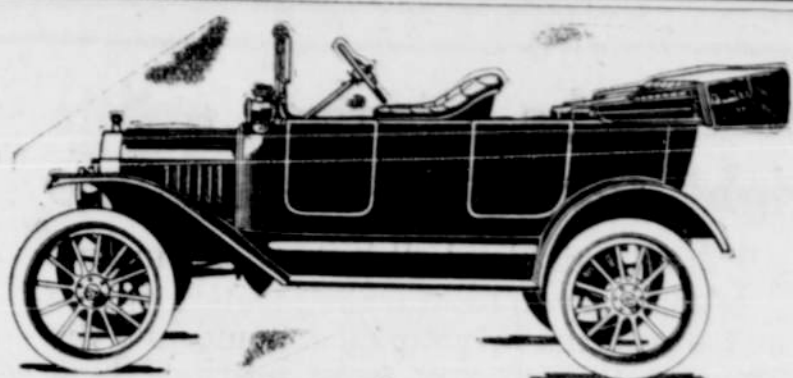




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PIONEER PUBLISHER OF A LOCAL PAPER DIES AT MONMOUTH

D. B. STITT ANSWERS LAST CALL AFTER SPENDING 35 YEARS IN NEWSPAPER WORK.

Came to Flors Creek Country in Curry in 1877. Later Moving to Bandon Where He Published Recorder for Eighteen Years—Father of Lawrence Stitt of Bandon.

The Monmouth (Ore.) Herald, now published by R. B. Swenson, formerly of this city, contains a lengthy article relative to the death of D. E. Stitt, formerly publisher of the Herald, and pioneer resident of Bandon and community. His death occurred of paralysis, Friday, July 7, after an illness of more than a year.

The Herald says: David Ehrhart Stitt was one of the pioneer newspaper men of Oregon. He had been in the harness in this state for something like thirty-five years. For something like 18 years he published the Bandon Recorder.

Mr. Stitt was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and moved with his parents to Indiana when a boy. There he grew up and made the acquaintance of Catherine Richardson, whom he married at Edinborough, Bartholomew county, September 27, 1871.

Shortly after the young couple set out for the golden west, living first in northern California, but coming to Oregon in November, 1877. They landed at Crescent City, California, from a sailing boat with the usual experiences and traveled north into Curry county, where Mr. Stitt purchased a ranch on Flors creek. He was one of the first men in that section to plant new and untried vegetables and garden stuff. A few varieties were grown there but all of a kind that tradition said would stand the climate. Mr. Stitt sent for various seeds and succeeded with them in the fertile bottom land and specialized in melons that were famed for miles around.

He soon sold out however, and moved to Bandon which had received its name from an Irishman, commonly known as "Lord" Bennett, who brought a party from Bandon in Ireland. Bennett's town was a short distance down the coast but later the name was used to apply to a town which grew up at the mouth of the Coquille river. A newspaper had been started at Denmark, a hamlet which is still a cross roads settlement in Curry county. J. M. Upton, who as register of the U. S. land office at Roseburg died last spring, bought the Denmark paper and moved it to Bandon.

Mr. Stitt had undertaken the literary business but soon bought out Upton and embarked on the sea of journalism.

His was the experience of the pioneer journalist. He had a Washington hand press and a limited supply of type. All freight and most passengers came in by water and in the days before the mouth of the river was improved, making the entrance to the harbor was dangerous business and only attempted by the smaller boats. A great deal of the traffic was by sailing ships and these were often wrecked in the effort to get from the ocean to the river.

At the time work was started on the railroad from Drain to Coos Bay, Mr. Stitt had a chance to sell and took advantage of the opportunity.

Mr. Stitt moved his family to Springfield and lived there a short time, buying the Herald and moving to Monmouth just before the election that put the normal school on a sound foundation.

Mr. Stitt was a militant Christian, a member of the Reorganized church of the Latter Day Saints. He was sincere and unaffected, a man of rigid honesty and one who often sacrificed business profits to do what he believed to be right. He held the office of City Recorder of Monmouth for several years and he rendered faithful and efficient service.

He is survived by a widow and five children, Lyle Stitt who is keeper of the government lighthouse at Point Arena, Cal., Mrs. Frank Lenhart of Springfield, Mrs. Blanche Scheible of Monmouth, Lawrence Stitt of Bandon and Mrs. J. B. So-wash of Portland. An older daughter died in childhood.

