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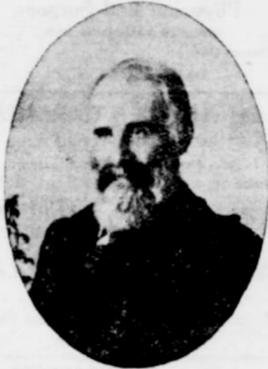
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PROMINENT PIONEER IS BURIED TUESDAY

ADAM PERSHBAKER OF PROSPER SUCCEDES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.

Came to County in 1867 and Conducted Mercantile Business at Randolph—Later Founded Prosper by Building Mill and Store—Leaves Estate of Quarter Million.

Adam Pershbaker, one of the oldest and most prominent pioneers of the Coquille Valley died at the home



ADAM PERSHBAKER

of his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Fahy, at Prosper Saturday evening, at the age of 78 years, seven months and sixteen days.

Several weeks ago he was taken down with lagrippe, which owing to his advanced years weakened his heart action and later developed into dropsy. He was confined to his bed but ten days when the end came.

Many Attend Funeral

The funeral was conducted Tuesday morning. Private services were held at the Fahy home in Prosper at which Rev. A. Haberly officiated, after which the body was placed on the steamer Telegraph and brought to Bandon. After the private ceremony the officers of the Masonic lodge took charge to conduct the burial, a number of the members going to Prosper to accompany the remains here. A long line of autos formed at the boat landing on the arrival of the body, carrying friends and relatives to the K. P. cemetery where interment took place. The pall bearers were J. A. Morrison, Wm. LeGore, H. E. Boak, E. E. Oakes, G. P. Laird and J. E. Walstrom. At the grave Masonic burial services were conducted by past Worthy Master W. E. Craine.

The floral offering was large and beautiful, representing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends. Many came from other parts of the county for the funeral. Among those from Coquille were L. H. Hazzard, J. W. Leneve, T. M. Dimmick, A. J. Sherwood, Mr. Collier and James Watson.

Members of local post G. A. R. accompanied the remains to the grave the deceased being a Civil War veteran and a member of the Bandon post. Flags throughout the city were half mast.

Came to County in 1867

Adam Pershbaker was born July 1, 1838, in St. Charles county, Missouri. He served in a Missouri Regiment for three years during the War of the Rebellion and in 1866 went to California. After spending a few years in California he came to Coos county and it was here that he made his fortune.

Founder of Prosper

He was founder of the town of Prosper and it was in that part of the Coquille river valley that he established himself as one of the foremost men in the development of the resources of this section. Having been bequeathed by a younger brother a small merchandise store, he entered his first business venture at Randolph in 1870. He gave the business his strict attention and with many struggles, brightened with brilliant prospects, met with success. Randolph in those days was a lively place as it was the supply point for practically the entire Coquille valley. For about 23 years Mr. Pershbaker was engaged in business at that place and shared in the benefits from the black sand harvests which made Randolph a noted place throughout the West in those days.

Built Prosper Mill

In 1887 he commenced work on his sawmill and had it in the frame. The following year machinery was installed and sawing commenced on November 18th. The mill had a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber per month.

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Portland Man Here To Close Up Deal For Building Boat

J. R. Krumm, representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, arrived in the city today to take up final negotiations with the local business men for the building of the proposed Portland-Coquille River steamship.

A meeting of the subscribers to stock in the undertaking has been called for 8 o'clock this evening at the K. P. hall. Mr. Krumm states that Portland has her money ready and he has authority to close up a deal.

The closing of the deal will mean the immediate opening of the local shipyard.

SPLENDID LECTURE BY BISHOP SUMNER

PROMINENT SPEAKER HEARD HERE ON SUBJECT OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Knowledge, Loyalty and Action the Three Requisites He Declared—Urges Use of School Houses as Social Centers to Safeguard Morals of Boys and Girls.

