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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL WILL PASS THIS SESSION

Times Correspondent Writes Interestingly and Hopefully of the Chances for an Appropriation for the Improvement of Coos Bay by the Present Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31, 1907.—It may be interesting to readers of The Coos Bay Times to learn that there is considerable ground for our belief that there will be a river and harbor bill passed at this session. Speaker Cannon, Mr. Burton, chairman of the River and Harbor committee, and several others who have practically the matter in charge, delivered eloquent and forceful addresses at the National Congress, organized for the purpose of advocating larger appropriations for such improvements; and as they proposed fifty million a year to be set aside to improve the water ways of our nation, the friends of such enterprise are very hopeful that such a resolution will pass; and during the holiday season representatives and senators have been discussing the matter, but so far there has not appeared any opposition. In case the bill passes, the question then will arise as to how much of that great sum will be allotted to Coos County, and your correspondent feels much solicitude in the matter and he is anxiously watching the final outcome. The Coos County delegate to the National River and Harbor Congress was fortunate in being placed upon the nominating committee, and after a hard pull he succeeded in retaining J. W. Bennett, of your city, as vice-president for Oregon. There was a disposition to give it to Portland, Seattle or San Francisco. There were about fifteen hundred delegates to the congress. The spacious and elegant auditorium in that magnificent structure, the New Willard, was well filled. The space assigned to each state was designated by a banner with the name of the commonwealth in gold letters on a blue background, but Oregon had two chairs occupied, Joseph Teal, of Portland, and the writer. However, Congressman Hawley kept us company a portion of the time. The addresses were eloquent and strong, even Mr. Hill, the railroad magnate talked over an hour advocating the necessity of more improvements in our waterways. His address was practical and strong. When the congress called at the White House the President delivered an address which showed that he was in hearty accord with the proposition. Therefore Coos County has grounds to believe that good fortune is in store for her harbors. Mr. Hawley, our new representative from the first district, has got well into the harness and has already left a good impression with his co-workers, and we predict for him a brilliant career at the capital. In fact our state has a splendid delegation to look after his interests and we believe they will work for every section no matter how remote it may be. ORVIL DODGE.

ASKS \$50,000 FOR WIFE'S LOVE.

Says J. C. Donnelly Has Alienated Her Affections.

TACOMA, Jan. 6.—J. C. Donnelly, the former proprietor of the Donnelly hotel and prominent business and club man of Tacoma, has been made defendant in a sensational \$50,000 suit for alienation of affections by J. A. Gass, a well known traveling man of Seattle. Serving of the summons was made on Mr. Donnelly by a deputy sheriff. Gass alleges that Donnelly won the love of Mrs. Gass by holding before her the lure of wealth and a butterfly life. The parents of Mrs. Gass are also charged with assisting in the alienation of their daughter's affections. Mrs. Gass is now plaintiff in a divorce suit in the King county courts and Gass claims she is to marry Donnelly if the decree is secured.

DELHI MAKES PORT AGAIN

Arrives in Charge of Captain Zeh, Who Is in Place of Captain Cousins.

The steamer Delhi arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon and tied up at her Marshfield dock about dusk in charge of Captain Zeh, who replaced Captain Cousins on the trip. The latter is reported to have become sick on the way down last trip. The plant is expected to make the next trip to this port as she will be overhauled and in fine shape within a few days. The Delhi will leave here for San Francisco Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The following is the passenger list of arrivals: Eric Anderson, C. C. Nordenhausen, G. C. Bickford and wife, W. Doyle, A. F. Cubbs and wife, J. H. Snyder, Mrs. Capricello, R. Green, J. L. Smith, J. C. Green, Miss Merriman, Mrs. W. L. Laird, Miss M. C. Wilcox, Z. E. Sheever, C. E. Martin, G. Barstrom, J. Smith, W. J. Smith, E. F. Cooley, A. H. McKay, J. Rogers, A. H. Eddy, J. H. Kronenburg, A. Dawson, W. Swayne, Mrs. D. E. Meeker and ten steerage passengers. The Delhi will take about 17,000 feet of lumber from the C. A. Smith mill on her next trip.

TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN.

Yesterday's storm put the Western Union wires out of commission and The Times is compelled to go to press today without its customary Associated Press report.

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET IN SPOKANE

The Washington Faithful Will Hold State Convention Next June. (By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of Democrats invited to consult with the state committee, Spokane was selected as the place of the convention to elect delegates to the National Convention. The date was not named, but will probably be the middle of June. A motion to endorse Bryan provoked a protest and inasmuch as the meeting was not called for such business the motion was withdrawn.

