

MARSHFIELD MINOR MENTIONS.

The season for steelhead salmon fishing opened December 10th.

Mrs. C. W. Tower and daughter were shoppers in North Bend on Friday.

E. R. Hodson, of Coos River, where he has a fine fruit ranch, is a visitor in the city today.

Mrs. Robert McCann, of North Bend, was over on the East Side on a visit Saturday.

N. C. Neilson, of Port Orford, is visiting friends in the city and stopping at the Blanco hotel.

J. O. Stemmler, the well known rancher of the Coquille Valley, is spending a few days in the city on business.

The regular term of circuit court scheduled to convene December 9 did not materialize on account of the holidays.

Invitations are out for a grand ball, to be given in I. O. O. F. hall, on December 17 by Mascot Lodge No. 5, D. of H. of A. O. U. W.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Doyle, of McCleod, Cal., arrived in the city on the noon train yesterday and will spend a few days visiting friends at this point.

J. J. Clinkenbeard, a well known fruit grower of Coos River, was a visitor in Marshfield yesterday and attended the chamber of commerce meeting last night.

Aunt Sarah Bonebrake, so lovingly called by her numerous friends on the bay, was down from Ross Inlet to North Bend recently. She was the guest of Mrs. Joe Hodson for the past week.

Eighteen passengers were brought to Marshfield and North Bend by the gasoline launch Gasco yesterday afternoon from Jarvis Landing where they were carried by the stage line from Drain by way of Gardiner and the Umpqua river. The number of travelers and the amount of baggage necessitated the use of two carryalls along the beach, as this appears to be the only feasible route from the north at present.

Mrs. Dave Gulovson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Gulovson, of South Marshfield since October, will leave on the next steamer with her daughter Miss Agnes for their home at North Albina. Miss Gulovson has been seriously ill for several weeks and had to resign her position in the public school, which is deeply regretted by the entire school. Her many friends hope soon to hear of her recovery.

Miss Blanche Neilson, who has been stenographer for the chamber of commerce for the past six weeks, will resign her position this afternoon and leave next week for Myrtle Point, where she will visit with her uncle, Ira Arneson, while resting from her strenuous labors in answering the numerous letters sent to the boosting organization. Upon her return she may open an office and do stenographic work for the business public.

Ducks are reported to be very thick on the harbor and inlets during the past few days and a large number of people have been enjoying pretty good shooting. The birds are reported to be very wild because of being chased by hunters in gasoline launches. As the chug chug of a launch approaches them is generally accompanied by a fusillade of fire arms, they are learning to keep entirely away from the chug chug.

Colby K. Perry, of Dallas, Texas, arrived on the plant from San Francisco and will make his home here where he expects to go into business. Mrs. Perry has been in Marshfield for two months as the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Y. Stafford. Mr. Perry is also a brother in law of J. Montgomery of this city. For a number of years past he has been connected with a big dry goods and house furnishing firm in Dallas. He will be a welcome addition to the citizens of the city.

E. F. Carlton, who arrived here some weeks ago and who has been the guest of his uncle, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Harry Holmes stores in this city and North Bend. He is an experienced bookkeeper and hails from Nebraska, the same state famous William J. Bryan claims as his own. Mr. Carlton has made many friends since his arrival and is decidedly popular among the fair sex judging from the appearance of things. He is a welcome addition to Marshfield's growing population.

W. C. Murdick of this city has donated a sample of eggs produced by his hens, for which he receives seventy-five cents a dozen, to the chamber of Commerce where it is on exhibition. The egg is an average production and measures 8 1/2 inches around lengthwise, and 6 1/4 inches around the middle. Considerable interest is being aroused over the money to be made in eggs produced in Coos County. They bring five cents apiece and yet there are not nearly enough raised for local consumption. One retailer

has imported \$4,000 worth of cold storage hen fruit since August 15, and this suggests the opening there is in the chicken ranch business for ranchers and newcomers.

Mrs. H. F. Morrison is a visitor in the city today from Bandon.

E. A. Howey, of Coquille, spent Tuesday in the city on business.

G. Boak and daughter, of Bandon, are spending a few days visiting in the city.

W. H. Butten, was a pleasant visitor to friends in Marshfield yesterday.

William C. Sellmer, of Bandon, arrived in Marshfield today on a business trip.

J. F. Bridges was a business visitor in Marshfield yesterday afternoon and evening.

Miss Edyth Gulovson will leave shortly for Portland where she will spend the winter.

