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DISCUSSED THE PROPOSITION Of Creating a Port of Tillamook Commission.

At the citizens' meeting on Monday evening, Chairman W. H. Cooper made the announcement that Mayor B. L. Eddy wished the matter of creating a Port of Tillamook Commission discussed. In a few preliminary remarks, the Mayor stated that it had been suggested to him that he appoint a committee, who should be empowered to devise some means whereby Hoquarton Slough could be made navigable and improved. This could be done by amendment to the city charter or by a special bill creating a Port of Tillamook Commission. Before he did so, however he wanted an expression of opinion from the citizens and business men of Tillamook city.

Mr. W. J. May was the first speaker called upon. To elucidate the matter he thought it was a question of taxation, for it was going to cost money for the proposed improvements in Hoquarton Slough. He, like others, wanted to know the probable cost and what was proposed to be done more fully. He was confident that if the citizens of Tillamook City did not remove the snags from the slough no one else would, and if they were allowed to accumulate they would eventually cut off navigation to the city. Later in the evening Dr. May, after hearing other speakers, put some pertinent questions and made comparisons. He believed Tillamook City had some progressive citizens--lots of them--and the question of improving Hoquarton Slough was a question that should greatly concern them. Were they going to remain idle and allow the slough to fill up with snags and thereby drive the shipping to other points? As to the cost, the citizens who had property should not object to paying a little extra taxes for this purpose, for it would materially enhance the value of their property. Let the slough become filled up so that shipping could not come here, property would soon be of little value, for it was clear to his mind that some other shipping point would come into existence and become the center of business in this county, where the immense resources of Tillamook would be shipped. Did the citizens of this city want that? He was heartily in favor of making the slough navigable and having a Port of Tillamook Commission to look after the matter. He thought it would be influential enough to get the government to make an appropriation, and in that way it would not be such a tax upon the citizens as some imagined. In a few years the shipping from Tillamook county would be enormous. Were the business men going to allow some other point in the county, on the bay possibly, to become the shipping point?

Mr. W. H. Cooper said that Tillamook city would have to do something, for the slough was filling up. Although he was heartily in favor of improving Hoquarton slough, the question of cost should not be lost sight of. He favored the proposition, and he thought the commission would be instrumental in getting the government to assist.

Mr. B. F. Durfee was opposed to the proposition. He thought the navigation companies, and not the taxpayers, should pay for improving the slough, for they had already made enough out of the people, with their excessive charges, to pay for these improvements. He thought that when the proposed railroad came into Tillamook it would be better to give the money to that rather than expend it upon removing the snags for the benefit of the transportation companies.

Mr. A. W. Severance was the next to express his views. He showed the necessity of a start being made to do something. He also pointed out what shipping facilities were doing for other cities, particularly Portland. Tillamook city was at the head of navigation and it was absolutely necessary that something should be done to remove the snags and deepen the channel so that larger steamers could come to Tillamook. He made a motion that the mayor appoint a committee to draw up a bill to be introduced at the state legislature creating a Port of Tillamook Commission, to be previously submitted to the citizens of Tillamook city for their approval.

A number of other citizens participated in the discussion, including Messrs. A. J. Cohn, T. H. Goynce, C. E. Reynolds, T. Coates, J. A. Todd, W. Olsen, J. Edwards, F. Beals, K. M. Watson and others, the only dissenting voice was that of Mr. John Day who made the erroneous state-

ment that the Port of Portland Commission raised money by private subscription and not by taxation.

Mr. Geo. Edmunds scored a good point when he stated that there was 50 tons of freight shipped into Tillamook every week, and he had figured it out that \$5,000 could be saved every year on freight bills if the slough was improved so that larger steamers could compete for the trade.

Chairman Cooper then asked for a vote on Mr. Severance's motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor has appointed the following gentleman to serve on that committee: Messrs. C. Thayer, A. J. Cohn, A. W. Severance, P. W. Todd, P. McIntosh, G. Edmunds, W. Olsen, D. T. Edmunds and C. E. Reynolds.

During the whole of the discussion on Monday evening not one word was said about the city purchasing the electric light and water plants.

BEN HIGGINBOTHAN DEAD.

A Respected Tillamooker cut off in the Prime of Life.

Death claimed another of our well-known and respected citizens. Mr. Benjamin Higginbothan was the victim of the grim reaper on the evening of Thanksgiving day and his death caused a shrill of sorrow to pass over the whole community, for he was highly esteemed throughout Tillamook county, where he was born 37 years ago, on what is now known as the Davidson place.

