

PORT OF COOS BAY WINS HARBOR CASE

Ruling Giving Control of Tide Flats of Importance to Other Oregon Districts.

PRIVATE CLAIMANTS LOSE

Circuit Judge Coke Decides Port to Possess Right of Restriction Over Tide Lands—Appeal Will Be Taken.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—John S. Coke, Judge in the Circuit Court, has handed down a decision which is of greatest importance to all of the port districts of Oregon.

He has decided that the Port Commission of Coos Bay has absolute control of the tide flats back of the present Government harbor lines.

The case was that of Patrick Hennessey, Jane A. Chadwick and others against the Port of Coos Bay.

The port claimed the flats which are owned by the plaintiff and the latter asked for an injunction restraining the port from taking possession of the tide flats on the grounds that no compensation was given.

Ownership is in Trust.

Judge Coke's ruling of substance is that all of the tide flats were originally held by the state in trust for the people, to be used for purposes of navigation when they might be needed, and that while these flats have been bought by individuals, the latter only hold title subject to the trust of the state.

The Port Commission is regarded as an agent for the state with the rights to use the tide flats for navigation purposes without compensating the present individuals who claim ownership.

The decision also gives the Port Commission the right of restriction over the tide lands, so that those who now hold the tide lands cannot build or improve them without a license from the Port Commission, thus giving the port the control of these lands and the possibility of increasing in the future the size of the harbor over the tidal area.

East Side Affected.

The channel of the bay, according to the present Government plan, is 400 feet wide, but this has been extended by the Port Commission and the project, which has been adopted to be followed in the future, is for a 1000-foot channel, which will take in much of the tide lands which have been platted and have been owned.

The harbor lines, however, on the Marshfield side of the bay which are improved will not be changed, so the decision affects only the unimproved tide flats on the west side of the bay, including part of the city of East Side, the townsite of Cooson and other outside additions.

J. W. Bennett and C. P. McKnight, who started the case for the owners of the land, will take it to the Supreme Court.

Marshfield Appoints Committee to Choose Ground at 1915 Fair.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce has named a committee to meet with the Portland delegation which on March 12, at San Francisco, will select a site for the Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

It is not likely that any of the committee will go on the special train from Portland, as those selected are men who will be in San Francisco on other business at that time.

Marshfield's other committee will select at once the fair site. The committee is composed of C. A. Smith, W. S. Chandler, L. J. Simpson, J. M. Blake, A. Mervin, Samuel Magnus, T. S. Dew, J. Miller, G. N. Kendall, W. H. Fitzgerald, member of Light- ing committee of the Executive Board, explained that the East Side had been divided into districts and that 15 lights could be installed a month in each district.

STUDENTS PLAN MAGAZINE

Cottage Grove High School Will Issue Annual Publication June 1.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The high school student body is preparing for the issuance of an annual magazine to surpass any former editorial work in the school. The magazine will be printed on a fine quality of paper, have an artistic cover and contain individual and group photographs of the students.

PAYROLLS PADDED 5 YEARS

Northern Pacific Investigation Finished at Spokane.

SPOKANE, March 7.—The results of the investigation into charges that the payrolls of the freight department of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Spokane had been padded for five years, have been forwarded to headquarters of the company at St. Paul.

As soon as the actual sum secured by employees is ascertained, the surety company which bonded the employees of the road will be asked to reimburse the company.

According to E. J. Cannon, Spokane counsel for the road, a part of the money secured was used to pay delinquent and uncollectible freight charges so that employees might make a record as collectors.

VESSLS LOAD FOR ALASKA

Ships Brought From Winter Quarters to Carry Caucery Supplies.

ASTORIA, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company's vessels, the bark, W. R. Flint and the ship, St. Francis, will be brought from their winter quarters next week to load canneries supplies for Bristol Bay. The former will go to the North Bend dock and load for Kogalung, while the latter will berth at the Elmore wharf and load for Nushagak.

CLARK FARMERS TO MEET

Business Men and Agriculturists Plan Get-Together Conference.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—A meeting of 100 prominent farmers and fruitgrowers throughout Clark County has been called by the Commercial Club of Vancouver for Wednesday noon, March 20, at Columbia Hotel, at which time they will be guests of the club for luncheon.

DIVA SCORES ELEGANT

Mme. Schumann-Heink Declares Suit Is Conspiracy.

