

## GUARANTEE BUTTER FAT SELLING PRICE

At a meeting of the directors of the Siuslaw creamery association the secretary was directed to inform the sellers of butter fat that the association would guarantee a minimum price based on the Portland market for butter. The lowest price to be four cents below the Portland market. If the amount of cream received during any month will not justify paying this lowest price, the association will make up the difference necessary to the producer. If a higher price can be paid the producer will receive the benefit.

It is well known by dairymen that the more cream received and manufactured into butter in a month the higher the price possible to pay for butter fat, and the directors of the association guarantee this minimum price to encourage the patrons to furnish as much cream as possible and aid in keeping the creamery in operation the year around to the fullest capacity.

At this meeting which was held Monday morning at Acme the last installment of \$1400 indebtedness was paid off. This clears the association of debt.

There will be a program and Christmas trees at both churches Thursday night.

Capt. Oleson of the Beaver is willing to carry wedding parties, but prefers to have the friends of the newly weds hand the rice to them in sealed packages.

## TO RECEIVE \$6199.52 OF FOREST FUND

Salem, Ore., Dec. 19.—The distribution of 25 per cent of the United States forest reserve fund for the fiscal year ending June 30 has been announced here and shows that a total of \$61,600.50 is to be apportioned to Oregon. Figures given out at the office of the secretary of state show that there are 15,580,934 acres in the forest reserve area in Oregon, out of a total area of 61,188,480 acres, and the apportionment is .003953967 per acre. Lane county which has 1,567,124 acres in the National Forests will receive \$6,199.52 as its share of the fund.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

The Pilot force will take a Christmas vacation and in order for those employed in connection with the paper to have an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season the usual Saturday edition of the Pilot will not be published, our next issue not going to press until Wednesday December 30.

In anticipation of the enjoyment of Christmas cheer the Pilot wishes all a Merry Christmas.

The Rustler discharged her freight and left for Coos Bay Tuesday.

## SIUSLAW APPROPRIATION CONDITIONAL

The Morning Oregonian of Sunday December 13th, 1914, had the following telegram.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Dec. 12.—In recommending to Congress that an appropriation of \$117,500 be made for continuing the improvement of the Siuslaw River, the Secretary of War attached the following condition:

"Provided that an equal amount be provided for the purpose by the Port of Siuslaw or other agency, to be expended by the Secretary of War upon the same terms and conditions as those prescribed in connection with the work authorized by the river and harbor act approved February 27, 1911."

This condition undoubtedly will be inserted in the river and harbor bill and will place the Siuslaw project on the same basis with other Pacific Coast projects.

This is quite evident that Congress will be largely influenced to appropriate this money by the proposition to meet it with an equal amount. To do this the Port Commission proposes to issue bonds for \$100,000, estimating they will have sufficient cash to meet the balance. Five thousand of this appropriation is for a maintenance fund, which leaves \$12,500 for the port to raise. For the past few months bonds have been hard to sell and recently a contract for the sale of \$100,000 of Siuslaw Port bonds were cancelled. Upon good authority we are told that the port commissioners could now dispose of these bonds at par. If this is done in January as contemplated, it will show Congress that the Siuslaw is in good faith in their proposition.

## CLEARING OUT LOG JAMS

The Tide Water Mill Company have a force of men in charge of Charley Fraser at work clearing out log jams so that the logs that have caught on the river bank will come down with the first raise.

## WILL VISIT AT HARTLINE

Mrs. Louisa Tripp left Monday morning on a visit to Hartline, Washington. She will be gone several months returning about April, and will spend some time in Spokane. Mrs. Tripp said, "This cold spell of the last week made her want to go where there was some real cold weather."

It is not often that we have to record that Marion Morris is not at his post, but for the past few days Marion has been laid up on account of sickness. He is at his post again and says he has no time to lay around the house.

Among the teachers that left for Eugene Saturday to attend the institute, were F. O. Bradshaw, Carrie Casperson, Grace East, Pearl Stevens, Mildred Mersdorf, Jennie Southmayer, Agnes Weatherston and Bulah Kinsey. Miss McVicker went out Sunday and Mr. Weaver last week.

It was a happy crowd that went to the dock Saturday morning to see the new bride and groom off. Rice in profusion was thrown over the new couple and all others that were near and amidst the hand shaking and loud rejoicings, Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood left for their home in Alaska, carrying the best wishes of hosts of friends with them.

