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## PORT IS PREPARED FOR YEAR'S WORK

**O. A. TROWBRIDGE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF A. McNAIR.**

**New Members Sworn in and Officers Chosen—Attorney Topping Appointed to Conduct Case on Appeal to Supreme Court—Treasurer T. P. Hanly Make Annual Report.**

At the regular meeting of the Port of Bandon Commissioners held at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon, O. A. Trowbridge was elected to fill the unexpired term of A. McNair, who resigned on account of ill health. He was sworn in together with R. H. Rosa, W. H. Lyons and J. E. Norton, recently elected. Mr. Hanly was a holdover member as was also Mr. McNair. Officers were then elected as follows: R. H. Rosa, president; J. E. Norton, vice president; O. A. Trowbridge, secretary and T. P. Hanly, treasurer.

The decision of Judge Hamilton in favor of the Port in the case of Dennis McCarthy, Southern Oregon Co., Merchant Land Co., and Stinson Lumber Co., was read; also a letter from J. D. Goss, the latter's attorney, giving notice of appeal to the Supreme court and suggesting that the Port appoint an attorney to handle the case. He stated that upon previous agreement one case would be appealed and the result would be binding on all. Atty. G. P. Topping was named by the Port to conduct its side of the appeal and a committee was named to arrange terms, etc.

**Treasurer's Report**  
Treasurer T. P. Hanly submitted a report for the year ended December 31, 1916, as follows:  
**Receipts:**  
Cash on hand \$6,935.15  
From Co. Treasurer 15,150.00  
From loans:  
Bank of Bandon 6,500.00  
First National 2,000.00  
From tub boat bonds, net, 25,878.38  
From other bonds 25,604.60  
From tow boat account 650.00  
Total receipts, etc. \$82,718.43  
**Expenditures:**  
Payment outstanding notes issued in 1915 \$28,813.21  
Payment outstanding notes issued in 1916 8,500.00  
Int. paid on bonds and notes 3,891.13  
Paid, improvement harbor 9,600.00  
Paid, damage Ashton boom 250.00  
Paid, Clinton Landing 152.43  
Tug account:  
Purchase price and expenses 26,113.29  
Advanced for operating 2,500.00  
Expense and salaries, port attorney, surveyor, secretary, commissioners 2,664.36  
Sundry expenses: Clerk's certificates, printing, advertising, incidentals, etc. 327.30  
Cash on hand 506.71  
Totals \$82,718.43

## TO ORGANIZE A CLUB

**Local Young Men Working Out Plans for Community Benefit.**  
About twenty young men gathered at the Moose hall Monday evening to talk over the organization of a club, the object of which is to promote good fellowship and to work in conjunction with the various civic bodies towards the betterment of industrial and social conditions in the community.

"The New Era Club" was adopted as a title and committees were named to prepare by-laws and work out details of membership. Quite a large membership is anticipated, and, judging from the amount of enthusiasm displayed the undertaking should prove successful. Another meeting will be held Monday evening of next week, at which it is planned to complete the work of organization.

**To Have Charge of Mill**  
C. McC. Johnson, who last week moved to Coquille, stated that the mill built by the Coquille Lumber Co. years ago and which only ran six months, will be reopened within the next month and he will have charge. It will be conducted in connection with the Johnson mill at Coquille, cutting mainly spruce. The product will be shipped by rail. The mill is located a short distance down the river from the county seat town. It has a capacity of about 40,000 feet a day and will employ between 20 and 30 men.

**Divorce Granted**  
The suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Flora Johnson against Alfred Johnson Jr., former sheriff, was granted by Judge Coke Monday.

## Delay May Result in Better Understanding

**Two or Three Months May Elapse Before Actual Construction Work Can Start on Road.**

Commissioner G. J. Armstrong returned from the county seat Saturday evening, after attending County Court session. He will return Monday when an adjourned meeting will be held.