J. W. Duncan, of North Bend, was a business visitor in Marshfield yesterday afternoon.

R. G. Bonell, of Portland, arrived in the city today on a business trip and is a guest at the Blanco hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Beaver, of Coquille, arrived in this city on the noon train for a visit with friends.

Roy Lawhorn returned to his office this morning after a short absence on a visit to friends in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Laird arrived in the city on the noon train from Coquille and are stopping at the Blanco hotel.

Alfred Johnson, of Coquille, arrived in Marshfield on the noon train to spend a few days on business and visiting friends.

G. W. Shelley will leave on the Plant for San Francisco to confer with the firm which he represents for the next year's business. He will probably not return until after the holidays.

F. S. Dow left for Coquille on the morning train to superintend the erection of a gasoline derrick, which will be used at his warehouse for the transfer of freight between the railroad and the river boats.

"Dock" Maple, who was arrested Monday night by officer Condon on a charge of disorderly conduct, was ordered discharged in Recorder Upton's court yesterday afternoon on the motion of Attorney Ferrin that there was no case against him.

Louis Olson, who was arrested by Officer Condon several days ago, and who was dismissed from trial on Monday afternoon, was arrested again this afternoon by Officer Carter, who found him wandering around under the influence of liquor to such an extent that the man did not know where he was going.

There has been no cessation of the rush of newcomers to Coos Bay and the steamer Plant and the inbound stage have brought over a dozen new arrivals from Nevada, California, and from many of the eastern states. Most of the new arrivals are seeking ranch lands, while a few are looking for employment, with the intention of making this section their future home. Flattering comments are heard on every hand regarding the site here for a great city and seaport, and there is amazement over the manifold resources of the county which are explained by local boosters.

E. L. Hulbert, one of the boat builders employed at the plant of Max Timmerman, had his right hand severely injured this morning while operating a circular saw with which he had just finished shaping some ceiling material for a launch on the ways. In moving a piece of wood into position on the table of the circular saw his right hand came in contact with the quickly revolving steel which made a deep gash on the back of his hand between the middle and third finger. He was attended to by Dr. Mings who used nine stitches in closing the wound, which will take several days to heal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hilborn arrived in the city from across the river and are renewing acquaintances with old friends. Mr. Hilborn arrived on the Bay in 1866 and has watched the growth of this section closely from year to year. He said today that he was more enthusiastic than ever over the future prospects of the harbor. He believes that the most important thing to be done toward rapid progress is the deepening of the harbor and the bar so that ships of any size can make this port the same as any other big port. This, he believes, would do more to advertise what Coos Bay has than anything else and the improvements cannot be rushed through too soon. Mr. Hilborn wishes that he had been born fifty years later than he was so that he might have enjoyed the sight of a huge city on the shores of this harbor.

The emperor of Japan retains the services of thirty physicians and sixty priests.

BUSINESS MEN ARE LIVING ON RANCHES

Another Feature of Living in Famous Coos County.

One of the greatest privileges that is available to people living in Marshfield or North Bend is that they can live on their ranches, if they own one, and yet are able to conduct business in the city as though they were actual residents. There are probably two dozen business men in Marshfield who live up the river and do business in the city daily except on Sunday. The water connections in almost every direction enables them to use launches to come back and forth.

In this manner they have the advantages of living on the farm, with all its products, and have their pet stock or anything else that interests them, and can combine the rural life with that of the business man in a way which would cause this section to look like a veritable paradise to the city sick eastern man.

Coos Bay solves the problem of mixing the two up together profitably. There are many city men who long to live in the country but they are afraid they would get tired of the monotony of it. There are many men who live in the country who miss their natural atmosphere when they are in the city. By living on the ranch and doing business in the city, this problem is solved, at least to a large number of men in this city who have spent years in various parts of the country seeking just such a combination.

NORTH BEND AND MARSHFIELD.

There are unaccountable obstacles to what should be very simple acts of wisdom on the part of the people of Coos Bay. One of these acts is the one which will give the two cities a water level road from Marsfield to North Bend. It is said that North Bend business men are somewhat out of patience because the committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce appointed to confer with the North Bend committee, has been unable to accomplish anything.

North Bend is willing to build from the city down across Plat B, and Marshfield has already built its Front Street extension to the city limits as they were defined prior to the recent city election. The obstacle is the tract between Plat B and the Marshfield limit, which is the property of certain prominent Marshfield citizens. The mission of the conference committee of the two Chambers was to invoke the aid of the county court to provide a county road across the intervening tract.