The deceased had turned his attention to cattle, and he was considered the best cattle man in this section of the county and one in whom the farmers of Tillamook county put the utmost confidence in, for he had proved himself to be a most conscientious and honest trader. It was through his untiring energy and push that so many bands of Tillamook raised stock found a profitable market, which enhanced the wealth of the county and gave a good profit to the farmers around. It was on this account he became so generally known and highly esteemed, and the consensus of opinion is that Tillamook has lost a most enterprising citizen whose place will be hard to fill. The deceased lived near Fairview and had just completed the building of a new house. When the fire swept through that part of the country last summer he was burned out--house, furniture, barn, crop of hay, etc. The deceased had been somewhat sick the past few weeks but not to cause any alarm. He was up Thursday and made the remark that he was feeling first class. He laid down early in the evening, and hemorrhage of the lungs having set in, he passed quietly away. He was 37 years of age, and married about two years ago Mrs. Ella Bush.

The bereaved widow and aged mother, Mrs. Crawford, and other members of the family have the sympathy and consolation of the entire community, for the death of Mr. Higginbothan is a separation which all most keenly feel. The deceased belonged to the Masonic order and was a member of the lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., at Bay City. He also belonged to the Woodmen, but, unfortunately he had let his assessment remain unpaid, consequently his wife and family are deprived of the insurance that might have come from that order.

The funeral took place on Saturday, and it was attended by a large number of people from the surrounding country. Rev. K. E. Dunlap, pastor of the M. E. church, conducted the religious services at the residence, briefly referring to the splendid traits of character which the deceased possessed. Then came the saddest scene attending a funeral, the last look at the departed by those who were connected with family ties. After this the Masons took charge of the services. A procession was then formed and the funeral cortege wended its way to the Oddfellows' cemetery, where the deceased was buried, the beautiful and impressive ritual of the Masonic order being used. A large delegation from Bay City and Tillamook lodges, A. F. & A. M., attended the funeral.

Masonic Resolution of Condolence.

Whereas, On the 24th day of November, 1898, The Divine God removed from us Benj. Higginbothan, a true and loving brother of the Masonic Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M., Bay City, Ore.

Resolved, That we hereby express our heart felt sorrow for the loss of so noble and honest a man--a personal friend of every member of this lodge--a man who's

ways were the ways of pleasantness and who's paths were paths of peace.

Resolved, That we point to him as a brilliant example of one who made the reward of private enterprise bear fruit of human good.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this their hour of distress.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, that a copy be sent to the sorrowing family, and that a copy be sent to the local papers for publication.

Geo. W. Kiger,
 Rob. Sturgeon,
 Alex. McNair,
 Committee.

MADE A GOOD JOB.

Found in Trask River with a 10 lb. Anchor Round his Neck.

Samuel Bramer, who has been missing since Wednesday last week, was found on Monday night in Trask river with a 10 lb anchor round his neck, under the boom sticks of the Pacific saw mill, directly opposite his own house. For several days the river has been dragged, but owing to the stage of the tide this had to be done at night. There was some talk around the city that foul play had been used, but there was nothing to indicate such. The coroner, Mr. J. E. Tuttle, was notified and he at once proceeded to the spot, and on Tuesday morning held an inquest upon the body.

The first witness called was Joe Hauxhurst, who described to the jury how the body of Bramer was hooked out from under the boom, the rope round his neck being a slip knot. He saw him last on Tuesday and did not know he had had any trouble with anyone. J. A. Biggs testified that it was in about ten feet of water where the body was found, and in other respects corroborated the evidence of Hauxhurst. F. Norburg, who hooked out Bramer from under the boom, was the next witness. He had been fishing with him for the past month. He recognized the anchor as belonging to Bramer. He saw the deceased last on the 22nd when they had some beer together, about five o'clock in the evening. He said he had never had any trouble with Bramer. He testified to Bramer's hat being found on a post near the river, the bed as though some one had slept in it, and to the deceased's coat being in the house. Frank Elliott stated that Bramer had been drinking on Monday and Tuesday, and was also gambling in the saloon. On Monday the deceased was considerably the worse for drink, but on Tuesday had sobered up some. Mrs. Elliott testified that the deceased had made the remark that if ever he became home drunk again he would do away with himself. Mrs. Bramer said she last saw her husband on Sunday night. She slept in the house on Monday night and on Tuesday night was with her daughter across the river. Her husband had only \$5.00 when he came to town, and it was his intention to buy thing for Thanksgiving. The deceased had told her she ought to kill him when he came home drunk for being so foolish. His books and papers were found on a shelf, which was not his custom to take out of his pocket. She did not know that he had any trouble with anyone. Several other witnesses were called who testified to Bramer's drinking habits and his happy disposition when under the influence of drink. None of them had noticed any strangeness about him. The jury brought in a verdict that Bramer committed suicide.

BEAVER.