In regard to the Bandon-Curry road bids he stated he was sorry to see further delay, in letting contracts; that the right of way matter could have been settled legally without trouble as he had already interviewed practically all the landowners concerned and received their consent to deed the land. The delay, he said in getting the deeds was in securing the proper descriptions of the land. It will now mean two to three months before practical work will begin, as in all probability new bids will be called for.

However, Mr. Armstrong declares that the delay may result in a better understanding between the people of this section and the state engineering department as to the manner in which the \$64,000 allotted here is to be spent. He is with the local people in favor of wooden bridges and the elimination of some costly fills in order to have enough money left for graveling; but this matter, he says, is now up to the state engineer.

The people voted to have the bond money spent under the state engineer's supervision, and the responsibility has now been turned over to that department by the County Court.

Before the Court adopted the budget, taken up last week, it made a total reduction of \$54,650, thus reducing the levy considerably. The reduction was more than was expected by the delegation from Marshfield asking the cut, for their recommendations amounted to only \$37,000.

## ROAMER GETS INTO PORT

**Schooner Beached at Gold Beach Releases Herself From Sand.**

The gasoline schooner Roamer, which went ashore at the mouth of the Rogue river last Thursday, passed into Rogue river under her own power late Saturday night and is loading for her return trip to Coos Bay.

At a late hour Saturday night the lines which were holding the schooner in place parted. Those on board started her engines; the high tide had freed the vessel. She whipped around, entered the channel and is now loading for her sea trip. Less than 100 sacks of grain, a small part of her cargo was lost and all damage is only that which the water has done. The Roamer will tow the Rustler when she returns since the engines of the latter are disabled.

## PROMINENT MEN ARRIVE

**Easterners Here Investigating Mining Prospects.**

A party of prominent easterners arrived in Bandon the latter part of last week and are now guests at the Bandon Hotel. They are D. M. Otis Springfield, Ill.; T. K. Otis, New York City; D. L. Bugg, Taylorville, Ill.; and Dr. D. F. Morten, Taylorville, Ill. They came here to join Geo. W. Ballou of New York City in investigating certain mining prospects and methods of extraction held by E. M. Harris, a chemist who has been experimenting in the Whiskey Run section for several years.

## NEW BUICK ARRIVES

**H. E. Hornung of Sanito Grocery Gets First 1917 Model.**

Agent George Laird yesterday drove down from Coquille in the first 1917 Model, four passenger Buick coming to this section, and today delivered it to H. E. Hornung, proprietor of the Sanito Grocery. The car was shipped to Coquille by rail. It is one of the classiest little cars on the market at anywhere near the price and will no doubt prove a source of interest to the many prospective auto buyers for the coming season. The Buick with its valve-in-head motors has established an enviable reputation for power and durability. With the new small model at moderate price it ought to find ready sale.

## Goes on Sad Mission

O. W. Gibson has gone to Port Angeles, Wash., to take charge of the remains of his son, Clyde, who was killed in a railroad accident near that place.

## BIG BASKET BALL GAME FRIDAY NIGHT

**BANDON BESTS MYRTLE POINT IN FAST GAME AT THAT CITY LAST WEEK.**

**Local "Tigers" Are Coming to the Front Rapidly and Indications Point to Championship—Aggies Go Down in Disastrous Defeat—Line Up for Friday's Game.**

The Bandon High school basketball team opened up the regular county interscholastic season last Friday evening by scoring a victory over the Myrtle Point team on the latter's floor.

As indicated by the score of 23 to 21, the game was hard fought and exciting from start to finish. Bandon came off the floor at the close of the first half with the score 12 to 8 against her, but the boys lived up to their nickname of "Tigers" and through hard, fast fighting overcame the lead of the up-valley boys. Twice during the last few minutes of play the score was tied. The big delegation of Myrtle Point supporters raised such a pandemonium that it was almost impossible to hear the referee's whistle. In the pinches Bandon tightened up and the defense was airtight. Myrtle Point's baskets in this half were scored in long, spectacular shots. "Bud" Johnson was Myrtle Point star man who brought the fans to their feet several times during the evening. With this score tied at 21 each and just three minutes to go, Leonard Hadsell converted two out of three foul tries, and Bandon put Myrtle Point's scalp in her pocket. For the locals, Errol McNair was the high-point man, by scoring five baskets from the field. The floor work of Webb and the defense playing of Bullard and Bell were the bright spots in the game.