MOTHER LOVE IS DEFENDED

"If My Son Promised Marriage," Says Singer, "He Must Wade From His Own Puddle"—Will Not Pay a Penny Declared.

SEATTLE, March 7.—(Special.)—That the marital difficulties of Madame Schumann-Heink may, in a measure, be responsible for the institution of a \$25,000 damage suit alleging breach of promise on the part of Hans Schumann-Heink, son of the noted singer, brought by Fraulein Johanna Alice Forner, of Dresden, is the inference left by an interview with the famous songbird.

"Infamous—a conspiracy! Enemies would drag my mother here through the public mire, hoping I will worry until my voice falls me. We of Germany know the mother love is more precious than art—than the plaudits or dollars of the world. They are striking me through my child."

This was the dramatic answer of Madame Schumann-Heink at the Hotel Washington today.

"I will not air my private troubles for the public's pleasure," she continued. "If my son has erred he must—as we Germans say—wade from his own puddle. But \$25,000—I wonder how she would get it? Eliminate Madame Schumann-Heink from this world and see how quickly this suit would be dropped."

"I know but little of the life Hans lived at Dresden. He may have been with German students here in what you Americans call 'mollycoddlery.' If he and this woman—I will not call her a girl—had an honest understanding, if he went to live believing in his promise, and asked her to live her life with him, he must wade from his own puddle. Not one penny will I give. Madame Schumann-Heink will go on singing to her audiences, smiling to her friends, ignoring her enemies and forgetting that cantabile-beasts—are allowed to live in the world. She is above petty spite."

OFFICIALS CHANGE MIND

Spokane Commissioners to Let Job on Main to Day Laborers.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Although the City Commissioners Wednesday, by a vote of 3 to 2, voted to throw the big North Side force main job open to bids from contractors, that action will be rescinded and the ordinance providing for doing the work by day labor allowed to stand, according to a new lineup of the commissioners, which developed following another meeting of the Council this morning.

Mayor Hindley, who voted for setting aside the ordinance, is reported to have said that he would not support the ordinance providing for doing the work by day labor allowed to stand, according to a new lineup of the commissioners, which developed following another meeting of the Council this morning.

WATCH US GROW

Worrell's Sample Cloaks & Suits

132-134 SIXTH STREET OPPOSITE OREGONIAN BUILDING

WORRELL'S TEMPTATION SALE

AN OUT-OF-THE-USUAL SALE OF READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS

Instead of the formal Spring Opening upon which many establishments spend thousands of dollars for decorations, we intend to make this Spring announcement unusually attractive in regard to prices.

Today and Saturday, therefore, the doors will be thrown open for one of the most emphatic sales we have ever held in this great growing Ready-to-Wear Sample Store for Women.

These prices for Friday and Saturday only:

Smart Sample Suits

New showing very classy assortment Spring Suits; blue serges, fancy mixtures; the handsome plain tailored new four-button coat models, also fancy handsome trimmed models; one-third to one-half less than any other store on the Coast.

Extra special for our first Spring sale \$14.95. Blue serges, worth \$25.00. Fancy mixtures, \$20.00 to \$25.00. Fancy trimmed Suits, \$20.00 to \$25.00.

Sale of Waists

Of the most unusual values and assortment almost bewildering; lingerie, silks and the new, much-wanted mannish shirts; all colors, tan, blue, white.

\$1.50 WAISTS 98c. \$2.00 WAISTS \$1.49. \$2.50 WAISTS \$1.98. \$5.00 WAISTS \$2.98.

A very large assortment, \$6.00 to \$12.00

We Show the Largest Assortment of Blue Serge Suits in the City

\$14.95, \$16.75, \$19.85, \$22.75, \$24.95, \$27.50, \$30.00 to \$50.00

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Alexander Patterson was stooping to put the line in the shelve at the main slip and was blown 20 yards to the engine house. A fan weighing more than a ton was blown completely out.

For 15 minutes the smoke of the explosion and coal dust obscured everything. The smokestack of the engine house was blown over and a bell drawing the fans was thrown 150 feet away. Water pipes leading into the mine were blown out. An hour passed before any attempt at rescue could be made.

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Worrell's Temptation Sale advertisement featuring a woman in a dress and a list of clothing items.

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Clarke's Pure Rye advertisement featuring a bottle of whiskey and a man in a suit.

BANK advertisement for Hartman & Thompson, Bankers, located at Fourth and Stark Streets.