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## WILL APPLY AT WASHINGTON FOR BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Citizens Unanimously Adopt Resolutions for Improvement at Chamber of Commerce Meeting Last Night.

Over one hundred citizens gathered in the chamber of commerce rooms last night at one of its lively meetings and resolutions were passed unanimously to instruct the authorities at Washington of the condition of the mail service between here and Roseburg. Chairman Smith invited anybody to speak on the matter just before the resolutions were drawn, and everybody apparently being satisfied with the service, Frank W. Reeder was to speak. He said:

"I believe the trouble is that the contractor in his desire to secure the contract overbid his wisdom in the matter, and that there are tons of mail for the growing population which he failed to consider when presenting his bid. He also uses broken-down horses which cannot carry the loads expected of them. I believe that action should be taken by the Chamber of Commerce to state the facts and present them in some form to the Washington authorities."

Secretary Lyons then read the following resolutions which had been drawn up to be sent to the assistant postmaster general, which were voted upon and unanimously adopted and which will be forwarded as early as possible.

"WHEREAS the mail service of the Coos Bay country is in a demoralized condition,  
"AND WHEREAS this condition is due to the overland stage route between Roseburg and Coos Bay failing to deliver mail on time and failing to protect it from the elements, delivering it often in a badly damaged condition, thoroughly soaked with water,  
"AND WHEREAS fully ten thousand people receive their mail over this route,  
"AND WHEREAS the population and business on Coos Bay and in the immediate vicinity are increasing at a rapid rate,  
"AND WHEREAS the uncertainty of delivery and damaged condition of mail have become a serious interruption to the business relations of the firms and individuals in this section attempting to do business with the outside world, this Chamber of Commerce has upon request made investigation and finds the condition as follows:

"The contract for the delivery of mail between Roseburg and Coos Bay is held by B. Fenton. The distance is sixty-five miles by land over the Coast Range mountains from Roseburg to Sumner, and from the latter place ten miles to Marshfield, via launch. Between Roseburg and Sumner three relays of horses are used. The mail is carried in an uncovered wagon, four horses to the wagon. Passengers for hire are carried with the mail. Three drivers, one for each relay of horses, make the trip. The mail weighs from one-half ton to a ton. It has doubled in volume within the past two years. The mail is due here at 10:00 a. m. each day. During the month of November it was on time 12 days, and on three days failed to arrive at all. During the past month, up to date, it has not been on time a single day. The mail service has never been so irregular and unsatisfactory. Mr. Fenton was consulted early in the fall and he urged in justification of slow service, the bad condition of the roads. The Chamber of Commerce has sent a man over the route, and interviewed people along the road, and finds that the road is in as good condition as in former years. It is found that the County Court of Coos County has appropriated \$1196.00 for improvement on this line of road within Coos County, and that men have been sent into the mountains, built their cabin and live there during the winter to look after the road, as a section man looks after a railroad. The horses driven by the contractor are thin, and when compelled to pull passengers over the muddy roads in addition to the heavy mail, constitutes an offence which should receive the attention of a humane society.

Furthermore, the life of every pas-

## HAWLEY WILL PRESENT BILL

Appropriation Bill for Coos Bay Will Receive Congressman's Earnest Effort.

Secretary Walter Lyons, of the chamber of commerce, has received a personal letter from Congressman W. C. Hawley, who is now at Washington, stating that he will give the bill for the appropriation of funds for the improvement of Coos Bay and the bar his earnest attention and present it as early as possible. The letter was read at the meeting of the chamber last night and aroused considerable interest. It is as follows:

My Dear Sir: I have the bill for the improvement of Coos Bay harbor and bar, with the continuing contract proviso, ready for introduction as soon as the report of the engineers is received. The committee of congress will not be announced, in all probability, for some time, and nothing will be done in the matter of such work until they are appointed. I have an excellent seat. My colleague, Mr. Ellis, sits just behind me. Of the leaders of the house, Mr. Payne, of New York; Mr. Dazell, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Watson, of Indiana, and others are in my immediate vicinity. I shall introduce the bills for the improvement of the Coos Bay bar and harbor, and for the construction of the locks at Oregon City, at the same time, unless some unforeseen contingency arises. I shall give them my earnest attention. With best wishes, I am truly yours.

