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IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE

Subject is One That Should Receive Prompt Attention of Public-Spirited Citizens of Coos Bay.

December 28th bids for the construction of a dredge for service at various coast ports will be opened in the office of Colonel S. W. Roessler, at the Custom House in Portland. This is the dredger which was and is designed for Coos Bay and is a matter of universal and almost epochal importance to this locality. It will be remembered that this dredge was provided for at the last session of congress and at the instance of the friends of Coos Bay for use at this port. For political reasons the bill which authorized it stated that it was for the Oregon coast and the Washington representatives objected that it should be made to include the coast of Washington. The purpose is not ignored, however, and the government's Engineers have no expectation that it will be sent anywhere other than Coos Bay until its uses here have been exhausted. It is to cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

A prominent business man speaking of this dredge said today in conversation with a Times representative:

"The people of Coos Bay have a splendid chance to satisfy their long felt wish to have the bay dredged and improved at small expense to them. Exactly why nothing is done about it I do not know, but the government dredge to be built was intended for Coos Bay and yet the Chambers of Commerce are not seemingly even interested. The dredge should be built here. Whether Messrs. Simpson and Smith have put in bids and are here and to furnish the material at a price which makes the construction of it cheaper, I do not of course, know. They intended to do it. There are some \$25,000 available to pay the expenses of the dredge here and somebody on Coos Bay should be at work in the interest of the bay and this dredging proposition. The trouble is that our people have not got the habit of working together. One man is interested and takes up the proposition and pushes until he crosses another man's trail, then he drops it and sulksly quits. There is plenty of public spirit on Coos Bay, but it is not united. Here is one of the projects which needs attention, which requires united action, but is left to one or two individuals to attend to, if they see fit."

FARMER'S PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

Says That Merchants Do Not Give the Tillers of the Soil a Square Deal—Asks for Justice.

Editor Times:
In your issue of December 20 I notice what you say in regard to importing potatoes to Coos Bay. I wish to state that in the past four years, I have raised and put on the market at least six thousand dollars worth of potatoes of which I have sold probably two hundred dollars worth on Coos Bay for cash. It was always the same answer, "Take it out in trade." The answer is the same today. The farmer has a good appetite, and as luck will have it he can furnish plenty for that appetite without trading his entire output to the Coos Bay merchant. There are plenty of good spuds to be bought today, if the merchant will pay the cash. When a farmer sends to Portland for a few articles of goods in any line there is great excitement among the merchants. I purchased one dozen ten-gallon milk cans of the Honeyman Hardware Co. saving \$9.60 by the trade. The consequence was that the Coos County Hardware combine boycotted the Honeyman Hardware company and run them out of the county for selling to an outsider, as they quote a man who is not a retailer. I can prove the above statement. I also needed some shorts for cow feed. On going to a leading merchant to buy it, he wanted the small sum of \$7.00 per ton profit just to order it, when the money at

Tattle of the Town

Little grains of fact sifted from the chaff of gossip flying up and down the town.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

That all the employes of The Times may have a better opportunity to enjoy a Merry Christmas by spending the day at home, no paper will be issued from this office tomorrow.

The entire Times family from carrier boys to Editor unite in wishing each and all the readers and patrons of the paper a very Merry Christmas and the choicest blessings of this happy and holy holiday season.

Wires Are Down

The telephone lines between this point and North Bend were put out of commission yesterday by the violence of the wind. Several men have been put to work to discover the breaks and remedy them as soon as possible.

Storm Coming

Advisory indications received by F. S. Dow point to the approach of a storm which will move rapidly inland and cause in this vicinity a moderately high southeast gaiting to southwest winds this afternoon and tonight.

Bound to Grand Jury

W. M. Stevens, Frank Gardner, John Nasberg, W. H. Short and J. C. Wilcox, recently arrested by Sheriff Gage in connection with a raid on the gambling dens in North Bend, appeared before Judge Pennock today and waived examination being bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$250 each. With the exception of Short, all the others appeared by attorney.

With Another Firm

G. W. Shelly, representative for this district of the William Clough Company, wholesale grocers of San Francisco, has returned to Marshfield as the representative of Weillman, Peck & Company of San Francisco. This is said to be the oldest wholesale grocery house on the Pacific coast, and Mr. Shelly was a salesman with the firm a number of years ago. He made a trip to the Gate City on the last trip of the Plant, and his old firm made overtures to him which he accepted. He makes his headquarters in this city, representing the firm in the country tributary to Coos Bay.

Stage Broke Down

"I will show you that a man can travel in comfort and with speed on the stage line to Roseburg," said George Balnes to several friends in this city as he left Saturday evening for San Francisco by way of the Roseburg line. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, George was ten miles beyond Sumner, where the stage had a stop of some length because of a breakdown, according to citizens from that section. He may arrive at Roseburg some time tomorrow if he is in luck, and those who advised him against the route before he left, are in ecstasies over the evident "speed and comfort" with which George is traveling.

