

HERE IS A PAEAN OF PROSPERITY.

Business Men Unite in Saying Panic Has No Effect There.

TELL TALE OF GOOD TIMES

All Lines of Trade and Traffic Moving Without Interruption.

North Bend merchants and manufacturers join in swelling the paean of prosperity that arises from all of Coos Bay.

J. J. SIMPSON, of the Simpson Lumber Co. "Our mills will continue to run. We are not cutting wages or output in any department.

C. S. WINSOR, Cashier Bank of Oregon: "I do not believe the financial stringency will seriously affect Coos Bay.

THOS. B. JAMES, City Wharfinger: "There has been absolutely no let up in shipments either in or out of North Bend.

W. P. EVANS, Davis-Schultz Grocery: "Our wholesale trade has not fallen off any perceptible amount.

L. A. FREY, Frey's Clothing Store. "Business is going right along. We are getting our share of a big pre-Christmas trade."

MISS MATHEWS, Cash Toy Store:

"Have sold and are selling far more goods than I expected."

C. H. HACKETT, Coos Bay Manufacturing Co: "We have contracts for 1,500,000 orange boxes and are running night and day to fill the orders."

JAS. A. ALLEN, North Bend Shingle Mill: "We are doing as much business as ever and cannot fill orders."

E. M. WARD, Wholesale Hardware "Trade in my business has fallen off but it is more owing to a general suspension of logging during the rainy season than anything else."

A. W. MYERS, The Myers Department Store. "In trade I do not notice any decrease. In fact our trade is larger for last week fully 100 per cent against the week corresponding last year."

F. MONROE, Bayside Paint Co.: "I can sell all kinds of goods but I notice a little stringency in collecting large bills. I believe the trouble will not seriously affect us."

C. M. BYLER, Coos Bay Grocery: "People must eat and they are eating as healthy as ever."

S. S. JENNINGS, The Novelty Store. "I would rather be in Coos Bay during a money panic than anywhere in the United States."

S. ROGSTAD, Hotel Oregon. "Travel has been exceptionally large during the past month and the hotel has been full all fall. There does not seem to be any let up now."

W. S. WOOD, North Bend Hotel. "There is plenty of trade but running a hotel dining room in an up-to-date style at prevailing prices for goods and board is not a get-rich-quick scheme."

WM. SMITH, of Reberg & Smith, plumbers and hardware: "We are crowded in all lines of work. Have several houses in process of completion both here and in Marshfield."

M. E. EVERITT, Everitt Pharmacy. "I have noticed no decrease in trade nor experienced any difficulty in collections."

A. WHISNANT, Coos Bay Harbor, Printery. "November has been our best month both in advertising and job work."

HIGHEST TIDE OF YEAR THIS WEEK

Incipient Floods Along the Banks of Coos River—Dyke Washed Out At Flagstaff.

The highest tides of the year have caused floods along the banks of Coos Bay for the past two days and another high tide is expected tomorrow.

Landings which have been untouched by the waters of the bay for the last twelve months were completely submerged Wednesday and Thursday. The dyke along the meadow banks at Flagstaff were worked away by the flood in several places yesterday, temporarily flooding the meadow land.

No damage of any amount has been recorded. If the water had gained another foot yesterday morning, however, the streets of the city would have been flooded to a slight extent.

The tide reached the 10-foot stage this morning and will reach the same point tomorrow morning, before returning to its regular figures. The heavy southwest wind of Wednesday raised it nearly a foot above normal and the appearance of the boats along the docks as they stood well above the wharves, caused considerable comment.

DROPPED 83 FEET.

ASKED FOR CIGARETTE.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Henry Wright, a hod-carrier, employed in the construction of a new brewery at Bentleyville, this county, lost his footing and plunged to the floor of the structure, eighty-three feet below.

During the progress of his flight he encountered two two-inch planks, which were broken in two, the final fall being a sheer drop of fifty-one feet.

Wright lay immovable for a few seconds, and two physicians were summoned.

As they entered the building they were met by Wright, who carelessly asked Dr. William Booth for a cigarette. An examination showed that not a bone was broken and but few minor bruises sustained.

Wright resumed his work immediately.

GOVERNMENT BOAT VISITS COOS BAY

Lighthouse Tender Heather Arrives In Harbor With Inspector On Board.

After an absence of several months the lighthouse tender Heather arrived in Marshfield on Saturday and has been spending the day looking after the government aids to navigation in this section of the state. This handsome craft has a government lighthouse inspector on board who visited the lighthouses and the other government points at the mouth of the harbor today.