"W. C. HAWLEY."

Quite a spirited contest ensued after this was read in the chamber by a suggestion that it would be better that the bills be presented separately, so that the Oregon City bill which is regarded as hardly feasible, would not have a dampening effect on the Coos Bay bill for an appropriation. A motion was finally carried to instruct Mr. Lyon to write the congressman asking that the bills be separately presented, and that the North Bend chamber of commerce be advised on the matter and asked to co-operate in this sentiment before the bill is presented by Congressman Hawley.

Whereas it is wholly within the bounds of reason to remedy these conditions by employing more responsible parties as drivers, and by putting on another relay of horses, and by providing each stage with tarpaulin or other impervious material for covering the mail, this Chamber of Commerce hereby

"RESOLVES, that the attention of the assistant postmaster general be called to the deplorable condition of the Coos Bay mail service and that he be asked to take steps to afford immediate relief by requiring the mail to be delivered each day in good condition and within the time specified in the mail carrying contract."

—Salad Sets, Lemonade Sets and Chafing Dishes at Milner's.

—Coal and wood heaters at Ekblad's.

## BLOWS OUT BRAINS BEFORE HUSBAND

Mrs. Cora Simonton Turns Shotgun on Herself at Union. Dies Instantly.

UNION, Ore., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Cora Simonton committed suicide by shooting herself with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous. No one was present but the husband. He is prostrated and gives no coherent explanation. The charge of shot entered the lower side of Mrs. Simonton's face, and ranging upward, blew her brains out.

Mr. and Mrs. Simonton were newcomers from Ashland, Ohio.

## WANT DISTRICT FAIR IN MARSHFIELD 1909

Committee Appointed To Secure the Privilege By Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Lyons made a motion at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night that efforts be put forth to secure the district fair for Marshfield in 1909. He asked that the member of the district board of this section, F. P. Norton, be requested to make application to secure the exhibition for this city. The motion was enthusiastically carried and Mr. Norton was appointed a committee to make overtures in this connection.

## THE STEAMER PLANT ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO FRIDAY

Easily Weathers Fierce Storm and Carries Forty-Six Passengers to Marshfield.

## CITIZENS NEED GARBAGE PLACE

Several Complaints Made at Chamber of Commerce Meeting Last Night.

Complaint was made by Frank W. Reeder last night that there was no place to dispose of garbage in the city of Marshfield, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He stated that he had found it impossible to dispose of the garbage for some weeks past, and that he had paid a number of teamsters to take the garbage up Coal Bank inlet, but they had brought it back because they could find no public dumping ground.

This statement aroused considerable interest among many citizens, who claimed to have experienced a like condition of affairs. John F. Hall said that there was a place beyond the graveyard, but that he believed there should be some system of getting rid of the garbage in the city which was littered in many places and would result in a serious menace. He believed that some arrangements should be made to have a wagon call at regular intervals, once or twice a week, from house to house, so that the expense might be less to all and that the garbage might be disposed of in a feasible manner.

Frank A. Sacchi took the floor and said that the city had a lot for the purpose but that the adjoining property owner had protested against using the vicinity as a dumping ground as it was a means of lowering the value of his property and because of the danger of causing sickness. It had cost him \$4.75 last month, he said, to have the garbage carried away from his premises. He believed that something should be done toward securing proper garbage grounds and that some system of carrying it should be provided by the city.

Chairman Ira Smith said that the Chamber of Commerce had nothing to do in this matter and that it dwelt entirely with the city council. The only thing that could be done was to appoint a committee to take the subject before the council to dispose of in the best way possible.

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS

Taking Active Measures to Secure Inspector of Trees in District.

