

## POSTMASTER BUCHANAN SURPRISED

C. Buchanan, postmaster of Florence was somewhat surprised Sunday morning when he received information that Miss Alice Weatherson had been nominated as postmaster of Florence. Not only was Postmaster Buchanan surprised, but the news was the sensation of the town Sunday and Monday as it was discussed. Many people would not believe it possible and only accepted it as a fact when they saw the dispatch in the Oregonian of June 26th which read as follows:

Northwest Postmaster Appointed—Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, June 26.—The President today nominated the following postmasters: Oregon—Alice E. Weatherson, Florence; Washington—F. M. Charlton, Harrington; J. W. Miller, Snohomish; Eleanor Staazer, Kennewick; C. W. McClure, Washongal, Idaho—James W. Anderson, Nez Perce.

The first item of this little telegram was to cause considerable agitation in Florence, which will not abate until it is settled whether the present incumbent or Miss Weatherson is to be postmaster in Florence.

Mr. Buchanan, who is a democrat, has only been postmaster since sometime in January of this year.

When Mr. Kyle resigned last year an examination was ordered by the department, as the Florence postoffice was in the Fourth class at that time and under supervision of the civil service. Mr. Buchanan took the exami-

nation, passed, and was appointed.

On the first of April it was declared a third-class office, because the business transacted for the four quarters just preceding was of large enough volume to permit the change. Third-class postoffices are not under the civil service rule, but are those in which the postmasters are nominated by the president, usually upon the recommendation of the state senators. Mr. Buchanan, did not think it necessary so secure the appointment in this way, as he had just entered the office but a few months previous, and being a democrat, and in harmony with the administration, it is naturally supposed he would be permitted to retain the office, unless a remonstrance was sent in and cause given for his removal.

Mr. Buchanan feels that it will be an injustice if he is compelled to give up the office under the circumstances, having been to considerable expense to fix up a neat postoffice and furnish accommodations for the public. He has asked for an investigation, and will seek to be retained.

## WILL MAKE A SURVEY OF THE SIUSLAW BAR

C. R. Wright, U. S. surveyor, and party of assistants, arrived in Florence Monday and will make a survey of the bar and entrance of the Siuslaw river.

Mr. Wright, who is in charge of the work, has secured the tug Lillian and the party commenced preliminary work Tuesday. The surveyor and his party will be on the job about a week.

The object of the work is for the purpose of ascertaining the present conditions of the Siuslaw bar.

## Eleven Feet on Bar at Low Water.

The Patsy arrived in port Sunday at 12:30. She crossed inside one hour and three-quarters after turn of the tide, and found eleven feet of water on the bar.

This is interesting and a remarkable comparison because the tide Sunday morning was a long, low run-out, and the gauge showed a record of zero at Florence.

The finding of eleven feet at this stage of water means 17 or 18 feet at full tide. While it is not expected that this depth is maintained, at present all indications and reports go to prove that a depth of not less than 14 feet is now established.

## PLAN TO RUN MILL AT NIGHT

The Tide Water Mill Co. are making arrangements to put in additional electric light service and run the mill part of a night shift soon. It will run on quarters and until 9:30 in evening at least.

They have already made considerable of a fill on the tide land north of the mill and plan to continue until they have completely filled on a line directly north from the log run to Howard street and then to the river bank. This will be used to pile 1000 cords of slab wood and lumber that is to be air dried.

When finished the water along side of this fill will be deep enough to permit schooners to dock and be loaded. This will give the company an additional wharfage, and facilitates the handling and the work of loading schooners.

## FLORENCE WINS AGAIN

Another game of base ball was played between Mapleton and Florence Sunday afternoon.

For a time the home team faced almost certain defeat, the score showing at the beginning of the 9th inning 6 to 8 in favor of the visitors.

In a whirlwind finish the Florence boys changed the blue atmosphere to sunshine and registered a final result of 9 to 8 in their favor.

Two umpers were used, one on balls and the other on bases.

Mapleton found it necessary to make use of three pitchers, while Kendall of the locals was hit on the elbow, necessitating a substitute. Pete Peterson was placed in the box for the home team, and gave a vigorous display of elusive spheres.

The socialist party is initiating a bill to tax estates and create a fund for the unemployed, to be administered by the state labor commissioner, authorized to build railroads and public works of all kinds.

Under the head of a state industrial survey, the water power on the Rogue river is to be investigated with a view to putting the state into the business of generating electric power.

By a vote of twelve to one Portland voters defeated free text books. The industry of state published textbooks is to be established next year.

Cottage Grove has lowered its school tax 5 1-2 mills.

