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THE Board of Conciliation, created by the Strike Commission of 1902 to settle disputes between the anthracite coal miners and operators, has at last a clean docket. Not a single case is today pending. This marks a condition of industrial peace brought about by means which are probably unique in this country. It must be assumed that, if the miners have no complaints to make, they are satisfied with the way they are being treated.

During the four years of the Commission's existence 159 differences between the coal operators and their employes have been settled. The board itself—composed of three representatives of the operators and three of the miners—has disposed of 132 cases, and an even division of the board has made it necessary to refer only 27 cases to an umpire. Of these appeals, he sustained the complainant in only 6 cases.

Experience gained in handling the complex questions involved has enabled the board to render its decisions with increasing promptness, and of the 159 cases presented 49 were disposed of within less than one month.

Of the grievances considered, only one was presented by the United Mine Workers of America, as a body representing all the miners. Thirteen were presented by the operators, and 146 by the miners. By the board's decisions 29 cases were sustained, 115 not sustained or withdrawn, and 15 settled "through the influence of the board."

Almost every element of the miners' welfare is involved in controversy brought up for consideration. The discharge of an employe, failure of another to secure reinstatement, suspension of a contract for loading "dirty coal," requests for a half holiday, and scores of other questions come before the board.

Questions affecting wages have been rarely brought before the board, for the reason that the Anthracite Strike Commission, after exhaustive investigation, settled upon a minimum scale of wages, which was renewed for three years by the miners and operators at the expiration, April 1, 1906, of the original arrangement. To put the miners upon a profit sharing basis the Commission further awarded that for every advance of five cents above \$4.50 in the wholesale selling price per ton of domestic sizes of coal at tidewater, the wages of every man about the mines should be increased one per cent above the schedule.

### SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING.

EXTENSIVE improvements have been planned by the United States Government in the fortifications at the Golden Gate, San Francisco, and much of the preliminary work has already been accomplished. The great fire of 1906 had the effect of retarding this work and temporarily diverting a portion of the appropriation. The aggregate of improvements and new works within the area of San Francisco will, when completed, constitute one of the greatest military camps in the United States.

An act of congress, approved June 12th, 1906, provides for the expenditure of not to exceed \$1,500,000, of which \$750,000 was made immediately available for the construction of a general supply depot for the army, at Fort Mason, California. The contemplated improvements consist of a wharf sufficiently large to accommodate four transports, six warehouses, each 60x200 feet and three stories high, and an administration building together with officers' quarters sufficient to accommodate the officers on duty in connection with the depot. Plans are now being perfected in the Quartermaster General's office for this work, and it is expected that active operations will be begun at an early date. All preliminary work

such as soundings, locations, surveys, etc., have been completed. While the plans for the buildings have not been entirely approved by the Quartermaster General's office, it is understood that the general type of construction will be the mission, and the probability is that all buildings will be built of reinforced concrete.

Regarding the work at the Presidio reservation itself it is pretty well understood among army men, although unofficially, as yet, that a complete post, to be known as Fort Winfield Scott, is to be constructed sometime in the near future, in the western part of the Presidio, near the fortifications. This work, when done, will consist of barracks and officers' quarters, with the necessary storehouses for the accommodation of the Coast Artillery stationed at Presidio.

### WOMEN, BEWARE!

THE Interior Department at Washington is receiving a flood of inquiries regarding the effect of a recent decision of the department relative to the rights of school teachers in the matter of taking up public lands under the homestead law. The decision was rendered in a contest made against the entry of a woman teacher employed in Minnesota, and while it was shown that she had lived upon the land only during her vacations, covering only about fourteen weeks for each of the four years, she held it, the department falling to sustain the contestant.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Woodruff and Acting Commissioner Bennett of the General Land Office today united in a statement that the decision has received a construction which was not contemplated by the department. They call attention to the fact that the decision did not apply to a communication case, but to a case in which the applicant had held the land for four or five years required by law. They point out that the decision was not final, and that it dealt with the rights of the contestant rather than those of the contestee, merely holding that the improvements were adequate, but not attempting to say whether title will be granted at the end of five years if the proof shows only fourteen weeks' occupancy for each year.

They, therefore, warn teachers that disappointment is liable to be the fate of those who may attempt to secure land by living on it only during vacation time, and especially of those who attempt to secure it under such plan with the communication feature added.

