

## 500 R SIUSLAW IMPROVEMENT

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te, below Portland,  
Coquille River, \$76,000,  
y, \$70,000; Coos River,  
Yaquina River, \$3000;  
a Bay, \$116,175; Snake  
20,000; Upper Columbia  
elilo Falls to mouth of  
river, \$37,000; Willamette  
nhill rivers, above Port-  
5,000; Cowlitz and Lewis  
15,000; Clatskanie River,  
Grays Harbor and Bar,

\$460,000; water-way connecting  
Puget Sound and Lakes Union  
and Washington, \$17,500.

## EVANGELICAL ASSIGNMENTS

The Evangelical Conference  
assigned the following pastors to  
Siuslaw stations; F. H. Neff,  
Mapleton; C. Ramsdale, Acme;  
R. O. Caves, Florence.

## CITY ELECTION QUIET AFFAIR

The annual city election passed  
without a great deal of excite-  
ment, as there was but four  
councilmen to elect and only one  
place contested.

The result was the election of  
Geo. P. Edwards, councilman  
for one year, department of  
streets, street lighting, etc.

O. C. Stanwood, councilman for  
one year, department of parks,  
wharves, docks, etc.

Fred F. Meyers, councilman  
for two years, department of po-  
lice, fire protection, etc.

D. W. Reesman, councilman  
for two years, department of  
health, sewers, water works, etc.

This makes but one change in  
the council as Dr. Geo. P. Ed-  
wards is elected to succeed A. O.  
Knowles, who was not a candi-  
date for re-election.

The total number of votes cast  
was 55.

If the referendum should be invoked upon the question of issuing \$100,000 bonds by the Port of Siuslaw, it will only be one more case where this law has been used in the hands of few to block the desire of a large majority. The remonstrators admit that petitions asking the sale of the bonds were signed by 800 out of 1200 voters, yet they no doubt would like people to believe they are honest in their purpose to use the referendum. The referendum is for the purpose of securing a vote of the people where it is of good evidence that something is being done against the wishes of the people, but in this case 167 signers out of 1200, say they want the expenses of an election made, or conditions made so that by a delay of improvements, they and the 800 favorable citizens will have to pay a larger sum in years to come for loss by deterioration and destruction than the cost of continuation of work, and consequence of completing the project on a more permanent basis.

There is no doubt by anyone familiar with conditions but, that the expenditure now of the proposed \$225,000 will save money to the taxpayers of the port.

It looks like some outside influence is using a small part of a community, working upon their prejudices and inclination to economize as an influence to undo or hold back the development of the whole community. This has happened before and may happen again, but we sincerely hope that in this case the referendum has no power and the wishes of two-thirds of the people will be carried out.

Mr. Earle says "all we ask is a referendum vote. If the people of the district say issue the bonds, all well and good, but I do not believe the majority of the voters are in favor of it." This is a peculiar statement in the face of those 800 signers favorable, also that Mr. Earle spent over a month on the proposition traveling over a greater portion of western Lane county in his efforts to work up opposition and that he received very little encouragement outside of the extreme up-river section. People have a right to their opinion in the matter, but are they justified in seeking to hold up this work by any means, in the face of overwhelming evidence that a large majority of the voters desire it to proceed.

Somebody has already spent a considerable larger amount of money in opposing the project than the amount of taxes of several voters will pay, and if they succeed the entire port will pay the added cost. At the very best it is "penny" wise and pound foolish.

## RUFUS JOHNSON LOOSES HOME

The home of Rufus Johnson on Sweet Creek, above Point Terrace, was entirely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, April 4. Most of the movable furnishings were saved from the lower story, but everything in the upper story were lost. The house and woodshed were entirely burned. The cause of the fire is not known but is supposed to be from a spark from the chimney.

It is a great loss to Mr. Johnson at this time, but he will rebuild as soon as arrangements can be made for material. Mrs. Johnson says that their Easter breakfast consisted of 25 dozen fried eggs and a sack of baked potatoes.

## PACIFIC RESTAURANT HAS BEEN PURCHASED

Albert Marshall has purchased the Pacific Restaurant from the Cooper Bros. Mr. Marshall who is an experienced restaurant and hotel man has had charge of the kitchen for about six weeks. The Cooper Bros. purchased this place of business several months ago, and have improved it and built up a nice patronage.