## ANDREW BOSSEN IS ACQUITTED

The trial of Andrew Bossen, of Springfield, accused of causing the death of his wife, has been watched with interest, and it is a pleasure to announce that the verdict given was "not guilty." His own evidence and appearance gained him many friends and sympathizers. The sadness of the affair, and unnecessary suffering of the young man and his relatives, because of his having been accused of such a crime, is to be regretted.

The following are extracts concerning the case taken from the Eugene Register:

Andrew Bossen sobbed on the witness stand yesterday as he told of his love for Edith Bossen, his departed wife, and of her affection for him throughout their wedded years. His voice broke again when he told of their mutual parental fondness for the infant son whose mother—her pain-racked body more enfeebled after she had given him life—did not live to see the first anniversary of little Stanley's natal day. Through tears the prisoner told of Edith's dying words.

Then came the charge of Attorney Woodcock—fateful words, it seemed, because of the grim business before the court: "You are accused of killing your wife. Now, tell this jury whether you did the deed of which you are accused."

The lusty frame of the man on the witness stand was visibly shaken with emotion, and there was a sob in his voice as he answered:

"No, I did not." Bossen, young, calm, classic of feature, immensely strong, told a straight-forward story to the jury of 12. His replies to the questions of the attorneys were clear cut. It was only at mention of his dead wife or of his baby that the tears came. For the most part his testimony coincided with that of the other witnesses for the defense. At times he recalled some little, nameless, scarce-remembered act of kindness and love performed for Edith that no other witness knew about, and which threw additional emphasis on the peace and satisfaction that appeared to have reigned in the Bossen home. The jury will begin to consider its verdict today, but yesterday, after all testimony had been submitted, to the farmers and the tradesmen who sat as spectators in the court room or who stood about the outside aisles because of the crowd, and the women who had listened to the trial with intense interest, there was no stain on the hands of Andrew

Bossen.—Register Thursday June 25th.

It was "good tidings of great joy" that young and supple Bethany Hughes, carried on winged feet to three anxious women who awaited in a room at the Smeed hotel at 6 o'clock last night. The women were Mrs. Marie Banning, Mrs. Ellen Riddell and Miss Genevieve Bossen whose brother, Andrew Bossen, five minutes before had been declared not guilty of slaying Edith Bossen, his wife, at their home near Springfield Junction on the night of March 20.

The jury reported at five minutes before 6 o'clock after having deliberated two hours and 45 minutes. The sisters, who had been with their brother constantly throughout the trial, had chosen to remain away from the court room when the verdict was announced. Their faith was strong, but they were weary with the days and nights of anxiety and nerve-destroying strain. But Bethany Hughes was there. And the verdict had no sooner left the judge's lips than Bethany was outside the door and speeding on her message of joy.

The audience in the court room that had remained to hear the result broke into applause when the verdict was read.

"I knew you would do it!" exclaimed an aged woman as she rushed forward to shake the jurymen by the hands. She is a neighbor of the Bossens.—Register Friday June 21.

Councilman Fred Meyers has finished the cement walk in front of his property on Front street.

Thomas Russell, who was convicted in the circuit court of an assault with a dangerous weapon upon M. W. England, was sentenced last Friday, by Judge Harris to serve three-months in the county jail.

## POURTALES HARDWARE TO MOVE

L. J. Pourtales has rented the corner room in the Tidewater Mill Co. building at the corner of Front and Lincoln streets. This was formerly the sales room of the Hurd Lumber and Navigation Co., and a considerable amount of the dry goods and shoe stock still remains in the building. This will be disposed of at a very low reduction and clearance sale, and it is expected these goods will be placed on sale commencing the first of July.

Mr. Pourtales opened a hardware store in Florence January 1, 1912, and has built up a fine business. He expects to enlarge his stock when he gets into the new location, as it will give him more room.

Robert Pourtales, his brother who visited in Florence several months last year, will come to Florence and take a position in the store.

## PROGRAMME AT THE RITA THEATRE

Mr. Grindall has reduced the price of admission to 10 cents, and is furnishing a fine programme, which changes every other night. The screens will show Wednesday and Thursday of this week. "The Secret Formula," a Pathe play in two reels. "What the Doctor Ordered." Friday and Saturday—Pathe's Weekly No. 74, "Starved Out," and "Black Beauty." Mrs. Roscoe Gardiner will be heard in songs.

Next week, Monday and Tuesday, July 6th and 7th—"Child of the Sea," in two reels, "Rag Bag" and "Smashing Time," Wednesday and Thursday nights, July 8th and 9th—"Feudists" in two reels, "Two Men of the Desert."

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