Under the topic "Good Citizenship" the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sumner of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon delivered a splendid lecture to a large audience at the Grand theatre Tuesday evening. Bishop Sumner came here under the auspices of St. John's Guild. He was introduced with appropriate remarks by Supt. L. W. Turnbull of the Bandon schools.

The three chief requisites to good citizenship, according to the speaker, are knowledge, loyalty and action. Knowledge must include a general understanding of local conditions, including social, civic and governmental matters, as well as a comprehension of the state and Federal laws under which our government is administered.

Loyalty includes that which we owe ourselves and that which we owe our city, county, state and nation. It means the willingness to make personal sacrifices for public good; the willingness to run for office, accept responsibilities at the hands of the people and see that public affairs are honestly administered.

Action means active participation in public affairs, from the lowest department of municipal affairs to the highest of the nation; the exercise of the voting franchise given to every American citizen; and a readiness to act in defense of nation and honor.

These are but glimpses of the remarks made by this intellectual speaker, who, within the short period of an hour, spoke volumes of logic on the great social problems of the day. Much of his address was devoted to the child and the school. He spoke in favor of making the school the social center of the community, relating the progress made in that departure in Chicago and other eastern cities; he favored clean, well-chaperoned dances in connection with the social center work in order to take the place of the public dances, which he branded as among the greatest demoralizing agents to young girls.

A strong plea was made in favor of medical inspection before marriage licenses are issued, and the speaker flayed the Oregon Legislature for attempting to repeal such a law at present in force in this state, because it means a loss of a few dollars in fees to Portland in favor of Vancouver. He pointed out how inconsistent to pass a sterilization act to take care of the present unfortunate and at the same time attempt to repeal a law which aims to prevent such unfortunates from being born in the future.

To Coquille March 2nd

The annual basket ball excursion to Coquille will be held one week from Friday, on March 2nd. The Dispatch has been chartered for the occasion and a large bunch of rooters from the High school and city will go to the county seat to witness the big game.

The boat will leave Bandon at 4 p. m., March 2nd.

The arrivals were: Phoenix, Friday; Brooklyn, Saturday; Bandon, Sunday; Elizabeth, Monday; Patay, Wednesday. Sailing: Brooklyn, Elizabeth, Phoenix, Bandon, all on Wednesday.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEET AT COQUILLE

BIG DELEGATION FROM BANDON ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND AND TAKE PART.

Chicken Supper and Splendid Program Is Enjoyed—Vice Chancellor and "Jack" Clarke Are Present—Fine Talks—Those Attending From Bandon.

A jolly crowd of local members of the Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias lodges wended their way to Coquille Monday night via the steamer Telegraph, to take part in the big celebration staged in that city by the respective Coquille chapters in honor of the 53rd anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias lodge and the 40th anniversary of the institution of the insurance department.

The Telegraph steamed from the local docks at about five thirty p. m., the delegation bubbling over with enthusiasm and anticipation of the "good things to come." Numerous decks of cards were produced, and the trip up the river held somewhat the aspect of an evening at Five Hundred, Auction Bridge or just plain old Pedro.

Arriving at the county seat city shortly after eight, the Bandonians repaired to the I. O. O. F. hall where the meeting was assembled, and enjoyed a remarkably excellent chicken dinner. W. C. Chase on behalf of Lycurgus lodge of Coquille then took the chair, and the following program was rendered:

Instrumental duet—Mrs. M. O. Hawkins and Miss Genevieve Chase. Address of welcome—W. C. Chase. Vocal solo—Rev. F. S. Shilman. Response from Hector lodge (Myrtle Point)—E. C. Roberts.

Response from Poseidon lodge (North Bend)—Edgar McDaniels.

Response from Myrtle lodge (of Marshfield)—Tom T. Bennet.

Vocal solo—Leta Mast, (Justice Temple No. 35).

Response from Delphi Lodge (of Bandon)—J. W. Mast.

Address—W. J. H. Clarke of Ivanhoe lodge (Portland).

Address—Grand Vice-Chancellor Leslie Crouch of Portland.

