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## BIG QUESTION UP TO COUNTY COURT

### PETITION OF SMITH-POWERS CO. TO USE PART OF COUNTY ROAD CAUSES SCRAP.

Coquille Sentinel and Marshfield Record Are Opposed to the Proposition. While Coquille Herald and Coos Bay Times Are Favorable—Different Views Are Presented.

Unusual interest is manifested throughout the county over the petition of the Smith-Powers Company to the County Court asking permission to use a ten-foot strip of the county road between Coquille and Marshfield, for a distance of nine miles, for the construction of a logging road in order to give the company direct rail connection between Myrtle Point and the Smith mill at Marshfield. The petition is to be heard by the Court Saturday, December 30th, and judging from preliminary skirmishes waged by the press of Coquille and Marshfield, they will probably have a difficult problem to solve.

For the first time in many months the Marshfield Record and the Coquille Sentinel are lined up on the same side of a public question—they are decidedly against the proposition. On the other hand the Coos Bay Times, although not committed editorially, appears to be more favorable to the Smith-Powers people through its news columns. The Coquille Herald comes out squarely in favor of granting the petition, its only reservation being that the Court decide the amount of compensation the company should give.

The Herald says: "As compensation for this franchise, the Smith-Powers Co. offers to deliver gravel anywhere along that line for 50 cents per cubic yard, and it is estimated that this would make a saving for the county of about \$45,000 in hard surfacing the road. Further, the Smith-Powers Co. offered to deliver gravel for any other use of the county anywhere along the line, at haulage charge one-half that of the Southern Pacific, no matter what that may be. As the S. P. charge is now \$2.00 per yard, a saving of \$1.00 a yard is offered. A rough estimate of the amount required on the improvement of the road this side of the summit is 40,000 yards so a saving to the county of \$40,000 more is offered. This means \$85,000 for a right-of-way for nine miles. In other words, Coos county is offered \$85,000 for something which she has no use for and which she can dispose of without even inconvenience to herself." It adds further: "Whether \$85,000 is adequate compensation to the county for what is asked is a question for the county court to decide. We will not argue that, for nor against. Supposing that the Smith-Powers people are willing to pay the value of what they ask for, it strikes us that the money, whatever the amount, would be a pick-up which would go a long way toward building some more good roads."

The Sentinel says: "While this saving would amount to a good deal in the road building program in which the county court is engaged, what does it mean to the Smith-Powers Logging Co. to acquire right of way on an almost perfect grade? It means a good many times the few thousand dollars they are offering to save the county and the least they should have offered was to furnish all the necessary gravel absolutely free of cost. Even at that they would be out practically nothing for a franchise worth untold thousands."

"From many points of view the proposal of the Smith-Powers Logging company to buy an interest in the improved highway the county has been constructing between Coaledo and Marshfield appears to us to be so objectionable as to be unworthy of consideration. No matter how large the inducements offered the county cannot afford to entertain it for a moment."

"If it were a case of permission being asked to build a logging road along the line of the most obscure and least travelled highway in the county we should think it very poor policy to consent. But when the proposition is to secure a lease of a portion of highway that has already cost the county more than a hundred

## GARDNER SAWMILL BURNED TO GROUND

### \$100,000 Fire Started From Hot Box—No Insurance Carried—Big Blow to Town.

Gardiner, Ore., Dec. 19—The Gardner Mill Company's sawmill here was completely destroyed by fire which started about 7:30 last night, presumably from a hot boxing on one of the shaftings. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 and no insurance was carried on it.

The tug Gleaner which was lying alongside the wharf and the steamer San Gabriel, which had just entered port, were used in fighting the flames, but could accomplish but little. However, lumber on the dock and wharves was saved, amounting to about 500,000 feet.

O. R. Hinsdale, general manager of the mill, said today that here was nothing definite to give out just at present concerning rebuilding.

"I am a little afraid that we will not rebuild now," he said. "The lumber business has been so uncertain and unsatisfactory for some time that here is little encouragement for capital to be invested in it."

The blow was a hard one to Gardner and community, the mill being the chief source of community income. It was burned once before in 1888, being immediately rebuilt.

## MAIL SERVICE IMPROVED

### New Schedule as Requested by Petition Takes Effect Today.

Government postal officials have responded to the petition forwarded by J. H. McDermid to have better service established between here and Coquille, and a new schedule took effect today as follows:

Mail leaves Coquille daily for Bandon at 6:30 a. m., and daily except Sundays at 4:00 p. m.

Arrives at Bandon by 9:30 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.