A new front has just been put in the building making the dining room larger and very attractive. Mr. Marshall will make further improvements and says, before he gets through it will be one of the best eating houses between Coos Bay and Eugene.

The floors are to be covered with linoleum and new fixtures installed.

Mr. Marshall's family now live at Kent, Washington. He has bought a lot in Florence and contemplates building a residence for his family to live in when they come here.

The Tillamook arrived in port Sunday discharged her cargo.

## FLORENCE TO HOLD CARNIVAL

At a mass meeting called at the Commercial Club room Tuesday evening to consider the holding of a Carnival this year, Wm. Brynd acted as chairman, and J. W. Bergman was secretary of the meeting. It was decided to hold a Rhododendron Carnival and upon motion the chairman appoints J. L. Mackechnig, Dr. Chas. P. Johnson and W. H. O'Kelly as a committee to have charge of the event. Let everyone do all they can to help the committee and boost for the Carnival.

## POST OFFICE BUSINESS MAKE LARGE INCREASE

Postmaster C. Buchanan reports that the receipts of the post office for the last year has made an increase of \$700, or about 1-3 over the previous year. This raise was very near sufficient to raise the office pay \$200 per year. So close that the post master scratches his head when he thinks about it, as it is this increase insures an addition raise of \$100 on his salary.

## BOND ELECTION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

At the school bond election held in the school house last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of voting bonds for building an addition to the present building, raising the old building and installing a heating plant, there were 95 votes cast, 53 for the bonds and 37 against the bonds.

## U. OF O. MALE QUARTETTE

An evening of pleasure, artistically, mentally and morally at Kyles Opera House, Monday, April 12, by U. of O. Male Quartette.

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## MANDAMUS WRIT ISSUED THURSDAY

Last Thursday H. H. Earl filed a complaint in mandamus suit against T. J. Neely, secretary of the port of Siuslaw commission. Judge Skipworth made an order of alternating writ of mandamus compelling Neely to accept and file the petition or in default thereof to show cause before the circuit court on or before 15 days after the service of the writ why he has not done so.

The complaint states that the petition as presented by Earl to the secretary of the port contained 167 names, which is more than ten per cent of the legal voters of the port of Siuslaw and that everything in connection therewith was regular and according to law.

Mr. Earl presented the referendum partitions to Mr. Neely on Monday March 22, but they were protested and the secretary wrote across the back of each petition, "refused".

A history of the port bonds show that the first issue was for \$100,000 five percent bonds; the second issue \$115,500 six per cent bonds, making a total \$215,500 bonds. Of the first issue \$15,000 has been paid off, leaving \$200,500.

The proposed issue of \$100,000 to meet the Government's appropriation will make the bonded indebtedness of the port \$300,500.

L. O. Immel is the attorney for those seeking to prevent the sale of the port bonds.

Williams & Bean, attorneys for the port commission, are of the opinion that the action of the board in issuing the bonds is not

referable, and this is the only question involved in the suit.

In case the secretary of the port is compelled by court to file the petition the commission will call a special election. In case the petitioners win in court the election will be called at the earliest possible date so as not to interfere with the proposed improvement of the harbor.

## HALIBUT BANK VALUABLE

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, March 24.—The bureau of fisheries today announced that its investigation of fishing banks along the North Pacific Coast shows a valuable halibut fishing ground off the shore from Newport, Or., covering approximately 250 square miles.

This ground can be profitably fished from April to October, but the halibut run reaches its maximum there in August and September.

As a direct result of the Government investigations it is announced that fishermen on 21 trips took 850,000 pounds of halibut, valued at about \$24,000, on these grounds last Summer.

Smaller areas off Coos Bay and Grays Harbor also were located, but were less extensively studied.

The entire Oregon coast, was found to abound in flounders, rock cod, soles and black cod, which form a valuable food supply when market conditions warrant exploitation.—Oregonian March 25th.

Fred Cassidy who had the contract for grading Madison and First streets has completed the work. This will make a great improvement in this part of town and when the plank is laid will be of great benefit to the teams coming to town from the north.

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