Vocal solo—Miss Mabel Bay, of Coquille high school.

A reading was to have been given by Mrs. Julia F. Pape of Bandon, but owing to sickness of Mr. Pape she was unable to attend. At the instance of Mr. Chase the local delegation was commissioned to express to Mr. and Mrs. Pape the regrets of all that the latter could not be present.

The theme of Vice Chancellor Crouch's address was the broad field of fraternity. He is a forceful orator and held his audience's undivided attention. To have heard him was a treat and an education.

In his response to the address of welcome in behalf of the local Pythian Sisters and Knights, J. W. Mast did full justice to the duty imposed upon him. Mr. Mast is no amateur in the realm of oratory. He is a student and philosopher. To him Pericles, Lysander, Socrates, Plato, Caesar, Cicero, or any of the other notables of Ancient Greece or Roman glory are as familiar friends. He has the tricks, gestures, expressions of oratory ever at command, and needless to say is able to hold his audience.

The Bandonians arrived home at about 4 o'clock in the morning, tired, sleepy, but happy in the light of having enjoyed a most agreeable and worth while evening.

The insurance department of the Knights of Pythias lodge ranks with the leading insurance organizations of the county. Its assets are \$8,579,041, with \$96,398,817 of insurance in force, and 71,682 members. An idea of its size may be judged from the fact that it paid out an average of \$3.08 every minute during 1916, or a total of \$1,620,284. The organization is under the direct control of the Supreme lodge of the order and open to all Knights in good standing.

The Bandon delegation was composed of the following Pythian Sisters and Knights: Mrs. E. Lewin, Mrs. C. Rasmussen, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Annie Barrows, Mrs. Walter Panter, Miss Kate Rosa, Miss Breuer, Mrs. James T. Jenkins of Parkersburg, Mrs. Neal McGilvery of Parkersburg; Messrs. E. B. Fish, G. R. McNair, Ernest Sidwell, Victor Breuer, Walter Panter, J. H. Jones, James T. Jenkins, Neal McGilvery, Roy B. Corson, Cleve McAllister, F. E. Drane, L. B. Lowe, J. W. Mast, Jas. H. Howe, John Langlois.

PARKERSBURG CO. MAKES A RECORD

\$20,000 RETURNED TO DAIRYMEN BY PLANT DURING YEAR OF 1916.

Parkersburg Cheese Company Elects Directors and Manager—Business Increasing Rapidly—H. T. Miller Is Manager—Bright Future Is Predicted For Industry.

On a number of occasions, in fact every time the writer has made a trip on the local river during the past three or four years and observed the smiling face of Manager H. T. Miller as he attended his duties about the plant, the impulse to let the public in on the story back of that unassuming red and blue fronted cheese factory at Parkersburg, has been in mind.

"Oh, there's nothing interesting about a cheese factory," you are saying, but that shows how little you appreciate the honest toil and efforts that must be made to launch an enterprise which in a few years can change a country from wilderness and stern necessity, into a land of rich and prosperous dairies, fine homes and happy and contented people. And that is just what the Parkersburg, Dew Valley and Bandon Beach cheese and butter plants, (together with a few private institutions), are doing for the vast and just-developing section of Coos county tributary to Bandon. Yes, with pardonable irony it may be said "Romance and interest are lacking!"

For to many the example of a little band of dairymen casting their fortunes into the maws of commerce as evidence of their faith in dairying and in Parkersburg as a dairy center, contains naught of romance. Not to many romance is a thing of blood and thunder, of musty books and days of yore. To such the efforts, trials and visions of today are prosaic in the extreme. The world is commercialized, they cry, and brutal competition makes us slaves! Of course, to these—foresight and visions blossoming into the concrete are sordid, uninteresting clay.

Happily for the progress of the world, however, there are many dreamers of visions and workers of romance still to be found. For if the earth contained none of such what a dreary, unprogressive thing life would be. Yes, it may be said, not as something of which to be ashamed, but as something of which to be proud, that the men who gathered at Parkersburg a few years ago and started the ball rolling for the establishment of the Parkersburg Cheese Co., were dreamers and men of visions. They saw the need of such an enterprise; they saw the benefits that would accrue to their community and to their individual fortunes—and it may be said that in all they saw most clearly.

