



WHERE PRODUCTIVE SOIL AND TIDE WATER MEET

LUMBERING, MINING, DAIRYING, STOCK RAISING

VOL. VII.

BANDON, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918

NO. 5



Christmas Greetings

BANDON IS FORTUNATE

FEWER CASES OF SPANISH INFLUENZA HERE THAN IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

While the Death Rate Has Been Enormous in Other Localities, Especially at Coos Bay, Not a Single "Flu" Case Has Developed in Bandon for More Than Two Weeks.

Bandon is apparently one of the most fortunate towns in the country. While the Spanish influenza is claiming victims by the scores in many communities, no new cases have developed here for more than two weeks, and there has been but one death directly resulting from that disease within the city limits, that of Chas. Pfortner. It is believed that the favorable situation is due to the fact that the city officials and health officer took the necessary precautions in ample time to prevent a general spread of the disease; and to the ability of local doctors to successfully treat cases of pneumonia.

All traces of diphtheria have now disappeared here. The second and last patient is completely recovered and the quarantine has been lifted from the home.

There is a striking contrast between the local situation and that at Marshfield and North Bend. The death toll of pneumonia and other diseases brought on by the "flu" has been enormous. It is believed to be at its height, there having been more deaths during the past week than during any week in the history of the entire county. It is generally believed that dances and show houses, on which the ban was lifted too soon after the first wave of the pandemic, caused the rapid increase in the number of cases on Coos Bay. Individual cases are now being quarantined there, as is done in Portland and other places.

\$250,000 BY STATE FOR COQUILLE ROAD

Twelve and One-Half Miles Assured Probably Complete Road to Coquille From Bay

"Coos County given \$250,000 for 12 1/2 miles of pavement between Marshfield and Coquille.

"Work to commence in March."

This message, signed by State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn and County Judge James Watson came for Charles Hall Thursday morning from Portland.

A session of the state highway commission was held at Portland December 10 when final action on the Coos county work was to be taken according to the assurance given to Charles Hall, who is president of the Coos County Good Roads association, in a conference with members of the commission in Portland last month.

This \$250,000 allotted is part of the \$6,000,000 for which the state bonded itself in order to improve Oregon roads.—Coos Bay Times.

PAID UNCLE SAM'S BILL

Council Last Night Made Final Payment on Paving

The City of Bandon, at last night's meeting of the Council, authorized the final payment of Uncle Sam's share of the paving on First street west. The amount was \$197 with interest at 6 per cent for four years. It was paid out of the general fund to George Beal, of California who held the warrant. It seems that because some of the official red tape was not complied with in obtaining authority for building the street in front of the Coast Guard station property, the department could not authorize the payment. It is possible that sometime within the next hundred years a bill may be gotten through Congress authorizing the payment of the improvement.

Certain Interests are Opposed to Schedule

Effort to Discourage New Train Service Being Made by Marshfield Newspapers—Put Them Out.

That a determined effort will be made on the part of Marshfield newspapers and hotel interests to discourage the new railroad time schedule is apparent from articles appearing in recent issues. Even before the new schedule had taken effect all kinds of disadvantages were pointed out by these people, without even a thought of the benefits that might accrue to other towns in Coos and Curry counties.

The Coquille Sentinel of last issue comes out with a column of bunk attempting to explain away the benefits of the new schedule. It gets all its observations through the wrong end of the telescope but before starting its argument truthfully admits that it is "too thick headed to comprehend." Further comment should have been unnecessary.

The new schedule benefits all the towns and business interests of Coos and Curry counties except the two Marshfield daily newspapers and the hotels of Marshfield and Coquille. According to the new schedule the train leaves Portland in time to get the morning papers and bring them on through to the Coquille Valley towns the same evening. The train however leaves Marshfield too early in the afternoon to take the daily papers from that city; consequently the Portland papers get here first. This is unfortunate as the Valley people enjoy and favor the Coos Bay papers. However, the loss does not compare with the gain of a whole day in mail and passenger service. Furthermore the Valley people will continue to subscribe to the county dailies just the same for the county news.