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TREMENDOUS WASTE OF FEEDING STUFFS

U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues Interesting Data Showing Where Farmers Err.

The animal husbandry division in cooperation with the bureau of crop estimates of the department of agriculture, has made a study of feeding stuffs in which it is shown that a tremendous waste of feeding stuffs occurs annually on American farms. The total loss to farmers from the waste of corn fodder and straw alone amounts to about \$102,860,000 each year.

In 1914 about 120,000,000 tons of straw was produced in the United States, of which 55 per cent was fed to livestock, while 15 per cent was burned, 8 per cent sold and 22 per cent plowed under or otherwise disposed of. Greater publicity concerning the value of straw, its use as a filler in commercial feeds, etc., should serve to eliminate a portion of this waste.

Corn stover produced in the United States is estimated at 245,253,000 tons, of which \$1.5 per cent was fed to cattle and other livestock. No data were obtained as to the percentage of this amount that is wasted in feeding, although at least 35 per cent of this total amount represents an actual waste. This waste can be checked through the use of better methods of feeding fodder and stover and it can be almost entirely stopped through the use of silos.

To feed large quantities of straw and stover now wasted would necessitate the feeding of large quantities of concentrated feeds which are now disposed of in a less economical manner. For instance, more than \$10,000 tons of cottonseed meal was used in six southern states in 1914 for fertilizer. If this had been fed to livestock and the manure used for fertilizer the value of the meal would have been increased from 50 to 85 per cent. This is true of all the oil meals used for both fertilizer and feeding purposes. A nation-wide campaign to teach the value and use of food-unit values for all the more common feeding stuffs would be a great step toward a more perfect agricultural system.

Called as Witness

M. R. Lee of Myrtle Point left Saturday for San Francisco in compliance with a subpoena to appear before the Federal grand jury, ostensibly as a witness in Federal investigation concerning operations of S. A. D. Puter and the latter's son in this section. The younger Puter is said to have spent some time several years ago in locating people on O. & C. land grant claims in the Rock creek country.

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HAPPENINGS OF CURRY COUNTY

(From Gold Beach Reporter)

The Roamer is reported on the ways at Coos Bay, having new semi-Diesel engines put in her. She will have two engines hereafter, instead of one, and will burn oil instead of gasoline.

J. R. Peters, who has been mining the black sand deposits at Cut creek on the beach above the Coquille, came down on Friday's stage, and has been at home in his cottage here during the past week.

District Attorney Johnson on Monday began investigation into the wholesale importations of liquor that have arrived in and passed through recently, and subpoenaed a number of witnesses to get their testimony. The investigation has only just started, and more from it will be heard later.

Word comes from Port Orford that a man by the name of Sickle imported an aeromotor for his boat, to test its practicability in place of a propeller, and that in conjunction with E. Lindberg the machine was tested on a boat on the lake. It worked all right in still water and away from the wind, sending the boat along at a good clip, but was not powerful enough to buck against the wind. The machine was sent back and a larger one with more power ordered. When it arrives Mr. Sickle intends to move down on the briny deep and into Rogue river, where he expects to engage in fishing.

So many fishermen have been of late engaged in drift netting out in the vicinity of the bar that Fish War-

den Jewell last week notified the fishermen that he had decided that it was illegal, as fishing was prohibited outside the mouth of Rogue river and defined the mouth as ending at a line drawn from the ocean shore of the north spit to the shore of the south spit. He notified the fishermen that he would make arrests of those found using their nets outside the line announced. Since then there has not been any fishing outside the jaws, though several fishermen have been caught by the strong ebb tide current and carried out before they could get their net in, and some have been swamped and nearly overturned before they could get picked up.

The Gold Beach Globe has been sold by Editor S. E. Marsters to the owners and publishers of the Gold Beach Reporter. The field is barely sufficient to support one paper, and the consolidation is in line with similar deals being made throughout this section where towns are overstocked with newspapers.

Promoter Lee in Trouble

Walter Slack a San Francisco attorney, is here getting depositions concerning a promoter named Lee who was interested with J. H. Somers in promoting a railroad from Bandon in which Col. Rosa, W. P. Murphy, Gallier Bros. and others were interested. Lee is in trouble over some potash deal in California. Slack is a former Stanford man and a college friend of Tom Barnett and J. E. Montgomery.—Coos Bay Times.

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