Bandon's teamwork which was somewhat ragged during the Oerding and University of Oregon games, has been perfected gradually until the boys now have a smooth running machine which promises good, fast exhibitions during the season just started.

The victory Friday night was the second win of the season for the locals. Three nights before, a score of heavyweights from the Oregon Agricultural College was taken into camp by a score of 41 to 26. Hadsell was high point man of the evening. Besides contributing some field goals, he converted 15 out of 16 attempts from the foul line. The fight and speed of the "Tigers" secured an early lead for Bandon which the visitors were unable to overtake. Pike for O. A. C. was the best shot and made several hard shots after dribbling down the hall.

**Coquille Here Tomorrow**  
Tomorrow night, Friday, January 12th, the Coquille High school will make its annual excursion Bandonward to play basket ball. The boys from the county seat are reputed to have a fast organization which is credited with some victories over Norway in pre-season practice matches. They have chartered a steamer and expect to bring about two hundred rooters with them. Among the rooting section of the Coquille supporters will be a brass band which is to give several selections before the game and during the intermission between halves.

The local "Tigers" expect a hard fight and have been putting in a lot of overtime practice sessions in preparation. The new line-up for Bandon will put Webb at center and John Moore at forward. The latter is a new man to the local fans and has been showing up well during practice. In McNair and Bullard, Bandon has a scrappy pair of guards who will try to hold down Coquille's scoring.

The line-up for the big game will be:  
Bandon: Hadsell, Moore, Webb, McNair, Bullard  
Coquille: John Oerding, Davis, Crouch, Stanley, Bither, Chas. Oerding, Lorenz

## Dick Hancock Takes Bride

George R. Hancock of Bandon and Mrs. Jettie Newam of Coquille were married Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Tilton, Rev. Tilton performing the ceremony. "Dick" is a well known industrious young man of this community, at present engaged in rafting logs for the Moore Mill & Lumber Co. His bride is an estimable young lady of the county seat town. They will reside on Bandon Heights.

## Buys Dew Valley Farm

J. J. Morris, breeder of registered Berkshires, this week purchased the 80 acre farm of Geo. A. Henry of Dew Valley. The land adjoins Mr. Morris' forty and he intends to go more extensively into dairying and raising prize winning pigs. The place is well improved. The consideration was \$4,650.00.

## Communicates With Ross

Postmaster R. E. L. Bedillion, who is an old-time friend of Capt. Ross of San Francisco, has wired the latter concerning the advantages offered by the local ship yard, and anticipates Captain Ross may come to Bandon in a few days to investigate. Mr. Bedillion recently received a letter from Capt. Ross stating that he had been offered contracts for several vessels together with necessary financial backing. Mr. Ross constructed a number of vessels on this river a few years ago, and his ships have won a reputation for themselves among ship owners, as being the best hulls turned out.

## WISHING WONT BUILD ANY GOOD ROADS

**IT TAKES BRAINS AND DETERMINATION ON PART OF COUNTY OFFICIALS.**

**Farmers at Oregon Agricultural College Conference Were Given Interesting Talk of the Value of Good Roads and the Temporary Sacrifices Necessary to Get Them.**

"Do you realize what a tremendous loss of money there is annually in this state on account of roads being located by guess work, of intrusting the execution of our road programs to men ignorant of the importance of grade and alignment, oblivious to the absolute necessity for adequate and proper drainage and unqualified in every way to supervise the labor of other men," said Rufus Holman to the Good Roads Conference at Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Saturday.

"A road is a structure and should be designed by a skilled highway engineer just as an edifice of equal cost planned in all its details, in advance of its construction, by an architect employed for the purpose. The best use to which we can put the public funds is, in my opinion, to exchange them for good roads—roads which can be travelled with heavy loads safely and surely every day in the year and all hours of the night.