Passengers Came Ashore

Most of the passengers outbound on the Plant yesterday from Marshfield returned to the city last night, while the ship was tied to the dock at North Bend. The boat went down to the bar yesterday but the breakers were rolling it with such volume that it would have been criminal to have tried getting out, and she returned to North Bend. Many people who had been anticipating a happy Christmas in San Francisco will have to celebrate on board ship, as the boat will be at sea when Christmas dinner time comes around. She left out this morning.

Football Christmas Day

A new football team will try its strength against the Coos Bay teams. It is from Arago, on the Coquille, and will play the North Bend team on Christmas day. Very little is known of the new candidates for honors except that they weigh on an average one hundred pounds. The manager of the team was to my credit on his books. I couldn't pay that, so ordered my goods in Portland. The result was that the manager of a large grocery company in town, who later got away with a thousand or two of the company's money, went to all the grocers in town who handled feed, and tried the boycott game again, but got left. There are very few goods that the farmer puts onto the market of the world, but what sells to the consumer for two or three times the amount he receives for them. Is there anything radically wrong about that? So give the poor farmer a chance and don't begrudge him what little he can get extra by keeping his produce for a higher market.

(Signed) E. L. BESSEY,
A Coos River Farmer.

Personal Notes.

J. T. COWART, of Coquille, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

MISS MAMIE KING, of Coquille, is visiting friends in Marshfield.

J. N. HUTCHINS, of Hodge Creek, is spending the day in the city.

R. H. MASTERS, of Ten Mile, is a pleasant visitor to friends in this city today.

T. P. WRIGHT AND BERT MARTIN, of Coquille, are visiting in the city today.

M. A. ERNEST, of Portland, arrived on the Alliance this morning and will locate on the bay.

A. J. GANTNER, the Portland insurance man, has returned from the Beaver Hill, where he conducted business.

MISS VIOLET HENDERSON has accepted the position of stenographer at the Marshfield chamber of commerce.

SUPERINTENDENT T. C. RUSSELL, of the Beaver Hill Coal company, is a pleasant visitor in the city today on business.

MISS ROSE B. PARROTT, of Roseburg, is visiting Mrs. F. K. Gettings. She is principal at the Gardner school from which point she has just arrived during the first of the Christmas holidays.

dred and sixty pounds, and expect to cart away a large end of the gate receipts. The North Bend team has been reorganized and is in much better form than when it played against Marshfield on Thanksgiving day. Consequently a hard fought game is expected to put the finishing touches to Christmas day. The game will be at North Bend and special boat service will be provided to accommodate visitors from this city.

Fumigate Boats Here.—Operators of steamships and other boats making this port have been notified that vessels entering the harbor must be fumigated after their arrival and discharge of cargoes at Coos Bay. Formerly the boats between this point and Portland were fumigated at the latter place, but the ceremony has now to be performed before their departure from here in order to abide by the government restrictions, as enforced by Dr. Straw, quarantine officer of the port. The Alliance and Breakwater will be fumigated immediately after the discharge of their cargoes at this port, and this will mean a delay of about a day instead of the delay being made at Portland as heretofore. The new order of things went into effect about a week ago.

Coquille Floods its Banks.—The Coquille river has become angry during the past few days and since Saturday morning has made a general nuisance of itself. In many places along the river it has overflowed its banks, and on the river side of Coquille it has made the landing of passengers from the boats a critical feat. A short distance beyond Coquille the river had risen to such a height that three feet of water is reported to be the depth over quite a length of the railroad tracks, causing the train to suspend operations temporarily between Coquille and Myrtle Point. Considerable astonishment is felt by the people along the Coquille over the early flood, as in most years it happens in January and February, and is caused from the snow melting in the mountains. The present flood has been caused by the steady downpour of rain for the past few weeks.

First Mate Is Maligned.—F. S. Dow, and Captain Burtis of the Plant, stated yesterday that First Officer George Fitzmorris, of the Plant, was going to lay off duty for a month and get married. The grins with which this information was given gave rise to doubt on the part of the rubberneck representing the Times. A little later, Mr. Dow told Local Agent Shaw, for the Alliance, about the proposed marriage. He winked at Shaw when he said it, and both then broke into a "haw haw" of considerable dimensions. It was something like an amateur minstrel show. Mr. Shaw declared that it was not possible, but Mr. Dow insisted that it was probable. Fitzmorris was attending to freight being put aboard ship. "Naw," said he. "I ain't goin' to lay off. Stick to the old ship," and "Hey there," he yelled at a truck pusher, "where the devil are you going. No, I'll stick to the old ship."

—Go to the Palace for your swell lunch after the Fireman's Ball Dec. 26.