But the protracted season of judicial and financial fasting in the form of holidays has put the county court out of business, to a certain extent, so that the conference committee has been in no position to invoke its aid.

The recent election, however, was intended in part, to dispose of the obstacle mentioned by annexing the intervening tract which separates the two cities, to Marshfield. The people of Marshfield undertook to vote a large district into the city in favor of the proposition was overwhelming. But the district affected outside of the city was not consulted and was not given a chance to vote. Whether there is any law investing the city with such power is the question which the lawyers are about to discuss in the courts as soon as the courts are open. The general law on the subject of annexation provides for giving the district proposed to be annexed a voice on the question. It is understood that the city's legal advisors hold the statute to be unconstitutional on account of the subject of annexation not being mentioned in the title, but the opposite side refers to a Washington decision on a similar title and law which holds that the title is not defective. For this reason the city resorted to the initiative and referendum to annex the district and did not submit the matter to the vote of residents of the district.

It is much to be hoped that these questions will be disposed of without delay as the water front road is of vital importance to the progress of both North Bend and Marshfield. Whether the lawyers think it necessary to make long and exhaustive arguments on the legal phases of the question cannot be ascertained at present, but under our system of government and in view of the purpose of the initiative and referendum which was intended to give all who are to be affected by any given legislation a vote on the subject under consideration, would seem to the ordinary 'non-legal' mind that annexation in the last election did not annex. Would it not be best, after all, to appeal to the county court just as soon as the holidays are over—if such a happy condition should ever chance to occur? It is a pity that this road can't be completed when almost everybody is in favor of it.

BIG BOAT IS OFF FOR COOS BAY

The Nan Smith Commences Long Trip Around Cape Horn In Charge of Captain Nelson—Biggest Boat in Coast Trade.

Leaving Baltimore yesterday the big steam schooner Nan Smith started on her long trip around Cape Horn for Coos Bay in command of Captain Nelson, who left Marshfield several months ago to take charge of this craft which will be used in the coast lumber trade by the C. A. Smith Lumber company.

The huge steamer is 296 feet long and 46 feet in width. She has a capacity enabling her to carry 2,225,000 feet of lumber and is by far the largest steam schooner to be used in the coast trade. She was built at

Newport News, Va., and was built recently launched, being named after the eldest daughter of C. A. Smith.

J. E. Oren received a telegram yesterday from Captain Nelson that the Nan Smith was to leave Baltimore, where she had been tied up since she was launched, some time during the day, and according to this telegram she has commenced her long trip. Mr. Oren says that under ordinary conditions she will reach San Francisco within the next 60 days, and from that port will proceed to Coos Bay and receive her first load for coast points.

KICKING AGAINST EDUCATION METHODS

Fond Parent Takes Her Pen and Shows Her Ignorance.

ALBANY, Dec. 11.—The faculty of the public schools of the city are doing their best to enforce the laws of the state of Oregon in reference to attendance, tardiness etc., and generally are meeting with favor. Occasionally, as in all things, though, opposition is met from the parents themselves, fortunately only in rare cases, recently mostly in the third ward.

The following, received by the principal of the Madison street school is one showing what there is to contend with in following the laws of our state and the rules of the well regulated schools.

"Teacher and to whom it may concern. I will right a excuse for — being late it was not her fault it was own and I forbid you for whipping her for any such thing and you tell the professor I live where I please as long as I send my children to school and if you have any thing to say come to me don't slam it at child be amane come to me that what I want you to do. Teachers make laws that haunt laws amounting to much, since is since every time excuse me fore being so impudent but I cant stand this."

GAIL FOLLOWED BY HAIL

Signs Are Torn From in Front of Stores and Darkened City Sees Worst Storm of the Year.

What is said to be the worst storm of years visited this section last night and about 5:30 o'clock in the morning the wind brought a heavy storm of hail which covered the ground almost an inch in depth. The roaring of the winds and sound of falling hail during the night was noticed on all parts of the bay and considerable damage was done to the telephone and telegraph wires.

The telephone wires were down all morning between this point and all outside stations. Two men stationed at Sitkum, a point half way on the Roseburg line, started off in opposite direction to find out where the damage had been done, and up to a late hour this afternoon the wires had not been repaired.