Messrs. Coffelt, Klindenbeard, Hodson, Beale and Seaman, fruit growers of Coos county, were appointed a committee to consult with the fruit growers of this district regarding the county inspector, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night.

All these men were present at the meeting and as early as possible they will interview the fruit growers of the district toward securing the much needed fruit inspector. A letter was read at the meeting from Fruit Commissioner Carson, of Grant's Pass, who asserted that Coos county could produce fruit along with any other section of Oregon, and that it was advisable to secure an inspector as early as possible so that there might be no injury to fruit trees, as is the case in the Willamette Valley. He gave instructions how to go about to secure an inspector and stated his willingness to assist the fruit growers all he could in the matter.

—Dinner sets in Haviland, German China, and semi-porcelain at Milner's.

## BRISTOL'S NAME IS WITHDRAWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The department of justice announces that the nomination of William C. Bristol United States Attorney for the district of Oregon, which has been sent to the senate, will be withdrawn, in accordance with the department's recommendations to the president, because Bristol's course with reference to the land fraud speculations in Oregon has been unsatisfactory.

The withdrawal of Bristol's name means the appointment of a new United States district attorney for Oregon. Mr. Bristol has declared repeatedly that he was ready to proceed at any time with the land-fraud trials, as soon as the cases were turned over to him by Heney. This Heney has not done.

## A COOS BAY BOOSTER IS ABROAD

C. J. Millis Says Good Words for This Section in Interview With Portland Reporter.

C. J. Millis, of Marshfield, who is a business visitor in Portland, in an interview with a reporter of the Oregonian took occasion to do some boosting. The article is as follows:

C. J. Millis, head of the Harriman interests on Coos Bay, who has the extended title of vice-president and general manager of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company, of the Portland & Coos Bay Steamship Company and also of the Beaver Hill Coal Company, is spending a few days in Portland where he is greeting old friends and conferring with the Harriman officials here. Speaking of conditions in the Coos Bay district, Mr. Millis said:

"Coos Bay coal is in great demand by Portland people. We are shipping 1000 tons a month here now and expect to double that amount within a short time. The coal is excellent and is very popular. In the spring we expect to put on the Czarina to carry coal from Coos Bay here. Until she goes on the run, we will continue to carry it on the Breakwater."

"Coos Bay is going ahead in fine shape. The financial stringency has been felt very little down there. Everybody is prosperous. Our railroad is doing well and the steamship line from Portland is handling lots of business. Thomas Russell has been appointed superintendent of the Beaver Hill coal mines and he is increasing the output materially. I expect that work will go forward on the Oregon Western, the road from Drain to Coos Bay, within a short time."

## THE GOVERNOR'S JOKE PROVES SERIOUS ONE

Gaps in Holidays May Cause Extra Session of the Legislature.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Governor Chamberlain's pleasant little lapsus memoriae about the holiday situation brings the state face to face with a special session of the legislature. The only other possible alternative is for every county to call special sessions of courts, if they expect to transact any judicial business within the next several months. Multnomah county, where there is a term each month in the year except in the summer, may not be forced to resort to this expedient should it be deemed inadvisable to call the legislature together.

## SAN FRANCISCO BANKER COMMITS SUICIDE

California Safe Branch Manager Ends His Trouble—No Charges Against Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A bloody tragedy has developed from the crash of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company. T. Otway Sadler, manager of the west end branch of the defunct institution at 1531 Devisadero street, blew out his brains while locked in his office.

No examination has yet been made of Sadler's accounts, but it is known he was heavily involved personally in the failure. Ever since it was known that the bank could not survive he has been greatly depressed, though he mentioned to none his intention of taking his life.

—Come and buy your ornaments for the Christmas tree before they are all sold. Chas. Stauff.

## FULTON ASKS FOR COIN FOR OREGON BUILDINGS

Roseburg Slated for a New \$100,000 Public Building if Senator's Plans Carry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Fulton today introduced bills appropriating \$100,000 for public buildings at La Grande, Pendleton, Oregon City, Albany and Roseburg and \$2,500,000 at Portland.

