

COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING WEDNESDAY

At the regular monthly meeting of the commissioners of the Port of Siuslaw all the members were present.

Just what this port would receive from the rivers and harbor bill, had been in question, but a letter from H. P. Dutton, of the Tide Water Mill Co., informed them that the appropriation of \$112,500 was not allowed. Mr. Dutton in his letter urged immediate action in regard to the South jetty work, but as the commission had a letter from the firm which had contracted for the purchase of the additional bonds, cancelling their offer, because congress had not made an appropriation for the Siuslaw, the commission took no definite action in the matter.

The question of driftwood, pier lights and other obstructions were taken up and discussed, and referred to the engineer's office for information.

The Buck box and crate factory at Eugene is rushing the completion of their plant.

Bids will be opened October 14 for two concrete bridges on Wasco county state highway.

It is announced that a giant lumber corporation with a capital of several millions is planned by holders of large timber interest in Clatsop and Tillamook counties. It will build a fleet of steamers and maintain a string of eastern distributing yards.

EXPECT RAILS AT MAPLETON NEXT WEEK

With a crew rushing the track laying at the rate of 4,000 feet a day the steel is nearing head of tide rapidly and by the first of next week, possibly Tuesday the rails will be at Mapleton.

Between Mapleton and Acme there are nothing but small trestles and the piling for these are being driven and good progress made in the work. On this stretch of about 15 miles only one obstruction remains and that is a right-of-way through the Point Terrace Mill company property, a settlement of which is expected soon.

While no definite information has been given out, it is said that Mapleton is planning a celebration and that an excursion from Eugene will be a part of the formal opening of passenger traffic to head-of-tide.

WELCOME SIGN REPAIRED

The Welcome sign which was blown down several weeks ago has been raised again and will soon be connected up with the lights.

The marshal had charge of the job and two large timbers were used to anchor the side columns.

It is believed that the arch will withstand most any wind that might come.

Enterprise is getting a sawmill and logging railroad that will employ 1500 men under good business conditions.

It will be noticed the dispatch from Washington regarding the rivers and harbors appropriation says: "A noteworthy feature of the allotment is that only those projects which were authorized in the house bill as a result of the efforts of Representatives Hawley and Sinnott received funds under the appropriation just completed, and the new items inserted in the bill after it reached the senate have been disregarded by the war department."

It has been an evident fact that to save the results obtained and receive benefits from the work already accomplished that the south jetty would have to be extended, in fact the whole project would have to be combined and completed or a considerable loss would result. One item alone, if the work is stopped, will be the opening of a new quarry, which alone will mean thousands of dollars additional expense. Somebody went to sleep on the jetty appropriations. Who was it?

THE CRY OF THE COWARD UNDERTAKER A DEVELOPER

Mr. Hawley and his friends are getting scared. This is evident from the fact that they are resorting to every means honorable or dishonorable, to pull him through and defeat his Democratic opponent, Fred Hollister.

One of the meanest most contemptible tricks that a politician or his supporters can resort to is the "native son" cry. No one but a coward will resort to the contemptible plea that a candidate for an office should be elected because he is a "native son." Just suppose that the voters of the First Congressional district who are not natives of Oregon should take Hawley and his friends at their word, and line up behind Hollister because he is not a "native son." Where would Hawley be then? The great majority of the voters of the First district are natives of other states. But what difference should this make. We are all Americans, and the candidate for an office, high or low, who has nothing better in the way of argument to offer than the cowardly, un-American cry that he is a "native son" of Oregon, is unworthy the confidence or support of any patriotic, sensible American.

Mr. Hawley had a full-page advertisement in the official State Fair program in which he pleads for votes on the ground that he is a native son of Oregon and closes his tearful plea with these words regarding his opponent, Frederick Hollister: "It is said that he was born in Georgia. What has a person with such antecedents to commend him to the people of Oregon as their representative?"

Poor Hawley! He is hard pressed for an argument. He was born in Oregon, but he has nothing else to offer as an excuse for re-election. He belongs to the narrow-minded selfish select class that would close the doors of the State to the people of other sections of the country who would come here to make homes and engage in business. We should remember that we are Americans first, and "native sons" second.

Again: Mr. Hawley's picture cards and other literature put out by himself and friends bear this familiar motto: "No Interests to Serve but the Public Interests."