We will hope that the little flurry which is just now venting itself on the person of E. H. Harriman will not interfere with the extension of the Drain-Coos Bay route.

For persons afflicted with ennui or indigestion we would suggest a tour of Marshfield's streets—especially Broadway or A after the twilight hour.

### THE DEER SEASON.

I noticed in your editorial of the 16th, headed "Deer Season," the following quotation, "The season for female deer remains the same under the new law as it was under the old, from September 1st to November 1st."

While this is true of the law as regards most of the state it does not apply to Coos and Curry counties.

House Bill No. 151, amending section 2010 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon provides as follows: "It shall be unlawful at any time within the Counties of Coos and Curry to hunt, pursue, take, kill, injure, destroy or have in possession any female deer."

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## JOTTINGS FROM A REPORTER'S BOOK

Containing Some Philosophy; Some Humor and a Dash of Nonsense

Sitting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night, after having looked in vain for something of an exciting nature, and having been practically shut out, a Times representative picked up a few items of interest while listening to the members' views on what is needed in Marshfield and on Coos Bay. In the face of the proposed new hotel, it was the opinion of most who were present that there will be a demand for even additional accommodations in the way of quartering visitors. One man said there is a Marshfield party who stands ready to erect a three-story rooming house if he can get somebody to furnish it and conduct it.

Mr. F. S. Dow, who had dropped in to hear the gossip, stated that he had recently received a letter from Chief Beals of the Weather Service and there were plans on foot to put in a resident weather maker at Marshfield. Mr. Dow has been doing voluntary work in caring for the storm signals for some time, while Dr. Mingus has been taking care of the rain records on the same terms. The Portland manipulator of storms and hot days suggests a high steel tower for displaying the signals, and says such a plan can be carried out if the people will donate a site for the tower, somewhere near the water front. Of course it could not be expected that Mr. Beals, living in a cheap town like Portland could realize the high value of water front property in Marshfield, but somebody suggested that the tower could find a home on the city's property at the city hall.

Dr. McCormac, who was down from his home on Coos river, gave testimony showing the worth of the storm service in Coos county. The doctor is heavily interested in booms and he stated that the rain record which is kept in Marshfield is a certain barometer which warns him of any freshet due on the Coquille river. Whenever there is a three-inch fall in Marshfield within three days, he can rely upon there being high water on the Coquille.

And so the talk drifted on until Henry Songstacken came in after having closed his offices. He was bombarded for news of the hotel and the talk turned on the \$17,000 site on the hill. This site was the one proposed when Mr. Hedwall was talking with the committee. It was proposed to purchase this site and then talk business to Mr. Hedwall, but the price was considered rather high, and when Mr. Gibson, of Seattle, butted into the game and said he was ready to take an interest in the

hotel matter, things went his way. At this time, there was talk about the Breakwater being in the bay and ahead of her time of last week and the meeting broke up so far as the Times man was concerned.

A Marshfield mother sent her small boy to the country and after a week of anxiety received this letter:

"I got here all right but I forgot to write before. A fellow and I went out in a boat and the boat tipped over and a man got me out. I was so full of water I didn't know anything for a long time. The other boy has to be buried after they find him."

"A horse kicked me over and I've got to have some money for fixing my head. We are going to set a barn on fire tonight and I should smile if we don't have some bully fun. I am going to bring a tame badger home if I can get him in my trunk."

A former Portland business man, now located in Marshfield, was relating financial incidents yesterday to a gathering of friends who were deeply interested in his stories. One particularly exasperating experience was this: He was conducting a business where every "good fellow" felt it his privilege to borrow money from him. He loaned upwards of five hundred dollars to this and that supposed friend, and when he retired from business, thought he had an income assured for at least a year. However, all he ever collected of the loans was ten dollars in cash and \$2.50 in trade. And still they say a man should always be ready to help a friend in need.

Captain McKeown has signed a new second baseman and will turn the sack over to him when he becomes old enough to take charge of it and sustain the reputation of the family. The recruit arrived on Coos Bay Monday night shortly after ten o'clock and will reside with Grandpa J. W. Bennett for a time.

In Marshfield you see not only houses building, but houses moving up and down the various thoroughfares. Three buildings on rollers have been removed from old foundations in the past week to make room for more modern structures, and there are others which will be removed as soon as the contractor can get to them.

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