The Marshfield and Coquille hotels don't like the new schedule because Bandon and Curry people are able to leave from here and get to Portland on the same day, making it unnecessary to stay over night at Coquille or Marshfield as has been the case. Returning from the outside the same applies.

Summing up the situation it is purely personal interests that is against the new schedule. The people of the Coquille Valley and Curry county should, by letter or telegram, inform John M. Scott, general passenger agent, Southern Pacific Co., Portland, Oregon, that the new schedule is just the thing and should be kept in effect regardless of the noise made by the few whom it does not suit.

BRING AUTO TO DR. DAY

Nephew and Niece Drive From Washington D. C. via Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Day nephew and niece of Dr. David T. Day, arrived in Bandon Sunday in a six-cylinder roadster from Washington D. C. Their home is in Santa Maria, Cal., but they have been located at Washington where the young man is in the government service. They left the car here for Dr. Day, who expects to spend a good deal of his time here for some time in the future, having started a black sand mining camp in the Whiskey Run section. In spite of the bad roads Mr. and Mrs. Day made good time between Roseburg and Coquille, leaving the former place at 8:00 in the morning and arriving at Coquille at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Civil Case Coming Up

A civil suit that will probably be of more than passing interest is scheduled to take place in Bandon in the near future, according to M. O'Con, who says he is the defendant. Paul Stephan is suing him for the collection of \$100 on an agreement made a number of years ago when both bought property in the business section. O'Con claims the agreement had long since been called off, and that other business matters are at the root of the trouble. He will demand a jury trial.

FIRST HERO ARRIVES HOME

GEO. CHENOWETH OF DENMARK IS BACK FROM HARD FIGHTING IN TRENCHES

Joined Canadian Army After Being Physically Disqualified in U. S. and Was Made Sniper Because of His Ability With Rifle—Severely Wounded He was Invalidated Home.

The first real war hero of this community to return home is Geo. Chenoweth of Denmark, who arrived last evening from British Columbia. Private Chenoweth is about 45 years old. He first tried to enlist with the American army but could not pass the physical examination. He then went to Canada, where he finally got in after demonstrating on the rifle range that he was a dead shot. He later tried out on the rifle range again in England and there as an expert marksman was designated a sniper.

He got into the fighting early and was in the trenches for two months, when he became seriously injured by hand grenades and pistol bullets in a hand to hand fight with a German machine gun crew. His detachment wiped out the Huns, but not without the loss of some of their own men. As a result of his experiences in the trenches Mr. Chenoweth after several operations still carries eight bullets and pieces of lead in his body.

Mr. Chenoweth wears the Imperial British uniform of olive drab. On his right arm he wears two stripes, one for overseas duty and one for one year's service. On the left arm he wears a long gold stripe running lengthwise, which indicates that he has been wounded. Above this is a cross guns emblem, designating infantry, and just below the elbow he wears a sniper's badge. On each arm is a red felt design which designates the division. His cap is similar to an U. S. officer's cap and has a gold maple leaf together with the insignia "British Columbia." Those two words are also at the shoulders of the overcoat, which is a loosely fitting garment.

Mr. Chenoweth's wife and his son, Norman, came up from the ranch to meet him and take him back home.

FORMER BANDON GIRL DIES AT MARSHFIELD

Mrs. Matt Lux, Who Was Miss Bessie Jensen, Passes Away of Spanish Influenza Monday.

The death of Mrs. Matt Lux (nee Bessie Jensen) occurred at Marshfield Monday December 16, the result of Spanish influenza. The body will be brought to Bandon this evening and the funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The remains will be taken from the Ellingson undertaking parlor to the Bandon cemetery for interment. Services will be held at the grave, conducted by Rev. W. S. Smith.

The husband of the deceased has also been seriously ill with the influenza, but is now considered out of danger. There is one child in the family, a five-months-old baby.

The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen who formerly resided at Denmark in Curry county. She was born there on February 29, 1897, being 21 years, 9 months and 17 days of age at the time of her death. She was reared in this community and was graduated from the local high school in 1913. She was married in 1915 and went to Marshfield with her husband to reside in 1917, they having been residents there since.

The deceased, besides her husband, baby and parents, is survived by two brothers, and one sister, the latter being Mrs. George Edwards of Craine's Camp. One brother Chas. Jensen lives in Bandon.