On Thursday of last week Rev. Armstrong, accompanied by Mr. Elzie Finley, started with a four horse team for Wheatland, Ore. They are expected to return the latter part of this week with Rev. Armstrong's wife and children.

N. Coulson and his wife, of Coulsonburg, were welcome guests of C. Mills on Sunday night.

Rev. Dollerhide preached at this place last Sunday. Next Sunday, C. Mills and Rev. M. Swab at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. C. Mills.

This coming Saturday, 6:30 p.m., the citizens in and around Beaver will meet at Beaver school-house to consider and plan to get a library. Let there be a general turn out.

The United Brethren parsonage is expected to be ready for occupancy inside of 10 days.

LETTER FROM OUR BOYS.

J. E. Lawrence Writes to Tillamook from Manila.

Private J. E. Lawrence, of Co. M, 2nd Oregon Volunteers, writes as follows:

MANILA, September 19th.--I have only been in the hospital three days so far, and then I was not very sick. We have lost two men in one company. One died on the trip and one died of fever the 14th of this month. I was not in the fight at Manila. They left three companies of the three battalions to guard Cavite, and we were left. Well, I am not going to write very much. I will wait until I come home and then I can tell you a great deal easier than I can write it.

This is the darndest city I ever saw. Everything is 400 years behind the times, and of all the people, I never saw a lazier class in my life. One American dollar is worth two Spanish pesos or dollars, and the Spanish soldier get three pesos a month. They are all drafted. You hardly ever see a white woman here, and when you do they hate you so bad they won't look at you.

We have been getting rumors every few days that we are going to get home for the holidays, but I don't believe we will go before spring, any how.

It is pretty warm down here, and it is getting warmer every day. I was in town to day and bought a few things that I will try and send to you so you can have a few souvenirs to show. Fruit is very cheap and gold is awful high, so you see we eat a good deal of fruit, as it is necessary for a person to eat some fruit down here.

MANILA, Sept. 23rd.--We heard since the 19th that there is five regiments of regulars coming here to take the place of five regiments of volunteers. I don't suppose it is so, but I hope it is.

I never got so tired of a place in my life. I will tell you what I have to do every week and no change. Monday get up at 5:45 and stand roll call. If you don't answer roll call you get 24 hours in the guard-house; 6:15 eat breakfast; 6:45 go to drill and drill till 7:45. If you don't drill you get 24 hours in the guard-house; 8:45 is first call for guard mount. I go on once every week, and that is on Monday. Then you are on guard 24 hours. That is you go on two hours, then rest four, and you keep that up for 24 hours. Tuesday I come off guard at 9:30 and then I get a pass for 8 hours to go any where in town, but you have got to get a pass signed by the colonel to go to the hospital. Wednesday fatigue call sounds at 7:15, and then I have to work until 11, that is all till Thursday. Then you get up, eat breakfast and drill, and then in the evening is dress parade. Friday, drill. Saturday we have inspection. Then the major gives us 1-1 for about an hour, and if we happen to smile he puts us in the guard-house for 24 hours, in the evening have dress parade again. Sunday is all right. We don't have to do anything. And then there is all the wood and water commissary and other details through the week. If you are on to your job you can dodge them all right. They took our captain to the hospital yesterday. He has the typhoid fever, but they say he is not in danger. One of the boys died the 14th and we got a hearse and a nice coffin and had a fine funeral. I want to tell you about the grave yard. It is surrounded by a wall built in a circle 10 feet thick and 20 feet high, and inside that wall is another one. The walls are about 30 feet apart. Between the walls are all kinds of flowers and trees and crosses and images. In these walls are vaults. Just the size of a coffin. There are three rows of vaults clear around the wall. It will hold about 1000 bodies in the outside wall. The inside wall is a little smaller, but just like the other one. There are two walks built across the inside of the inside wall in the shape of a cross, and at the back of the inside wall is the chapel that is fixed up fine inside, and at the back of the inside wall is a pit about 30 feet long, 6 feet wide and 10 feet deep. I noticed that lots of the vaults were empty. I ask a native what they had done with the bodies. He told me the priests charged so much rent a month for the vaults, and when they get behind on the rent the priest takes the body and dumps it into the pit. I went and looked, and I will bet there was a car load of bones and skulls there.

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WOODS.

The band boys dance here on Thanksgiving was a success and the music furnished by Heater's orchestra was second to none in the country.

Several of our nimrods gathered here on the 24th for the shooting match. John Krebs proved to be the best marksman by carrying off three geese and the dance ticket.

Will Ranleigh, Fred and Pat Churchman, of Sheridan, have been here shooting ducks and geese, who departed for home on the 26th.

Messrs. Gardener, Penter and Page were up from Little Nestucca Tuesday.

W. R. Rohedee has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. Jim Goodridge was in from Salem, and left Tuesday with a load of dried salmon.