They built their plant on the south side of the Coquille river, a few rods down stream from the old Parkersburg mill site, which institution, by the way, in its prime played an important chapter in the history of the Lower River and its peoples. They equipped the substantial building with the best of cheese and butter making machinery; built a wharf on the water front and arranged for easy and least expensive methods of transporting the milk from the dairy farms to the factory. H. T. Miller, an expert cheese man, was secured as manager of the concern, and the directors turned the plant over to him with the instruction "go to it, and make good."

As to whether Manager Miller has "made good" is a matter that can easily be surmised from the showing the plant has made, or from conversation with patrons of the plant.

As to the showing made, only the past year's record (an increasing iteration of years before) need be considered. During 1916, 141,159 pounds of cheese were made and sold. The gross income from this amount was \$22,182.75; and the net income, or money returned to the patrons of the factory was \$19,359.75. This makes an average of 38.80 cents per pound for butterfat. Quite a showing isn't it for a concern of its kind started in virgin, undeveloped territory only five years ago!

Parkersburg Cheese Co. held its annual stockholders meeting last Thursday, (February 15th), with the majority of stockholders present to take part in the discussions, sample the excellent lunch of cheese, crackers and coffee prepared by Manager Miller, and last but not least, to vote Sam Clinton, Thos. Devereaux and (Continued on last page).

New Local Project Is Reviewed Here By U. S. Engineer

Major Amos J. Freis of the U. S. Engineers in charge of the Oregon harbors arrived in Bandon today and this afternoon met with the local people to explain the new project that is being launched through co-operation between the Government and the Port of Bandon. The project will cost approximately \$128,000 which includes the building of a suction dredge.

The Port is to pay one-half. As to harbor lines Major Freis stated that he believes the present bulkhead line, where built, would be as good as any, but that up towards the Moore mill it could extend somewhat farther out into the river.

Various local speakers presented facts concerning the river and bar as observed here and much interesting information was brought out which lack of time prohibits publication in this issue.

Major Freis and Junior Engineer J. H. Polhemus meet with the Port Commission this evening.

TAX FIGURES THAT ARE INTERESTING

COUNTY ASSESSOR J. P. BEYERS GIVES INFORMATION PERTAINING TO OFFICE.

Assessed Valuation of Coquille Watershed Exceeds That of Coos Bay by More Than Two Million Dollars—Valuations Less in All Towns Except North Bend—Other Facts.

Coquille, Feb. 20.—County Assessor J. P. Beyers has just compiled a table of the assessed valuations of the different districts of Coos county. It is of interest now as the annual tax paying period is on again. Comparing the statement with the one of a year ago, it is found that the total valuation of the county has dropped from \$21,109,670 to \$19,762,677. This loss of \$1,346,993 in assessed values is due to dropping from the tax rolls the lands of the O. and C. grant.

There are some changes in the total valuations of the property of the cities and districts of the county also. Marshfield is a considerable loser, dropping from \$2,920,139 to \$2,674,639; a loss of \$245,500, or almost a quarter of a million.

At the same time North Bend has increased her valuations from \$1,237,997 to \$1,242,988. This is a gain of only \$4,991, but it brings her property list up to nearly half as much as Marshfield.

Bandon drops from \$852,275 to \$843,893, a loss of \$8,382. Coquille drops from \$614,371 to \$610,257, a loss of \$4,114.

Myrtle Point goes down from \$389,930 to \$366,736, a loss of \$14,194.

When it comes to the valuations of the Ports of the county we find that Coos Bay watershed has furnished \$8,520,944 of assessed value, while the Coquille watershed has \$10,603,110, or almost a million more than half the entire valuation of the county. The difference in favor of the Valley is \$2,082,165.