Fine Qualities of the Boys Lauded

Uncle Sam Precedes Discharge of Soldiers by Nice Letter to Next of Kin

Uncle Sam says some nice things about his boys as he turns them back to civilian life. A few days prior to the discharge of a soldier a letter is forwarded to the nearest kin. It is a stereotyped form that is nicely worded to cover all cases. It also has some good suggestions that are bound to impress the folks at home. Corporal James E. Bell, who was this week discharged from the Benson Polytechnic School in Portland, was preceded home by one of these letters. It reads: Mr. J. W. Bell, Bandon Oregon. My Dear Mr. Bell:

In a few days your soldier will receive his honorable discharge and start for home.

He is bringing back many fine qualities of body and mind which he has acquired or developed in the Military Service. The Army has done everything it could do to make him strong, fine, self-reliant, self-controlled. It returns him to you a better man.

You have been an important member of that Great Army of Encouragement and Enthusiasm which helped to make him and us all better soldiers. You can now be a great help in keeping alive the good qualities he is bringing back from the Army, in making him as good a citizen as he has been a good soldier.

His fare and necessary expenses to his home will be paid by the Government. He will receive all pay due him. He may, if he wishes, wear his uniform for four months from the date of his discharge. The Government will also allow him to keep up, for the benefit of his family, his insurance at the very low rate he is now paying.

His return to civil life will bring new problems for you both to solve. The qualities he brings back will help you now as your encouragement helped him while he was away, and in your hands and his, rests the future of our country.

As his commanding officer, I am proud of him. He has done his duty well. I and his comrades, will bid him good-bye with deep regret, and wish him every success after he returns home—that spot in every man's heart no other place can fill.

Sincerely yours, ROBERT A. ROSS Major Inf. U. S. A.

DIED IN CALIFORNIA

Bert Linzille, Who Left Here Six Weeks Ago "Flu" Victim.

Mrs. Geo. Cox has received word that her nephew, Bert Linzille, who left here six weeks ago for California for his health; contracted Spanish influenza on December 5th and died on the 13th at a San Diego hospital. The body was embalmed and shipped to Maupin, Oregon, where the young man's father resides. The deceased had been employed by Mr. Cox. Just before leaving Bandon he was employed by F. A. Holman on the seine.

Both Reported Dead

It is reported here that both Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sarri, former Bandon residents, who had moved to Union, Oregon, died recently of Spanish influenza, leaving a large family of children. Mr. Sarri formerly drove a mule team here and hauled ties for the Fyfe-Wilson Lumber Co. He also worked as a longshoreman at times.

Nothing To It, They Say

According to the Marshfield Record Geo. W. Moore is about to sue the government for \$10,000 damages for losses sustained to his logging railroad when the government changed from light to heavy rails, finally leaving it in an unfinished condition when the spruce production stopped. Officials of the Moore Mill & Lumber Company here state that there is nothing to the story.

CONDENSERY REAL THING

BANDON ASSURED IT WILL DEVELOP INTO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY OF PROPORTIONS

August Schaefer, Vice President and General Manager of the Northwest Process Company, Visits Plant Here Past Week and Gives Out Optimistic Interview.

The local condensery will begin operations about the first of March or sooner if a sufficient supply of milk is available before that time, according to August Schaefer, vice-president and general manager of the Northwest Process Company of Portland, owners of the plant. Mr. Schaefer spent several days here during the past week in company with J. G. Dietrich, local manager for the company. It was his first trip here and he was delighted with the plant and the outlook for its future. He stated that the company intends to make this plant one of the best in the west, and they hope to be able to increase its capacity soon after it starts.

Speaking of the market outlook for condensed milk, Mr. Schaefer stated that it has never been better and that for several years to come it is bound to be extremely good. The markets are world-wide and shipping is now available, so there will be no more overproduction. Lack of shipping during the war has been the only drawback to the industry.

The owners have not yet given an official name to the local plant, neither have they adopted a label for the product, but such will be done in the near future. "One thing certain," said Mr. Schaefer, "you can rest assured that Bandon will have a real manufacturing industry."