Leaves Bandon daily at 2:30 p. m. Arrives at Coquille at 6:30 p. m.

This schedule is said to be the best that can be expected at this season of the year. It is far better than that of the past month and will be considered generally satisfactory.

## DEBATE DATES SET FOR OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS

### Health Insurance Law is This Season's Topic—Teams to be in Action Next Month.

University of Oregon, Dec. 18—In a few days debaters from 67 Oregon high schools will be hard at it. Many teams have been working for weeks on this year's subject, which is:

"Resolved that Oregon should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of the Standard Bill of the American Association for Labor Legislation."

The league officers intend that the debates within the districts shall be ended in time to permit final dual debate among winners on February 2. Elimination of schools is very rapid under the district plan of organization.

The top two teams will debate for the University of Oregon cup, which carries the league championship, at Villard hall next May. Crook county high school, of Prineville, holds the cup at present. The schedule in the Coos Bay District, F. A. Tiedgen, Marshfield, director, is as follows:

January 26—Triangular arrangement (negative travels): Coquille vs. Bandon; Marshfield vs. Coquille; Myrtle Point vs. North Bend; North Bend vs. Marshfield; Bandon vs. Myrtle Point.

Decision on points. If the results, it will be settled by debates later between schools tied.

"thousand dollars to construct and which will cost probably three times that amount by the time it is hard surfaced, and to alienate forever from one-third to one-half the line which has been built at such vast expense, and at the same time to ruin for all time to come the scenic attractions of the highway, we want to protest as earnestly as possible against the project."

The Record, as usual, sees behind the petition an attempt on the part of the County Court to slip something over, or do something or other that isn't quite right, because the Court called for a hearing before Archie Philip, the new commissioner, took oath of office.



## Eight Sailors on Str. Acme Jumped Jobs

### Vessel Not Ready to Sail so Captain Miller Says that He Isn't Worrying.

The eight sailors on the steamer Acme, which has been harbored for several days here, simultaneously quit their jobs yesterday. The reason for quitting has not been given out, except in a jocular way that the boys had "too much money."

According to waterfront reports the Acme has been waiting to sail, but couldn't get out on account of the rough bar. The tides becoming larger each day, Capt. Fred Miller decided he would take on some 20,000 more feet of lumber at the Moore mill while he was waiting for favorable conditions. Four sailors were ordered on the wharf to help load and four to remain on ship to stow the lumber. The sailors refused to work on the wharf, so longshoremen were put to work there, and half the sailors were ordered to stow and the other half to scrape the vessel's side. This was also refused.

Captain Miller then ordered all to stay on top and stow lumber, whereupon the men called for their pay and quit.

When asked what he would do for a crew, Capt. Miller told a representative of the World today that he wasn't ready to sail yet so he wasn't worrying about a crew. He emphasized his attitude in the matter by telling a little story which had for its moral the motto, "don't build bridges until you get to them."

## SPEEDWELL SOLD AGAIN

### Ship Will Be Taken to Atlantic Coast—Brought \$150,000.

Another vessel well known on the Pacific coast will soon bid goodbye to this port and sail out of the Golden Gate for the waters of the Atlantic, says a San Francisco dispatch of Monday morning's issue.

The sale of the steamer Speedwell formerly of San Francisco-Bandon-Coos Bay, Oregon, run, to the Friedberg Lumber company was announced by the Parr-McCormack Steamship company. The new owners are said to have paid \$150,000 for the Speedwell. Parr-McCormack recently bought the vessel from the A. F. Estabrook company.

The Friedberg Lumber company also recently purchased the Willapa from Sudden & Christensen, owners of the Prosper mill. This ship foundered in the Gulf of Mexico recently and the Speedwell was doubtless purchased to take its place.

S. S. Speedwell was built at North Bend, Oregon, by Kruse & Banks shipyard, in 1912. She has a register of 1000 tons and is 192 feet in length.

## ERNEST WATKINS IS U. OF O. HONOR STUDENT

Ernest Watkins may well be proud of his ability, for it is noted that the Bandon man is one of the 12 honor students of this year at the University of Oregon.

The Eugene Register says: There are 12 honor students and two others who will try for honors in their commerce theses the second semester. Eight of the students are women and six are men. Mr. Watkins majored in English literature.

## Moose Lodge Formed

A Moose lodge with 75 members was instituted Sunday afternoon at Powers, the new logging center of Coos county. The membership is made up of business men, store clerks and logging men. The lodge is the first secret order to be established at Powers.