## FRESH SALMON FOR THE EASTERN MARKET

Oregon Man Plans to Provide Easterners With Fish Fresh as the Morning Dew.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—H. J. Barbey, a salmon broker of the city, has gone to Sheridan, Yamhill county, to establish a headquarters for the transportation of fresh salmon from the Trask river, in Tillamook county, by teams. He has forty men engaged in catching steelheads along the track, and six teams will transport the fish as quickly as possible to Sheridan, by a 25-mile drive. The salmon will then be sent to Astoria by rail for freezing, when they will be sent in refrigerator cars to New York.

On reaching New York the fish will be washed in fresh water, when they will be as fresh for the table as when taken out of the Trask. The enterprise is a new one, and fish dealers all prophesy success for Mr. Barbey's venture.

—Wine and water glasses at Milner's.

—Melrose, Turkey Dinner Sunday, 12:30 till 8 p. m.

—Stiletto Razors at Milner's.

With forty-six passengers and a large amount of freight on board the steamship Plant from San Francisco arrived at its Marshfield docks about nine o'clock last evening, after stopping for a short while at North Bend. She is scheduled to sail Sunday (tomorrow) morning at eight o'clock, provided that she is able to have some repairs to her machinery completed, and the transfer of her freight made in time.

The steamer passed through the storm yesterday morning without mishap of any kind, and as the wind was from behind she made good time on her trip but had to wait until late yesterday afternoon to cross the bar at the mouth of the harbor.

Passengers assert that the waves ran mountains high during the gale about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. In some cases spray went over the smoke stack and the water looked wild and unearthly. It is said to have been as bad a gale as one sees on this coast, but the boat carried herself admirably through the down-pours of rain and violent blasts of wind which stirred up a vicious sea.

Captain Burtis, when interviewed, did not consider the storm much out of the ordinary. "It was about as stiff a gale as one sees on the coast," he said, "but the waves did not reach any great height. There was a choppy sea because of the shifting winds which stirred things up a bit, but the boat rode through it quite comfortably. The worst part of the gale caught us just down the coast a few hours before daylight. Early in the night the wind had been southeast, but it shifted around to the southwest making quite a cross sea. The wind blew in a strong puff or two then after a quiet spell half a dozen pretty stiff puffs enlivened things some."

"No, I did not see any sea serpents, nor were we struck by a whale. We did not see a phantom ship and tidal waves were scarce. We kept a sharp lookout for mermaids, though, because we always stop whenever we see any."

The Plant had an unusual amount of freight on this trip, and the sheds at the dock are pretty well filled with packing cases and boxes containing much needed stock for local merchants and inland towns of the county. One reason for the unusual cargo is that local men have been ordering goods from San Francisco because of the delay in securing their orders from Portland. The passenger list from San Francisco is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Annfield, Geo. Tucker, R. Dillard, D. R. Church, J. C. Jones, T. Moran, W. H. Wood, T. J. Froman, Mrs. Josephine Brown, two children, Mrs. L. W. Deyoe, Eva Gansmell, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, C. K. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, M. A. Kennedy, E. M. Hagensen, Carrie Flic, Katherine Nichol, J. Bannerman, P. E. Clendenning, and twelve passengers in steerage.

## PORTLAND BANK PLANS TO REOPEN

Merchants' National Hopes to Resume With Increased Capital.

Portland, Dec. 14.—That the Merchants' National Bank of this city will reopen for business about March 1, with an increased capital, is now practically certain. This bank suspended business with about \$3,500,000 deposits after paying out \$2,000,000. Examiner Wilson, who has had charge of the investigation of the institution, has forwarded his report to the controller of the currency, and it is said to be most favorable. It is known here that Portland capital is ready to back up the Merchants' Bank, and with the resources of the institution there seems no doubt that it will reopen on a more solid basis than ever.

—Haviland and German China, Coos Bay Cash Store.