Mr. Schaefer while here closed a contract with the Bandon Hardware Company for furnishing and installing the plumbing materials for the plant. The boilers have been set and smoke has been emanating from the big stack during the past week, while the boilers were being tried out.

DRILLING WILL BE RESUMED

Oil Well Operations Begin at Once After Brief Suspension.

C. A. Parker arrived Friday from a trip east where he went on business in connection with the West Shore Oil Company. A slight business hitch between the local people and the representatives of the eastern capital with whom they are associated caused a temporary shut down of drilling operations a short time ago. The matter has been satisfactorily adjusted, according to Mr. Parker, and drilling will begin again at once. While no definite information has been given out by the company, indications are that prospects at the well are encouraging.

Bennett Not Disloyal

Wm. H. Bennett of Port Orford is again carrying the mail between that place and Bandon, the charges of "pro-Germanism" against him having been dismissed. He had been reported to the U. S. Marshal by Forest Ranger Carl of Port Orford, as having said publicly in the postoffice "Hurrah for the Germans! Our Socialistic brothers seem to be waking up," after having read a bulletin on a drive by Gen. Hindenburg. Bennett gave proof that the bulletin which elicited the remark had announced that the meridian workers in the Krupp plant had gone on a strike and were refusing to support the German government. It is said he submitted an abundance of evidence as to his loyalty.

Ray Flanders paid a fine of \$25 in municipal court Monday morning. He had come in possession of a bottle of whiskey Sunday evening and was having a glorious time when taken in.

Coos County Makes Splendid War Record

Coos County Was Furnishing Close to a Half of the Spruce Used in the Government Demand.

The record made by the lumber mills of Coos county when the facts are all given out regarding the war work will be a splendid one. When the government's call came for all the airplane spruce that could be procured the mills of this county were in shape to furnish the needed material, says the North Bend Harbor.

As high as 3,500,000 feet of airplane stock a month was shipped from this county. When it is considered that in some cases only seven and one-half percent of the lumber cut was fit for airplane material it can be realized that it was necessary to log and manufacture an enormous amount of timber to furnish this much lumber fit to pass inspection for airplane use.

There were other projects in different parts of the state which were started and which would have when completed furnished spruce in great amounts but some of these projects were never finished. In the case of Coos county the mills were prepared to furnish spruce without delay. It was simply a case of changing the logging operations from fir to spruce and cedar and as the timber was here this was quickly done. In some instances it required the moving of the camps but these changes were quickly brought about.

There was no part of the coast country which was more prompt in complying with the government call for lumber war orders than was Coos county. The lumber company put forth every effort to furnish the material and did it without delay. The project in the Boutin tract at Beaver Hill was being carried out on a big scale and would have added to the production to the extent of half a million feet of spruce and cedar logs a day but this was stopped when the armistice was signed.

In almost every other case the companies were able to at once turn their efforts to the war orders.

The army authorities have not given out any figures but it is claimed by some very good authorities that if the facts were known, that Coos county came very near furnishing fifty percent of the airplane spruce that came from the coast country along towards the latter part of the war days before some of the big projects were completed to the extent of getting out logs.

At any rate the manner in which Coos county mills answered the call for war materials was a record which will always be creditable to the community and the lumber industry of this part of the state.

REDEEM YOUR PLEDGES

Attention is called to the fact that a number of those pledging to buy War Savings Stamps during 1918 have as yet failed to redeem their pledges. They should go to their bank at once and make the necessary investment as their pledges constitute pledges of loyalty.

COMMITTEE

WORLD HONOR ROLL

- W. F. Kennedy, Bandon
- Wm. Burbeck, Bandon
- Walter S. Wells, Bandon
- John Haga, Bandon
- Mrs. Lella Wheeler, Prescott Washington
- James Langlois, Stixes, Ore.
- J. O. Lockhart, Bandon
- Joseph R. Beamer, Silverdale Sta. Ontario, Canada
- Mrs. J. Breuer, Oakland Cal.
- L. C. Eaton, Bandon
- Ed. Ingram, Bandon
- C. F. Waterman, Bandon
- Mrs. B. M. Chambers, Pt Richmond, California
- Geo. A. Hurst, Norwood, Ohio.