CASCADE NOTES.

The Skamania Pioneer Speaks of the Improvements Going on.

The Cascades Pioneer has the following:

Warren's cannery is only running about one-fourth time owing to the scarcity of fish.

Thos. Coyle has been continuously in the government employ for ten years at the Cascades.

The voice of the hammer and chisel of the stone cutter again rings in the air. It is about the most welcome sound that could be heard here.

D. L. Cates caught eighteen dozen trout last Friday afternoon up Herman creek. We are not mistaken—that is in the figures Mr. Cates gave us, it was eighteen dozen, no more.

Miss Ida E. Jones, the accomplished daughter of Mr. S. B. Jones, has received the appointment as postmaster of Cascades. Her bond has been executed and returned to Washington.

J. G. and I. N. Day are getting the granite for the work here from their own quarry at Raymond, Calif. We are informed that it is a first-class quality of stone and will take the finest kind of a polish.

A little girl of Mrs. Daniels, who lives above the city was taken to Portland by Dr. Candiani, who in connection with Dr. McKenzie, of that city, performed an operation for the tuberculoses of the hip bone. The operation is a very difficult one and is pleasant news to know that the little child is doing finely and will undoubtedly thoroughly recover.

The dynamo for the electric light is here. It will furnish fifty lights 2000 candle power each. In addition to furnishing light for the night force that is to be employed after low water the owners will furnish light to the business houses of the city. Considering the size of the city it is doubtful if there is another town in the United States of its size that can boast of so metropolitan institutions as an electric light plant.

The Regulator has been a benefit to Skamania county above the Cascades. Her daily appearance in summer has relieved the loneliness of a spare population. Many an invoice of supplies she has brought to cheer the settler, many a landing made to oblige a single passenger. The unanimous verdict of our people would be "success to the Regulator." She is "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

Dr. C. F. Candiani, with his characteristic energy, has started another enterprise. He has leased two acres of land from Alex Watt for a term of ten years for the purpose of erecting a large pavillion and summer resort hotel thereon. Men are at work already clearing and grubbing the land and the enterprise will be pushed to completion. The present building located thereon will be enlarged and an additional story put on. It will be used as the hotel. A magnificent pavillion fifty feet in diameter will be erected for the purpose of holding dancing, lectures, sermons, etc. It will be lighted by electricity throughout and this will undoubtedly bring to our city a great many excursions and a large number of summer visitors who have long desired to see the much talked of Cascade Locks.

J. G. and I. N. Day have a thirty-ton engine on their track to the Herman creek stone quarry. It is their intention to have 350,000 cubic feet delivered here under the stone shed before Christmas. They have already quarried in one month over 20,000 cubic feet. The saw mill will be in full operation this week and in addition to the lumber for their own use they will manufacture all kinds of building lumber for the many homes that will be built at the locks this summer. We are informed that a steam shovel has also been ordered for the purpose of getting sand gravel for the cement work. Two more concrete mixers will be added to the two they already have thus giving them a capacity of 400 barrels per day. As soon as the water lowers two gangs will be put on and work pushed day and night until the work is completed. The gentlemen who have this gigantic contract are hustlers and evidently know their business.

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GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

The System Governing Their Erection and Cost.

How the Plans for New Buildings Are Engineered and Put Through by Congressmen—The Need of Proper Restrictions.

In many of our cities and large towns the most noticeable structure is the government building. There are now nearly four hundred such buildings scattered through the country. The number has been greatly increased in recent years, and the expenditure for construction has become a large annual item in the appropriation bills of congress.

In 1891 the amount expended on this account was more than four million eight hundred thousand dollars, which was one-fifth as much as all the ordinary expenditures of the government in 1840. This great extension of the system has taken place gradually, but the policy seems now to be firmly established.

Within proper limits, says Youth's Companion, it is an extremely reasonable system. In a little town the rent of a corner in a store for a post office amounts to almost nothing. The town grows, and the post office requires larger quarters—a whole floor on the street level in the center of business. The town transforms itself into a city, land and rents increase, and the expense for the hire of a building, which must be conveniently located in the very heart of the city where rents are highest, becomes large.