## Riverside Drive May Be Name for Street

### Bulkhead Costs Less Than at First Estimated—Other Routine Business Transacted.

"Riverside Drive" is the euphonious name proposed for the old Bullards ferry road, the residents of which have petitioned the city council to have it named and accepted as a city street. The petition was discussed at the council meeting last night and will undoubtedly be granted. The name proposed was the inspiration of the various councilmanic minds, spoken almost in unison, when Mayor Topping said "What shall we call it." And it was even suggested that the mayor thought thusly also.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Topping, Recorder Mast, Councilmen Stephenson, Perry, McNair, Rasmussen, Chatburn; Marshal Holman and Bailiff Morgan. Engineer Sawyer having accepted a position with the state highway department, is no longer drawing a salary from the city, but his services have been spoken for should the city need them for short periods of time. In consideration of which the city will allow Mr. Sawyer the privilege of using the city engineer's office as his headquarters while employed on the Bandon-Curry division of the Coast Highway work.

The report of Guy Dippel, employed by the city at the request of Engineer Sawyer to audit his report on the water system installations, and give him an O. K. on same was read and accepted. Mr. Dippel found Mr. Sawyer's report correct.

L. L. Gardner has applied for position of city attorney. His application was filed for reference.

Figures turned in by Marshal F. A. Holman relative to the new bulkhead along Edison avenue, show the structure cost less than estimated, running under \$150.

Atty Claude H. Giles was present and took up with the council a discussion of the case of Giles vs. the City of Bandon, relative to street improvement assessments. The council discussed the matter with Mr. Giles in executive session.

A super-warm comfortable room, chairs, plenty of light and all kinds of air, hot and otherwise, to contribute to the comfort of the physical being. Tobacco smoke, argument, excitement, comedy, tragedy, pathos, bathos, oratory and soothing syrup to provide nourishment for the brain. What more could any one want? Yet the city council which meets twice a month and sometimes oftener last evening had an audience of but three. Still everybody wonders why nobody wants to serve on the city board!

## COURT ALLOWS PENSIONS

### Three Bandon People Benefitted by Recent Action.

At the session of the County Court last week an allowance of \$6 a month was made to O. Smith of Bandon. The widow's pension to Mrs. Bina S. Huntley of Powers was transferred to Matt L. Clark, as the court thought he would expend it wisely for her. An allowance of \$10 a month was made to Mrs. E. Thielman of Bandon, for the support of herself and family. Mrs. Lura Barkdoll was allowed \$15 a month for self and family, her husband being sick and unable to work.

On Saturday, December 30, the Court expects to let a contract for a pile bridge at Hoffman slough, above Myrtle Point, and another contract for the opening of the Bandon-Curry county line road for a seven-mile stretch.

## PATRON-TEACHERS' MEETING IS HELD

### "What Is the Duty of a Father" Brings Forth a Variety of Opinions.

The Bandon Patron-Teachers' Association held its first meeting of the present school year last Friday evening in the High school building. The president, Mrs. Smith, called the meeting to order, stating that unavoidable conflicts of dates with other public meetings had caused the postponement of the meeting until the present time. The election of officers for the present year was held, the following being selected: President, Mrs. John Dickey; Vice President, Mrs. H. F. Morrison; Secretary, J. O. Erwin.

As Dr. Mann was unable to be present to give his paper, the chairman suggested the topic: "The duty of the father"; and asked a number to talk. The discussion became an impromptu debate, the various speakers showing a decided difference of opinion.

The following pleasing musical numbers completed the program: Cornet solo, by Mr. Alford. Song, by the Chatburn Quartet. Violin solo, by Mrs. Adams.

## TO SELL INDIAN LAND

### U. S. Cruisers Complete Work and File Report at Roseburg Office.

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 20—R. C. Garvey and N. O. Nickolson, who are connected with the United States Indian service, have returned here from Brookings, Port Orford, Bandon and other Coos and Curry county points where they spent the past few days cruising all the lands of these localities for which petitions of sale have been approved by the secretary of the interior. Data concerning the cruise has been filed with the local Indian agent and the lands will now be listed and offered for sale.

Under the rules of the government, an Indian wishing to dispose of his land must first file a petition with the secretary of the interior. This petition is given consideration by that official, and if approved the cruisers in the Federal service are instructed to inspect the lands which it is proposed to sell. The returns of the cruisers is then filed with the Indian agent having jurisdiction over the lands, and they are later listed and offered for sale.

The next sale to be held under the jurisdiction of the local Indian agent will probably occur early in the year.