## FIX STREET IMPROVEMENT DAMAGES

At a meeting of the City council Monday night the matter of fixing the value on the proposed portion of the lots at the intersection of Adams and Second street that are required for street purposes, also those lots at the intersection of Hamlin and Fourth street for the same purpose, was left to a committee consisting of L. J. Pourtales, O. M. Baldwin and C. H. Young.

Tuesday the committee met and canvassed the ground and made their report to the Council, substantially as follows: damage to Lot 1, Block 9, Town of Florence, being at Adams and Second streets, \$337.50; the damage to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 3, Morse's Add., to Florence, being at Hamlin and 4th streets, was not greater than the benefits derived.

It is noticed that there are an unusual number of mountain robins around town. The snow and cold have driven them down for food and some of our people are throwing out grain and other food for them to eat.

Several of the water pipes around town froze up Saturday night and caused considerable inconvenience. We are not disposed to find fault with the weather man, but there are several around town that would remind him to not let that happen again.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Florence schools closed Friday for the holidays and will not open again till January 4. The eighth grade room will open 28th, as Mr. Weaver closed his room one week earlier than the rest.

Summary of teachers' reports for month ending November 27th, in Supervisory District No. 5.

Number of schools in session	31
Number of schools reporting	31
Number of truancy cases reported	3
Schools having a perfect attendance, Ten Mile and Beers.	
Schools closed until rainy season is over. Alpha, Greenleaf and Lyons.	
Number of schools visited by supervisor	15
Number of schools having had no visitors at all	6

**RURAL SCHOOLS**

Average daily attendance	12
Percent of attendance	90
Total number of visits from parents	72
Total number of visits from members of school-boards	24

**TOWN SCHOOLS**

Florence (high school and grades.)—	
Average daily attendance	145
Percent of attendance	95
Total number of visitors	6
Mapleton—	
Average daily attendance	52
Percent of attendance	89.86
Total number of visits	15

Acme—

Average daily attendance	29.4
Percent of attendance	94.8
Number of visitors	3

Glenada—

Average daily attendance	20.7
Percent of attendance	92
Number of visits	1

Rural schools having an attendance of 98 per cent.— Mercer, Greenleaf, Portage and Ada.

Attendance of 95 to 98 per cent.—

Herman, Acme, Earl, Reed, Deadwood, Heceta, Lyons, Vaughn, Fiddle creek.

Attendance of 90 to 95.—

Duncan Slough, Minerva, Meadow, Riverview, Noti, Hale.

The per cent of attendance in

the rural schools has fallen from 93 to 90 per cent, while in the town schools it has fallen from 93 3-4 to 92 1-2. This decrease is no doubt due to the rainy weather, and sickness in many cases. However, let us let every parent, teacher, and every boy and girl in this district make this our new year motto "EVERY DAY PRESENT AND ON TIME." and working together we can raise our attendance standard. It is gratifying to note the increased interest taken in school work by patrons and school officers, as shown by the number of visitors. Last month 58 parents and 15 school board members visited, while this month's report shows 72 visits from parents and others, and 24 from school boards. This does not include the visits of the supervisor.

A number of the schools are planning to make necessary changes in and about the school building during the Christmas vacation so that both teachers and pupils will take up their work with renewed vigor, at opening of school. Acme and Ada have recently put in the Waterman-Waterberry heating plants and both are well on the way toward standardizing.

With best wishes to the patrons, and to the boys and girls of this district for a happy holiday season, this report is respectfully submitted.

JENNIE M. BOSSEN,  
Supervisor of Schools.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL INTRODUCED

I. B. Cushman, President of Port of Siuslaw Commission, received a message from Congressman W. C. Hawley, stating that he had introduced the Rivers and Harbors Bill in Congress, Saturday, December 19, carrying an appropriation of \$117,500 for the Siuslaw river.

## Holiday Suggestions

Christmas Stationery, both bulk and package. A neat and desirable present to a lady or gentleman. A Non-Leakable Fountain Pen is appreciated by everyone. Perfumery of the most delicate and fragrant odor. Toilet Soaps and Toilet Articles especially prepared for the Xmas trade. Japanese Napkins. Tinsel Paper. Ornaments.

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