THREE YOUNG MEN TAKE A COLD BATH

Unknown Youngsters Fall Off Wharf Into Icy Waters of Bay.

Three young men went down to the harbor docks yesterday afternoon to take passage on a gasoline launch up the river about 15 miles. While stepping from the wharf to the boat they misjudged their distance and all three took a bath. A rope was lying on the wharf and this was thrown to the men struggling in the tide. One after another, altogether, they clambered up into safety and hurried to change their clothes little the worse for the experience except receiving a bath.

They were so chagrined at the mishap that they refused to divulge their names, so the public will have to do some guessing. They explained later that distance always looks shorter on the water than it really is and consequently they stepped too short even after making the allowances for the extra distance, as they thought. All of them could swim, so that any hero medals will not be forthcoming. It was an unfortunate occurrence "to say the least," and they will not let "same" happen again.

Switzerland, in proportion to its population, spends more on the relief of the poor than does any other country.

CLAIMS BETTER METHOD OF HUNTING WILD DUCK

Newcomer Says Ducks in East are Blind and Don't Know It.

While the sportsmen of Coos Bay enjoy a reputation as good hunters, they are not in it with the nitrode of the east. To prove this assertion an Easterner has come forward with a story that will cause a blush to suffuse the leathery cheek of the local hunter.

"I'll tell you what," said the eastern man, "you fellows out here don't know how to hunt ducks. Why, back home I used to have decoys that would beat anything you have out here all to flinders.

"At times I have owned as many as 84 tame trained ducks, and when I wanted a little shooting I'd go get down my gun and start off; the ducks seeing that I was going on an outing would unhesitating follow. Upon our arrival at the side of some lake I'd throw a few handfuls of wheat into the water. Soon my ducks lunched, while I would find a hiding place near by. Any wild ducks flying over would stop to see what was going on, and would soon be as busy as the rest.

"When all the wild ducks had become engrossed in their meal my tame birds would commence to quack, at which signal I'd whistle, on hearing this my ducks would come nearer to where I was concealed, bringing, of course, the wild birds with them. All I had to do then was to shoot and carry home the game."

CUPID CREATES HAVOC WITH BANDON BACHELORS

Three Couples are Wed in One Evening in the City by the Sea—More to Follow.

BANDON, Dec. 13.—Three couples were united in marriage last night by Rev. Roach; they were L. P. Sorenson and Miss Maud Farfield; Charles Martin and Miss Mary Nelson, and Archie McLeod and Miss Sophia Carlson. Another Bandon man, E. E. Reynolds, left Tuesday for Marshfield, where he expects to meet his future wife, a Boise girl. They are expected in Bandon today. Claud Little and Miss Anna Clausen will be married next Sunday morning according to announcements out.

HUNTS RABBITS WITH CORNET

Love of Music Hypnotizes—Is Arrested by Game Warden.

FREELAND, Pa., Dec. 11.—Hunting rabbits with a cornet is a violation of the state game laws, according to Warden Malloy.

The warden's detective today arrested P. B. Ferry and Alexander Mullen after they had discovered Mullen, who is a noted cornet player, with the funnel of his cornet in a rabbits burrow playing a march while the rabbits, hypnotized by the music, walked into his hands.

Ferry was at another hole waiting for the rabbits which were not music lovers.

It is claimed Mullen caught 600 rabbits by means of his cornet this season.

The case will be called to the attention of President Roosevelt on Monday, it is reported.

BAD MONEY IS RECEIVED

Believed Counterfeiters Are Operating In or Near City of Marshfield.

Counterfeiters have been helping out the money stringency to such an extent lately that there is hardly a business establishment on the bay which has not received some "bad" money during the past few weeks. Dollars, half dollars and quarter dollars are being passed all over the city and where they originated from is a mystery.

One store received as many six bad dollar pieces within a few days. Others have received bad dollars and quarters. All of the coins are excellent imitations and can only be discovered by paying strict attention to the sound they make as they are thrown on the counter. It is impossible to detect them by passing them from the hand, as the weight, color and moulding is copied so close after the real article that there is nothing but the sound to tell whether they are good or bad.

The unusual quantity of them would give rise to the suspicion that the circulation of them has started from this point. Most of them are brand new, and are found so thickly together that a detective might find some clue to their origin. Counterfeiting has been done in Coos County before and it is thought that another gang of "bad" money makers have commenced operations not far from here.

Commercial travelers in Austria have secured a substantial increase in their salaries by combining and demanding it.