Mrs. T. I. Leusy is on an extended visit down the Little Nestucca. She is at present a guest at Sam Foster's.

The people of Woods have organized a literary society to meet every Thursday night.

A. C. Southmayd will move out to Sheridan in a few days and will spend the winter months there. He will return in the spring with a new stock of goods.

The people of Woods and vicinity are anxious to know when the county court intends opening the road on the north side of the river from Elma Batts' place to the bridge? During high water we are completely shut off from the county seat, as our boat has to be taken out on account of the heavy winds and rough water.

Butter Milk Bill and the Bad Man from Bodey gave one of their wonderful cow boy entertainments in W. R. Rohedee's store on the night of the 24th to an attentive, but badly scared audience.

The Fraternal Union of America will give a grand masquerade ball on the 26th of Dec.

Uncle John Baker was up from Little Nestucca Sunday shaking hands with his many friends. He stopped off at Ocean Park on his way home.

NEHALEM.

Wm. Blackburn went to Tillamook, Friday, to get some hooks made to use with his donkey engine.

There was a Thanksgiving ball at Charlie Basom's on Thursday, which was well attended.

Capt. Buchanan, of Portland, a former resident of Nehalem, is visiting on the river.

The Dewey is loaded with salmon from Wist's cannery, and she is awaiting an opportunity to get out.

There are five steamer loads of salmon yet awaiting shipment at Kinney's cannery, and they are anxiously expecting the Elmore.

Dave Zaddach left on Sunday for Hobsonville, from whence he will go to Frisco by the Ruth. His many friends are sorry to see him go, but we hope our loss will be his gain.

A. J. Keaton went to Tillamook on Friday, to attend the funeral of his half brother, Benj. Higginbothan.

The Seven Sisters, which has been lying near the mouth of the river for some time, got lonesome, and sailed up to the mill on Monday for company.

Butcher Lundberg brought a milk cow for Mrs. Sandberg, and some beef cattle down from Nic Nelson's on Saturday.

Among Blackburn's crew of men is a repairer of foot gear, who can do as neat a job as the best of them.

Frank Steinhauer is trading off his

EMMA.

J. D. Childwood was taking in Salmon river this week.

Messrs. Murphy and Cooper, of Independence, Polk co., was looking at land on Salmon river this week.

Mr. Hardy had the misfortune to loosing his house and all of his household goods on the 23rd ult., while the family was from home. His house was new and a few more days work would have completed it. The loss falls heavily on them, their winter supplies and clothing went with it.

Mr. Burton, who have been very low for some time, died on the 23rd ult. Parties went out to the valley after a coffin and expected to bring it in on horseback.

The past week has been nice, but just now we are having showers.

COULSONBURG.

Mr. G. T. Coulson, who has been working at Mr. Donaldson's for a few weeks, has returned home.

Mr. A. Poland was in our midst Saturday.

D. F. Coulson, of Blaine, called on friends at this place Saturday.

Several of the Coulsonburgers attended the Thanksgiving services at Beaver, Thursday.

Miss Linnie Coulson, of this place, was the guest of Miss Tessie Bixby, Thursday.

Mr. G. T. Coulson made a trip to Beaver, Saturday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Coulson called on friends at Beaver, on Monday of last week.

Miss Dora Swabb was the guest of Miss D. Sailing, of Beaver, Thursday.

Mr. E. T. Coulson made a trip to Beaver, Monday of last week, on business.

Mr. Patrick, who has been staying in the Valley for a few weeks, has returned home.

Mr. J. Hollett, the shoe maker at Beaver, stopped at his uncle's, Mr. N. Coulson's, Saturday night.

Rev. Dollerhide preaches at the Wolf Creek school-house every two weeks at three o'clock p.m.

There is two things Coulsonburg has plenty of, and that is mud and rain.

WILSON RIVER.

Mr. Chas. Woolly and wife arrived at Gust. Wicklund's last Thursday to visit. They returned to their home near Beaver on Sunday.

Chas. Luquist's injured leg is not doing as well as could be expected, for he seems to be too active for the wound's good.

Eric Glad received a new hack from Portland on the steamer Harrison.

NESTOCTON.

Mr. Tharp and family, recently from Eastern Oregon, have moved in here and are occupying the Anderson house. They are quite welcome in our neighborhood and we wish them prosperity.

A school meeting was called here Monday for the purpose of electing two new school directors. Those elected were William Schlatter and L. P. Rey.

Mr. Oheng, who has been down to Garabaldi this summer, returned to Nestocton.

Mr. Buell, of Sheridan, was the guest of Mr. Tharp, Saturday.

South Prairie Grange, of which quite a few Nestocton people are members, met as usual on the fourth Friday. All those who enjoy a good dinner and a sociable time should be grangers.