"Incompetent men or timid men can not build such roads; nor can men seeking public favor, with one ear to the ground ready to change their course with the first rumble of opposition. None of the things of this world which have survived for generations have been built by cowards. A road properly located should remain without relocating for centuries although the wearing surface will need replacing from time to time. The great loss is not in maintaining the surface of our roads so much as it is in the expense incident to relocating a road from one faulty location to another. The most economical plan in road work, as in all other work, is to build the best you can in the first place, always of course realizing the traffic needs, using the road and the demands which it makes upon the road. I venture to say that we of Oregon have spent upon our roads from the beginning of the work to date a sufficient amount of money and labor which if it had all been spent efficiently, we would have today a system of roads from one end of the state to the other and from the centers of population and market towns to the remote rural sections which would excel the roads of any other state in the Union as they exist today. How much longer are we to continue frittering away our road funds in make shift foolishness?"

"In this state for generations we have been assailed by demagogues who have harped upon low taxes and high taxes. The amount of taxes is not so much the point as what is purchased for public good with the taxes. They never go into that phase of the subject.

"Gentlemen, I am for good roads, but you can't get them by wishing for them only."

## CLYDE GIBSON IS KILLED

**Son of Local Contractor Victim of Train Wreck in North.**

O. W. Gibson, member of the firm of Brown & Gibson, received a telegram Monday bearing the sad news of the death of his son, Clyde, a railroad conductor, near Port Angeles, Wash. No particulars were given but the following Associated Press dispatch explains the accident:  
Port Angeles, Wash., Jan. 8.—Conductor Clyde Gibson and two laborers were killed, and engineer, fireman and twenty laborers were injured when a work train on the Seattle, Port Angeles and Western railroad rolled 100 feet down an embankment. There were fifty men on the train. A relief train with three doctors, sent from here this morning, returned with the injured this afternoon. The injured were taken to a hospital. Of the injured several were seriously hurt.

The Elizabeth arrived in port from San Francisco this afternoon.

## Free Flower and Vegetable Seeds

**Local Post Office Made Distributing Point for Seeds Sent Out by Senator Chamberlain.**

Postmaster Bedillion is finding out that running a post office under active Democratic administration deals out new surprises every day. He isn't kidding about the latest one, however. In fact come to think about it, don't believe he has heard about kicking about any of them yet, for he is a loyal son of the Jeffersonian following.

But away with the introductory. What we were going to say when other thoughts intruded, was that the local post office is now a bonanza for the back-yard gardener. Through the foresight and kindness of Senator Chamberlain the Department of Agriculture has recognized the pressing need of local people and has generously stepped forward with "all the latest and necessary varieties of flower and garden seeds."

Mr. Bedillion states these seeds are supposed to be of the highest quality obtainable and that the government is distributing them free of charge. If you are a gardener, amateur or otherwise, and wish to obtain a quantity of these seeds just make your wants known to the local post office force and as long as the seeds last, they will do the rest.

## BANDON ON HER WAY BACK

**Local Steamer Coming on First Voyage Since Recent Accident**

The Steamer Bandon, which has been out of commission since the wreck at Port Orford last summer, has left San Francisco and is due here sometime tomorrow, according to local shipping talk. She has been completely overhauled and rebuilt and is now said to be as good as ever. She will take the place of the Speedwell, carrying lumber direct from the Moore Mill to San Francisco.

## Speedwell to New Orleans

The Speedwell was due to leave San Francisco today for New Orleans. She takes lumber from a Washington port to the Panama canal for the government and from there takes a cargo of mahogany to New Orleans. With the exception of Chief Engineer McDonald the Speedwell will have an entire new crew.

## WIDOWS' PENSION PROBE

**Phillips Thinks Women Are Getting Money Which They Are Not Entitled to Receive.**

Marshfield, Jan. 10.—The probe is to be applied to the county Widow's and Indigent funds with the object of ascertaining whether the taxpayers' money is being properly expended.