Let us see about this. Mr. Hawley is at this time, and has for many years past, been drawing a salary of \$75 per month from an insurance organization for serving as a member on the board of directors or managers. In addition to this he receives \$5 a day and traveling expenses every time he attends a meeting of the board, board meetings being held in Denver four times a year. Does this look as if Mr. Hawley has "No interests to serve but the public?"

We have the records to prove

There are in many communities successful business men and farmers who stand like stumps in the highways of progress and in such a situation the Undertaker is an important factor in development. Scarcely a day passes that they do not add a new terror to death by refusing to join with public spirited citizens in a movement for the upbuilding of their community or by their indifference snag an industrial enterprise.

It takes live men to build a community and there is no sadder sight in life than a few noble spirited citizens staggering under a load of dead timber. The undertaker is oftentimes a developer.

CONDEMNATION SUIT STARTS

The Willamette Pacific railroad company has commenced suit against the Point Terrace Mill and Lumber company to condemn the necessary land for right of way purposes.

The papers were filed in the circuit court this week, the amount of land being one acre, which the railroad company places a valuation of \$50 on.

The only place above Acme now remaining where the railroad has not secured the right-of-way.

POST OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

Postmaster Buchanan is now installing 100 lock boxes in addition to those already in use. This will make a total of 158 lock boxes, which will probably meet the demand for some time to come.

Since taking the office and its promotion to third class, Postmaster Buchanan has endeavored to give the patrons the benefit of a continued improved service.

WAS INJURED THURSDAY

Jack Gilmore while working with the Willamette Pacific crew removing false work from the bridges had both legs caught between a pile that was being lifted and a saw log, resulting in his right foot being mashed at the ankle and the left leg injured near the hip. He is able to walk some but will be under the doctor's care a few weeks.

The new post office building to be erected at Coquille will cost \$6000.

that Mr. Hawley refused to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wilson wife of the President of the United States after he had been appointed on the committee, and that he left Washington and went to Denver in August to attend a board meeting. Was there anything patriotic about this? We are truly ashamed of such a "native son." The Oregon Messenger.

SIUSLAW DOES NOT GET APPROPRIATION

Washington, Oct. 7.—The amounts allotted to Northwestern projects are: Celilo Canal, \$525,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia, below Portland, \$200,000; Willamette and Yamhill, above Portland, \$25,000; Columbia, Celilo to the mouth of the Snake, \$20,000; Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$35,000; Snake River, \$5000; Coos Bay, \$70,000; Coquille River, \$26,000; Siuslaw, \$5000; entrance Grays Harbor, \$110,000; inner Grays Harbor and Chehalis River, \$15,000; Cowlitz and Lewis rivers, \$6000.

A noteworthy feature of the allotment is that only those projects which were authorized in the House bill as a result of the efforts of Representatives Hawley and Sinnott received funds under the apportionment just completed, and the new items inserted in the bill after it reached the Senate have been disregarded by the War Department.

Items for which no allotment was made and the amounts proposed for these projects in the river and harbor bill which failed are: Nehalem, \$116,175; Coos River, \$3000; Siuslaw, new project, 112,500; Columbia at Cascades, \$10,000; Willamette locks, \$80,000; Clatskanie River, \$1000; Willapa River, \$100,000; Grays River, \$500; Puget Sound, \$25,000; Skagit River, \$40,000.

A new Presbyterian church has just been dedicated at Gold Beach Curry county.

TWO ANTWERP FORTS LOST TO BELGIUM

London, Oct. 7.—Dispatches from Amsterdam say that the Germans continue to bombard Antwerp, that two more defending forts have fallen and that the Belgian government has been moved to Ostend.

Meanwhile the French account of the battle of Aisne says that the battle on the allied's left wing continues with extreme violence, the line being extended more and more. The German account says that the advance guards of the opposing forces are in touch north of Arras.

While the world awaits news of the great battle in which the English and French allied forces and the Germans in northern France have engaged for 26 days, the meagre official reports from the front vouchsafe little information of the actual operations. Today it is a small piece of ground lost and tomorrow the same ground has been regained. Meanwhile the French forces are moving northward, but are gaining little to the east which would be essential to the outflanking of the German wing.

As a matter of fact General Von Kluck, in command of the German army, with heavy reinforcements which have reached him in the last week, has taken a decided offensive and day by day the announcement is made by the French war office that "the violent engagement continues."

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