## DIVORCE SUITS IN COOS COUNTY STILL INCREASE

### Thirty Cases Already on the Docket and Five New Ones Are Filed—Other Cases Filed.

Coquille, Dec. 15—Although there are thirty divorce cases on the docket to be tried at this term of court there are still more divorce suits being started. Five new cases have been filed during the past week. They are:

Emily Wells vs. Clem B. Wells. Frances E. Jackson vs. Alan G. Jackson. Violet Mecum vs. Albert Mecum. Wm. Helm vs. Susan Helm. Edgar T. Coffelt vs. Anna B. Coffelt.

Other new suits started are as follows:

E. D. Sperry vs. S. Javits, transcript on appeal from Justice Court. Katie Weberskirck vs. E. G. Perham, action at law. I. M. Weekly, et al. vs. C. E. Waters, action at law.

First National Bank of Coquille vs. Kruse Shingle Co. action at law to recover money on note.

Coquille Land Co. vs. Lena Brayton and Albert Brayton, suit in equity.

Union Oil Co. of California vs. Jas. Isom Clinton, suit to recover money.

Coos County Business Men's association vs. F. J. Van Leuven, action at law to recover money.

Coos County Business Men's association vs. D. D. Campbell, action to recover money.

Recent marriage licenses issued by the county clerk are: Frederick Finch and Florence Lynn, both of Bandon.

Lester C. Green and Imro L. Lyons, both of Myrtle Point.

## HUNDRED THOUSAND CAPITAL PROPOSED

### LOCAL COMMITTEE ON BUILDING NEW VESSEL DRAWS UP NECESSARY PAPERS.

Form of Petition for Stock Soliciting Submitted to Portland Men and Reply Expected Daily—Would Place Par Value of Stock at \$10—Reports Favorable.

The local committee in charge of soliciting stock for the proposed new Portland-Coquille River boat, that is hoped to be built here in the near future, is now awaiting reply from Portland before proceeding with their work.

At a meeting of the committee the latter part of last week preliminary papers were drafted and these in the form of proposals were sent to Portland for approval of the men who are to put up the bulk of the money. A reply is expected at any time.

The form of the petition suggested to be used in soliciting stock subscriptions, and submitted to Portland and interests by the local committee is as follows:

"We the undersigned, hereby subscribe the sum set opposite our respective names to the capital stock of a corporation to be organized under the laws of Oregon, for the purpose of building an ocean going vessel and for the purpose of operating such vessel and for such other purposes as may be germane or incident thereto, the capital stock of said corporation to be not less than \$100,000.00 the par value of shares of such corporation to be \$10.00 each, this subscription is signed and made on the condition that the hull and so much of other work of building as may hereafter be considered practicable shall be built and done at Bandon, Oregon, and with the understanding that the amount herein subscribed shall not be called in greater sums than 25 per cent at any one time."

Reports from the Coquille and Myrtle Point section are very favorable towards the proposition and it is thought the merchants of those towns as well as residents along the river will become interested.

## PRaise U. of O. Glee Club

The East Oregonian, Pendleton, has the following to say regarding the University of Oregon Glee Club which will appear under the auspices of the local High school at the Grand theatre in Bandon Friday evening, December 29th:

"Two hours of song were enjoyed last evening by two hundred people who gathered at the Oregon theatre for the annual concert of the University of Oregon Glee Club. From the curtain raiser 'Oh, Oregon,' to the final number, 'As I Sit and Dream at Evening,' both classics of the institution that inspired them, the program was a meritorious one, ranging as it did from ragtime 'rah rah' stuff to ambitious classical selections."

"The club this year (written December 29, 1915) number some unusually good talent and in another year should have one of the best clubs of its history. If any criticism can be made of the program of last evening it arises from the shortage of numbers full of the 'pep and ginger' which somehow or other the average public expects from a bunch of collegians. The glee men last evening had several opportunities to inject this punch in the program and their failure to respond when further encores were demanded was a distinct disappointment to many."

The Baker Democrat says: "Snappy songs full of harmony, haunting college melodies that carried one back in fond fancy to 'those days of yore,' soloists with real voices and stunts worthy of a place in regular vaudeville made up an excellent program that was presented by the Oregon Glee club to a large audience last night. No feature could be picked out and labeled 'best' for they were all uniformly good. The club singing was full of melody and harmony. The soloists sang with expression and finish and had really good voices. The quartet work was blending of four excellent voices in perfect harmony while the skits were exceptionally laugh provoking and original."