Of the \$692,108 taxes levied in this county and which are now due and payable, \$205,020 or somewhat less than one-third is for school purposes; \$158,101, or a little less than a quarter, is for roads, bridges and ferries; \$58,552, or about one dollar in \$12, is for state purposes; practically \$100,000, or one-seventh of the whole, is exclusively for city purposes; and that \$58,192, or another dollar in \$12, is for Port purposes—to be spent for the improvement of the Coquille waterway and Coos Bay.

A new item in the present summary is the .9 mill levy for high school purposes, which raises \$11,072 and is paid entirely by those districts that have on high school, for the tuition of their pupils in the districts that have high schools.

The special city taxes are about \$10,000 less than last year. Marshfield pays about \$13,000 less than last year, Bandon about \$4,000 more, and the rest of the cities practically the same as last year.

O. O. Boyd of Dubuque, Iowa, is visiting at the R. C. McKinnis home here. His parents are planning on coming here later.

VOTERS TO DECIDE ROAD BOND BILL

SENATE AMENDS SIX MILLION DOLLAR MEASURE TO ALLOW REFERENDUM.

President Hall of Coos County Good Roads Association Gives Local View of Proposed Bonding Project—Bill Amended to Give Coos County Some of Paving.

The six million dollar bond issue bill for roads in Oregon, was passed by the Senate at Salem Monday, but not until amended so as to give the voters a voice at a special referendum election, to be held probably in May or June. The bill originated in the House, and was approved there as amended. The Governor said he would sign it.

An explanation of the bond issue as it would affect Coos county is given by Chas. Hall, president of the Coos County Good Roads association, in the following interview:

"The passage of the six million dollar state bond issue for highways by the Senate marks the first big constructive step in building good roads in Oregon. It is a start which will result in putting Oregon on a par with California and Washington in highway development. This bond issue provides for hard surface roads in the more thickly populated sections of the state, and in so doing, the Legislature has made it possible for such outlying districts as our own to get the benefit of the state and Federal funds which are to be applied to post and forest roads. The Federal apportionment with the funds which the state must match with the government will afford nearly four million dollars for this work during the next five years.

Without the six million dollar bond issue, this Federal and state money would no doubt be absorbed in the more settled portions of the state, and outside aid of any consequence to Coos county would be remote.

Provides for Coos

The bill provides for the classification of the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road as a post road and the Coos Bay-Eugene road as a forest road. An amendment was made in the bill at the suggestion of the Coos county people, which will make it possible for us to participate in the hard surface improvements. It provides that a portion of a post road of twenty miles or more be selected by a county, if the same has been graded and made ready for hard surface, and removed from the post road provisions. The funds from the six million dollar bond issue will be available for hard surfacing this portion of road. Under this amendment it is possible for Coos county to withdraw that portion of the Coos Bay and Myrtle Point road which will be placed on permanent line and graded by our own bond issue and obtain funds from the state for hard surface.

The special consideration which was given certain counties in the state which had bonded is justified because those counties have bonded themselves to build state trunk roads and which were not of primary local value to the counties. In Coos county we bonded ourselves to connect up our towns and make a local system of roads primarily and these roads are not recognized as primary state highways.

"Coos and Curry counties are in the position of outlying districts, which compared with the state as a whole, are not necessary to its primary development which naturally connects up larger centers. However we should take the liberal position that the improvement of the roads in the more populous districts of the state will be of indirect benefit to us and will place us in line for the next improvements which are to be made.

Autos Pay Most

The increase in the automobile license will take care of these bonds in both principal and interest, without an increase of the present one-quarter mill levy on all taxable property for highways.

The bond issue in the state is comparable to the Coos county bond issue last year, and Coos county in relation to it may be compared with the more remote sections of our own county which will not have roads built to them by our bond issue, but which will be taken care of with county funds as the result of it.

Multnomah county has 38 per cent of the assessed valuation of the state, and will have none of the bond issue expended within its boundaries but very naturally will insist on a considerable portion of the money being spent in the territory which is (Continued on Last Page)