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**West Coast Improves Our Service**

ELSEWHERE in our paper is a story concerning recent improvements made by West Coast Telephone Company on their service between Crescent City and Brookings.

According to West Coast, the new installation should give us seventy-six per cent more capacity between the two cities.

We hope, sincerely, that the new installation will bring our phone service somewhere near what can be reasonably expected, and we're glad West Coast has completed the job. We realize they've had a difficult time, here, with the great growth of load in this area.

Our greatest single gripe has been the difficulty in placing long-distance calls, and the installation of these cables should improve that. Perhaps, now, too, West Coast can turn their attention to doing something about the time lag in getting telephones installed here.

We really haven't wanted to seem punitive. When we accused West Coast of having the worst telephone service ever visited upon a city here, we meant it literally—we think it was. We applaud their efforts to correct it, and we'll refrain from noting (except in passing) that they're a little slower in doing so than we feel they should be.

But we're willing to watch, now, and see if they continue to strive to bring their standards up to that given other cities by other systems. If they do so, we'll be glad to have them here.

In the meantime, we think we'll place a couple of calls... and suspend judgment.

**Make Mill Beach a City Park**

As far as we know, there is no other city in existence that is blessed with a beach like Mill Beach within its city limits. Of course, we could be technical and say we're really blessed with two, but Harris Beach is a State park, and it's only because we're magnanimous with our police protection that it's within the city.

But Mill Beach is all ours, and what a wonderful beach it could be for the people of this community. With its sweep of sandy beach, and its foam-shrouded rocks, it has everything that could be desired in a beach.

We say it could be, because we've realized very little of Mill Beach's potential. Lack of adequate policing has permitted it to become an unkempt beach, with broken bottles and trash littering its sands. And lack of adequate facilities there has condemned it to its present condition.

If our Municipal Government would police Mill Beach, and install the proper facilities, the Beach would be a Municipal Park without equal. No great outlay would be required... as far as we can see. And it would pay off in rich recreational rewards for the people of this area.

The city papers say that Rita Hayworth and Dick Haymes were married at "a very simple ceremony". That makes it complete... everything about that match is simple.

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**For What It's Worth**

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE  
 I have long dreamed of becoming famous to the extent of having some article of clothing, a country, or even a law named after me like Prince Albert, Colombia, or the Volstead act. I believe my dream is about to come true. I have discovered a new crime.

We are all familiar with polygamy, the crime of having more than one wife at the same time. I never could see why it was a crime, though. Always figured anyone brave enough to try it should be commended rather than condemned.

The crime I have invented is much more deserving of punishment. I am calling it "consecutive polygamy". The law provides that when an individual has been found guilty on several charges, the judge may give him a separate sentence for each one, say forty years, and order that he serve them consecutively. Thus when he completes the first forty, he starts on the second, etc., etc.

Guilty of consecutive polygamy then would be those individuals, of whom we read each day who marry some beautiful damsel, live with her for a period of time ranging from twenty-four hours to a year, pay her a half million alimony to get rid of her and start window-shopping for another.

I could think of a much nastier word to use for these characters who purchase their wives and then discard them to flood the market with a second-hand product; but consecutive polygamy will be sufficient if we can get a penalty to fit the crime.

My suggested punishment would be that any man with over \$500,000 who gets married will have to live with his wife for at least 20 years before he can get a divorce. Thus he will be held down to three at the most in a lifetime which will certainly improve the present situation.

I would predict that the gay blade with the fickle fancy would then think twice before galloping to the altar, and the girl with the dollar sign eyes would discard her present slogan of "anything to earn a buck".

**Construction Starts On New Library**

Donors to the local library building will soon be called upon for their offerings, according to decisions made at Monday night's meeting of the library board. Jim Fifield will begin the window and door frames as soon as he gets the material, the labor being his contribution. Roy Weidman, who is supervising the project, is ordering all material to be delivered on the site, the first being the reinforcing material, and as soon as that is there the slab will be poured. Because of the very great demands made upon this facility it is imperative that more space be available. In August, 548 books were loaned, an increase of 100 over the previous month, and indications are that the September circulation will be higher than expected, with so many readers working in the bulbs.

More than 20 new volumes have been ordered for the shelves, several more have been donated, the local Rock Hounds starting a section devoted to their interests and the intermediate Girl Scouts turned in \$5.28 to be spent on books.

To accommodate the school children, the library will be open the additional hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The advisability of having additional high school girl unpaid help in the library was approved.

**ANNIVERSARY HUGE**

**FOREST FIRE NOTED**

Last Saturday, Sept. 26, was the anniversary of the starting of tremendous forest fires in the neighborhood of Bosley Butte which swept thousands of acres before being brought under control. A series of fires, to the northward wiped out the city of Bandon. Locally, the fire burned through to the coast, near Carpenterville, and millions upon millions of feet of merchantable timber was destroyed which, if now available, would have yielded

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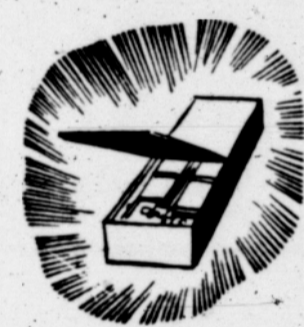
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