The Heather operates between Cape Blanco and Alaska, supplying new buoys where old ones have gone astray, rearranging those that have drifted, and furnishing supplies for the lighthouses along the coast. She will be here several days attending to the government stations before resuming her trip to other points along the coast.

GOLDEN HAIRIED WOMAN JUROR IN DIVORCE CASE

DENVER, Dec. 9.—"Hilda Smith!"

As the clerk of the county clerk called the name yesterday afternoon, a young woman, with masses of fluffy golden hair and dancing blue eyes, stepped jauntily forward, and Colorado's saleswoman was ready to answer truthfully all questions touching upon her qualifications to sit as a fair and impartial juror in the case at bar.

Miss Smith was empaneled upon an open venire in the trial of a divorce case, brought by a man, and sat in the juror's box beside five men with no signs of trepidation.

"Gentlemen of the jury—" Judge McCall paused in his instructions when he glanced at the smiling face of the girl juror, "and lady of the jury," he gallantly added, and then proceeded.

The jury found in favor of the plaintiff, and gave him a decree upon the grounds of desertion.

CORONER'S REPORT ON WALKER'S DEATH

The Probable Result of Candle Burning Out—Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Coroner Everett Mingus, who was called to Empire yesterday by the death of Thomas Walker in the fire which destroyed his home in the early morning hours, held no inquest, but instead gathered what evidence there was and will make a report according to the evidence. Dr. Mingus thought it best, under the circumstances which surrounded the affair, not to impanel a jury, as there was no evidence of foul play and the accident was simply one of the many occurrences which go to make up the great list of casualties, with no probability of mystery.

It was learned that the deceased had been drinking heavily on Wednesday and was down town until late at night. At half past eleven, two young men escorted him to his home and left him at the door. That was the last seen or heard of him until shortly after four o'clock the next morning, when Mrs. Lee Cook, his next door neighbor, saw the house in flames. Help was summoned, but the fire had gained such headway that there was no possibility of saving the building or removing any of the contents.

The body was almost entirely consumed. There was nothing left of it except small parts of the skeleton, and many of the bones were entirely eaten away by the fire. T. J. Lewis, of the Johnson undertaking house, was called to prepare the remains for burial, and brought the grewsome corpse to Marshfield yesterday afternoon.

The most plausible theory advanced by those acquainted with the habits of Walker is to the effect that the fire was caused from a candle left burning and which, as it burned out, communicated the flame to some inflammable material upon which it was placed. It was known that he used candles for lighting and the theory is generally accepted, since the fire was beyond doubt a slow one, being discovered four or five hours after he had retired.

The body will be interred tomorrow afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, in Marshfield, with short services at the grave. The burial will take place at two o'clock, Rev. Thurston in charge. Friends from Empire will attend.

SAYS THAT DUCKS ARE SCARCE THIS YEAR

J. D. Magee, the Ten Mile rancher, is in the city today and will remain over until tomorrow. Mr. Magee was seen by a Times reporter and questioned regarding the hunting and fishing in the Ten Mile country. He said ducks are very scarce this year, and the fact is rather remarkable, since there has in the past been thousands of the fowls there at this time of year. Mr. Magee saw three men out on the lake last Sunday fishing with salmon eggs. They caught, 91, 84 and 83 fine trout respectively. They were out a little over an hour. The Lake creamery has closed down for the present, owing to lack of material. It will remain closed for two or three months.

HENRYVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Henryville, Dec. 6.—Mr. John Miller was in Marshfield Monday.

Mr. T. Russell was a Henryville visitor last week.

Mr. M. J. Bowron, of Henryville, was in Marshfield Tuesday.

Mr. A. Kelly was a Maxwell visitor last week.

Mr. Fred Kruse, of Pleasant Valley, returned home Monday from Marshfield, on the launch Meteor.

Mr. John Grundy, of Coaleda, was in Marshfield Monday.

Mr. Fred Kruse is building a gasoline launch and expects to have it finished in three weeks.

Miss Gladys Perry, who has been visiting at Henryville for the past week, returned to her home in Marshfield Monday.

Mr. Edgerton, of Coaleda, was in Marshfield Monday.

Mr. Meadows was in Marshfield Tuesday.

The launch Banchee made a trip up the Isthmus Tuesday.

Mr. McCutcheon is the underground boss at the South Port mine.

A number of herring have been caught on the Isthmus.

The heavy rain lately has caused the big cut on the Summit to slide in.

Mr. E. Thomas, who has been prospecting in Sixes, returned home last week.