A still further increase of population, and now other departments of the government begin to appear in the city. If it is on the coast or on the lakes, a deputy collector of customs is appointed. The federal courts have business now and then in the city. An internal revenue office is established, or a branch of the pension or the land office.

Under such circumstances it is cheaper for the national government to invest, once for all, the capital needed to erect buildings than to continue to pay rent. The only question is, at what point it becomes a matter of economy to build rather than to hire.

Naturally the people of a growing town are convinced of the necessity for a public building long before congress can see the matter in the same light. The congressman from the district, anxious to make himself popular, urges the importance of the building on his associates, and sometimes succeeds in obtaining the consent of congress to the project before the building is really needed.

Formerly authority to erect buildings was inserted in appropriation bills, and there was a great chance for "log-rolling"—that is, Congressman Smith would help on Congressman Jones' scheme in Congressman Jones would help Congressman Smith. At present each building is authorized by a separate act, but there is still some opportunity for log-rolling.

All government building is done under the superintendence and control of the treasury department. First, congress authorizes the building and appropriates money for the site and the structure. Next a lot is selected, approved and purchased. Plans are made by the supervising architect, and the building is erected. The custodian—though he may be, and frequently is, the postmaster—is under the direction of, and reports to, the secretary of the treasury.

The reason for this is, perhaps, that in the early days government buildings were chiefly for the offices of collectors of customs, who are under the secretary of the treasury, and only incidentally for post office use.

No doubt the eagerness of communities to obtain a costly and ornamental building at the government expense has caused this system to be abused. Attempts have been made to lay down certain conditions which must be satisfied before a town or city shall be deemed to need a government building.

Thus, it might be required that the population shall be so many, or the receipts of the post office so much, or that there shall be other uses than the post office for such a building. No such restrictions have been made, and whether a town is to have been a building or not is frequently a matter of favor, or even of accident.

Inasmuch as a government rarely takes a backward step in such cases as this, the chances are that hundreds of new buildings will be erected during the next few years.

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A FIGHT WITH WILD DUCKS.

Sailors Have a Desperate Battle with Birds Blown Out to Sea.

Capt. William T. Bernard and the steam tug Plymouth arrived from Boston at Philadelphia a few days ago with three barges in tow, after one of the roughest passages ever made and more than the elements to contend with during the trip, having been attacked in the Vineyard sound, during the terrific hurricane of February 19, by a tremendous flock of wild ducks that had been carried from the land by the wind. They fought desperately against the side of the tug's house and powerful electric light on the masthead, which was the object that first attracted them. Mate Willard went on deck and was knocked flat by one of the infuriated birds, which flew directly at him, striking him on the breast. To substantiate this strange story told to a Press reporter Capt. Bernard saved twelve of the birds that fell exhausted from their struggles on the decks and they are now at his home. The Plymouth, after passing Chatham just before sundown on February 19, experienced heavy rains. Soon the wind veered to the northwest and blew a hurricane accompanied by blinding snow squalls. At nine o'clock at night Capt. Bernard and Mate Willard were both in the pilot house, when a fluttering noise was heard to windward. With the aid of marine glasses they could discern a huge dark formation moving directly toward them, and soon a flock of fully three hundred ducks made for the vessel. They flew directly toward the electric masthead light and in striking the pole fell by the dozen to the deck. Some of the sailors were terrified at first by the fluttering noise, but on being convinced what it was went on deck and caught fully fifty of them and stowed them away in the fore peak. The birds were ravenously hungry, having been carried miles from the land in the teeth of the heavy gale. They could not fly back, such was the force of the wind, and those that failed to light on the Plymouth were carried off to sea and no doubt perished. For fully an hour the birds kept things in a state of excitement on board the tug, and Capt. Bernard confessed it was one of the most remarkable experiences he had ever seen or heard of in upward of a quarter of a century of sea life.

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