Archie Philip on whose initiative the investigation is to be carried out, states that no revision of the list of recipients under the Widow's and Indigent Funds has been carried out for several years and something more than a suspicion exists in his mind that a number of the present beneficiaries are receiving money to which they have no right. In several cases children, for whose upkeep an allowance was made, have died, but no notice of their death has been sent into the county court, those in charge of the children having continued to draw the allowance. In more than one instance, widows benefiting from the Widow's Fund have left the state but continue to regularly draw their allowance, he says.

The investigation is to open during the present week, when both Messrs. Philip and Armstrong will personally visit the widows and indigents on the list and ascertain their real condition. A report will then be made in the county court, which is expected to take action. Archie Philip declares he is quite confident that the inquiry will result in the curtailment of outgoing funds by a considerable amount, and some interesting revelations are expected.

## Prohibition Measure

The prohibition question will again have an important place on the program, for machinery must be provided for enforcing the new "bone dry" prohibition amendment. Here again the legislators will have their troubles, for the radical prohibitionists are preparing to demand a law making the possession of liquor in itself prima facie evidence of law-breaking, thus opening up a whole new area of discussion and argumentation.

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## LEGISLATURE FACES MANY PROBLEMS

**ROAD FUNDS ARE HARD HIT—PROHIBITION MEASURES AND ACTS NECESSARY.**

**The Coming Session of the Legislature Will Be Most Important—Insurance Code Revision—Acts Affecting Women Promise to Play Big Parts—Other Features.**

The present session of the state legislature will be anything but a rest cure. Its members will have to wrestle with at least the usual number of bills hurled at them in mass formation, and from the present appearances with more than the usual number of measures of real importance. However, this is the least of their troubles. Added to such ordinary problems will be the super-problem of economy. Whatever else may or may not loom large on the legislative program, this little matter of economy is certain to loom largest of all.

This is due to the adoption by the voters of the tax limitation amendment, often called the "6 per cent law," because it limits tax levies to a 6 per cent increase over the levy of the preceding year. This puts it strictly up to the legislature to be economical, whether inclined that way or not, and there is no exuberance over the outlook.

This 6 per cent law strikes in some unexpected places. Good roads legislation, for example, is hard hit.

There was a movement on foot to ask the legislature to increase the state road tax from one-quarter to one-half a mill, but it seems certainly doomed, because even a quarter mill tax increase would be more than the traffic can bear. The present state tax levy increased by a quarter mill tax would show an increase of approximately 10 per cent and hence unconstitutional. The legislature has no option.

Heads of state institutions have also been clamoring that it would be impossible for them to make ends meet under past appropriations.

At the same time an attempt will undoubtedly be made to raise more road money from some source. Failing in a state appropriation, the attempt probably will be made to get it by increasing the automobile license tax. Several legislators have plans to tax automobiles on their horsepower, so as to obtain an aggregate return from licenses of double or 3 times the present income. It is stated a cent a gallon tax on gasoline will undoubtedly be considered.

The legislature, among other important things, has been asked to enact a revision of the entire state insurance code. Such a revision, it is said, has been needed for some time. In fact, the 1913 legislature was confronted with a bill of 284 pages revising the insurance code, but the legislators were already so swamped under a mass of other legislation that they didn't have the heart to tackle it and it was killed. In 1915 a flood of insurance bills was poured into both houses. Most of them were in conflict with each other and the tangle became so involved that a commission was finally appointed to draw up a new code and report to the 1917 legislature. This revised code will be introduced shortly after the session has been gotten under way.

Allied to the insurance code but separate from it will be another measure to create a state fire marshal and give him authority to investigate fires and their causes, prosecute arsonists and take preventative measures against fire conditions. Most states have such a fire marshal, and it is pointed out that creation of the office will not impose an additional burden because administration expense will be paid for by a system of fees paid by the insurance companies. The Credit Men's association is backing the fire marshal bill.

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