Flowers are one and a half degrees warmer than the surrounding air. A man's chances of a sudden death are eight times as great as a woman's.

NEW STEAMER COOS BAY RUN.

Mr. George W. Hatch, of San Francisco, who came in this morning over the Drain stage route, brought news that a new steamer is to make Coos Bay on her regular trips from San Pedro to Portland and other coast ports. The ship is the Hanalle, owned by the company which operates the Kilburn which was taken from the Coos Bay traffic some months ago and put on a southern run. Mr. Hatch saw placards in the Portland hotels stating that the Hanalle would sail tonight from Portland and would call at Coos Bay. He had been waiting several days for the Alliance and had turned his ticket back and had bought one on the Breakwater. When the accident happened to the Breakwater, he turned his ticket back and purchased

transportation to Drain on the Southern Pacific. When he saw the announcement that the Hanalle would call at Coos Bay, he thought he could not risk another disappointment, and so came by train and stage. The Hanalle is a ship of larger capacity than the Kilburn and if she makes this port regularly will relieve much of the congestion in passenger traffic which at times is unfortunate for the Coos Bay country. The steamer should make this port by Sunday morning if she is not delayed in sailing. He was informed by the Breakwater people that the delay to that ship might not be for more than a few days, as it was intended to patch the hole and proceed, and make the full repairs on her next trip north.

A COOS RIVER SUMMER ROMANCE.

A Summer Vacation Results in Creation of Another Happy Home in This Favored Section.

Summer vacations and their accompaniments are not without their happy terminations. The paragraphs take great delight in satirizing the summer girl and her numberless engagements, but they never tell the side which culminates in marriage.

When the steamer Plant arrived in the bay yesterday it brought Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gould, and thereby hangs a tale which has to do with a summer vacation that had no relation to those which the humorist chronicles. Miss Myrtle H. Birch, of Chico, California, a school teacher, recently spent a few months on Coos Bay and

the Coos River. While here she met Mr. Gould and a friendship which soon ripened into deeper sentiment was formed. The eventual result was that Mr. Gould recently journeyed to Chico and there claimed his bride.

The marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Birch, the bride's parents on November 17.

The groom is a well known resident of Coos county and has resided most of his life at Allegany, on the North Fork of the Coos river. The couple will make their home at his ranch, Riverside, a short distance from Allegany. Mrs. Gould has a brother in Marshfield, Mr. F. C. Birch, of the Red Cross drug store, whom "he was visiting at the time she met Mr. Gould. A host of friends wish the happy couple an overflowing measure of all the good things that life holds in store.

TIMBER MEN BOUND WEST

Wisconsin Syndicate in field for Coast Product on Large Scale.

BOUND FOR MARSHFIELD

Death in Wisconsin Causes Investigation And Purchases in Forests of West.

A party of Wisconsin lumber men composed of James M. Frear, Alfred Rogers and M. S. Ka Lamber have started for Oregon and will arrive in a few days. They represent a large lumber syndicate and will make big purchases of timber lands in this district.

The party is from Madison, Wis., and will come directly to this city from the east, and after they have secured what they want in this section they will go to Washington to look over the timber field in that state and make more purchases.

The rapid cleaning up of the timber in Wisconsin during the past ten years has caused numerous mill men located on the great lakes to turn their eyes to this portion of the west coast to invest in timber lands. It is expected that these men are the forerunners of a great many who will enter the local field in their search for any timber that remains to be purchased. For years the timber buying has been rushing along in Oregon until in a short while the mill owners will have all the available timber held for manufacture of lumber.

FRUIT GROWERS WANT INSPECTOR

Would Rival Hood River in Quality And Advertising of Products.

There is a movement on foot among the fruit growers of the county to have an inspector of fruits appointed for this district. From the interest being shown in the matter it is probable that there will be one appointed for the first of the year.

To secure the services of an inspector it is necessary to have a petition signed by twenty-five fruit growers of the county. From the progress being made in getting up the petition it is believed that there will be no trouble securing the names.

The formation of a county fruit growers' association, to be affiliated with the state association, is also causing a great amount of interest among fruit growers of the Coos River and Coquille Valleys. Numerous fruit growers are asking for the formation of an association and the prospects are that the first of the

THIS WOMAN GETS EVEN

Beats Life Insurance Co. By Living 100 Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Betsy Gage, of Brooklyn, who celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary last week, received from the Equitable Life Assurance Society on the anniversary day, a present of \$121.80 and a bouquet of roses in honor of her distinction as the most successful investor in life insurance on record.

Mrs. Gage began her experiment in life in the Equitable in 1880, when she was 72 years old. She purchased for \$2000 an annuity of \$275, payable quarterly so long as she lived. The expectancy tables at that time gave her eight years. Six years later she invested \$1300 in another life annuity of \$211, payable quarterly. At that time the mortality tables gave her a little more than five years of life.

But Mrs. Gage outlived the actuarial calculations with a net result that she has drawn over \$12,000 from Equitable Society on an investment of \$3300.

year will see a live organization in existence. It is believed by the fruit growers that they cannot fail to benefit by following in the steps of other big fruit growing sections in the state and have an association to supervise the fruit industry in order that they may reflect nothing but credit on Coos Bay fruit. The immense amount of advertising that has resulted from the Hood River organization has given no elapsituous attention has given people outside the state the notion that Hood River products are the only kind of any moment in Oregon.

The display of Coos Bay fruit in Portland has caused comments from the biggest fruit growers in the west. The fruit is said to be equally as good, if not better, than the Hood River productions. Consequently it is firmly believed that with a good fruit growers' association the Coos Bay apples may even gain greater fame from their perfection and purity than the Hood River product.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN CHICAGO JUNE 16

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chicago was victorious on the first ballot in the Republican National committee for the location of the Republican National Convention of 1908. The date on which the convention will meet is June 16. The vote stood 31 for Chicago 18 for Kansas City, and four for Denver, after which Chicago was selected by acclamation. Senator Fulton voted for Chicago.

B. F. PYOTT WAS A NEWCOMER.

Man Drowned From Alliance Deck a Recent Resident of Coos Bay—Came From Los Angeles.

The identity of B. F. Pyott, who was washed overboard from the Alliance when she crossed the bar on Thursday of last week, has been learned. Mr. Pyott and family came here from California about the first of September, 1907. They located in the house owned by Mrs. C. W. Tower, on north Front street, back of the Fixup clothing store. Mr. Pyott was in Marshfield about two weeks before he commenced work on the First Trust & Savings Bank building, where he was employed until the strike occurred. He was employed as a common laborer, and at the time

of the strike, left off work with the rest of the employees. After that time he worked on some of the other construction about the city, and shortly before the Alliance sailed, concluded to go to Portland, where Mrs. Pyott had property. Mrs. Pyott was to precede him and he was to remain here for a time until Mrs. Pyott and the son were settled. But at the last moment, he changed his mind and concluded to accompany them. The son was twelve years old. Those acquainted with the family say that Mrs. Pyott was a refined woman and that the man who lost his life was a hard working and ambitious man. The report which gained currency about town that suggested Pyott's being drunk at the time he lost his life was entirely without foundation, for his intimate friends said he never was known to be intoxicated and never drank to excess.

COMING COOS BAYWARDS RAPIDLY.

Remarkable Progress in Railway Construction From Drain to Coast.

LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS

J. L. Bowman Makes Flattering Report as to Showing in Two Months Time.

J. L. Bowman, of Portland, who recently made the trip to Coos Bay via Drain, expressed himself as surprised and pleased at the extent of the progress on the railway which the Southern Pacific is building from Drain to Coos Bay. Mr. Bowman's last visit to Marshfield was about September 1 and between that time and December 1 an almost incredible amount of work has been accomplished. Since then the cement work for all bridges for a distance of ten miles from Drain has been completed. Steel has been strung along the

line for a considerable distance. Mr. Bowman learned that the work is in such shape that when it is resumed in the spring it can be pushed rapidly and ten miles of the line will be finished within sixty days. There is too much work already accomplished according to Mr. Bowman to think that the railway will delay construction in any manner and according to information received from authentic sources there is no doubt of the line being finished to Coos Bay within a year after work is resumed. "When that railway reaches here," Mr. Bowman continued, "it will double the population within a year. There is no section of the country that so many people are talking of today as Coos Bay. Portland people who are really interested think this the best place on the coast. The recent apple exhibit in Portland was a splendid advertisement for this section and was really an eye opener as to the resources and possibilities of the country."

DIES FROM EFFECTS OF POISONED ROOT

Sad End To Play of Little Dale Menegat of Ten Mile Country.

Dale Wesley Menegat, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Menegat, a rancher of Ten Mile, was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery this afternoon, the remains being followed to their last resting place

by friends and relatives of the family. The little boy was playing with some companions on the bank of the lake last week and pulled what is known as "wild parsnip" and ate some of the root, which is poisonous. Dr. Gale, of North Bend, was called to attend him, but arrived too late to save him, the boy passing away on Sunday last. The parents desire to thank those who sympathized with them in their bereavement.