NEWSPAPER MAN FINED.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Jan. 9.—Fred G. Bonfils, one of the proprietors of the Post was found guilty in justice court of assault and battery on Ex-Senator Patterson and fined \$50 and costs.

BANDON'S BIG BUSINESS

Busy City By the Sea Makes Splendid Showing in December Shipments.

(Special to Times.) BANDON, Ore., Jan. 9.—The shipments from this port for the month ending Dec. 31, 1907, including 3,868,000 feet of lumber, \$12,000 shingles, 400 tons broomhandles and 131 tons miscellaneous merchandise; 473 tons of general merchandise were brought in from outside ports, mostly from San Francisco. The carrying was done by a total of 11 departures and 7 arrivals of 2 steamers, 2 gasoline steamers and four three-masters. A total of 30 million feet of lumber is the record for the year 1907, shipped from Bandon, besides shingles, broomhandles, poles and piling. The steamer Elizabeth left for San Francisco Thursday morning with 400,000 feet of lumber and sixty passengers. The Bandon left yesterday with part of a cargo, for Coos Bay, where she will complete her load for 'Eriaco. The three-master C. T. Hill, arrived in yesterday and is unloading at Prosper.

A PIONEER DENTIST DIES

Dr. Steele, of Bandon, Passes Away After Lingering Illness.

(Special to Times.) BANDON, Jan. 9.—Dr. Steele, pioneer dentist of Coos County, passed away at his home here last night after a lingering illness of Bright's disease. He leaves a wife to survive him, his three children having preceded him to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns." The doctor was about sixty years old, thirty of which were spent in Coos county. During that time he formed a large circle of friends, all of whom esteem and respect him as a man of sterling and lovable qualities and will greatly regret to learn of his death. The funeral will take place tomorrow, the body being laid to rest in the Coquille cemetery. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

SCHOOL WILL RENDER AN INTERESTING PROGRAM.

First Contest of the Inter-High School Debating League Tomorrow Night

The inter-high school league debate between the Marshfield and North Bend High Schools tomorrow will be held in the Opera House. An admission fee of 25c will be charged. The program will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and will be completed by 10 o'clock.

PIANO DUET, "Country Dance."

Misses Helen Bradley and Gertrude Mandego.

QUARTETTE—Misses Susie Eickworth, Evelyn Anderson, Millie Johnson, Mrs. Chas. Stauff.

DEBATE, Resolved: "That Further Immigration from Oriental Countries should be prohibited by the United States."

AFFIRMATIVE—North Bend High School—Marion Reynolds, Edna Alger, Earnest Vigers.

NEGATIVE—Marshfield High School—Ruth Smith, Eric Bolt, Marjory Cowan.

REBUTTAL, Affirmative—Marion Reynolds.

REBUTTAL, Negative—Ruth Smith.

MANDOLIN SELECTIONS—Masters Leslie and Chester Isaacson.

Decision of Judges.

QUARTETTE—Miss Eickworth, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Stauff, Miss Millie Johnson.

The debaters of both schools have worked earnestly and have tried to improve the prestige of their respective schools. They are certainly deserving of encouragement, and it is earnestly to be hoped that our citizens will show their high school spirit by turning out in large numbers. Give the high school the encouragement they deserve.

Will Bring a Colony.

Secretary Lyon of the chamber of commerce received a letter from General Passenger Agent McMurray of the Southern Pacific enclosing an enquiry for special rates from H. C. Tobeck, of Spokane, who wants to bring a colony of from eight to ten families to Coos Bay. Mr. Tobeck states that he has been seeking a country and climate where everything grows, and he tells Mr. McMurray that he believes Coos Bay is the place. The prospective settlers are from Minnesota and the Dakotas, all of them said to be thrifty and industrious farmers, who desire dairy land especially. The local chamber has received two or three requests for information by men representing colonies, most of them thrifty German families, who desire to come to Coos Bay. Mr. Lyon is shipping many pamphlets to the enquirers, giving the facts in regard to this section.

ATTENTION REDMEN.

Big pow wow tonight. Corn and venison of Redmen's hall. All Redmen are urged to be present. Don't fall tonight.

SAD DEATH OF JOHN DOLAN

Found Drowned in Four Feet of Water Under Railway Trestle.

Details of the accidental death of John Dolan yesterday afternoon indicate that he came to his death from drowning, as the result of a fall or fainting spell while working on a box car back of the railroad dock yesterday at noon. The deceased had been engaged in packing the axle box of the car and his tools lay in order as though he had prepared to go to lunch.

The body was found below the trestle work of the tracks, which were level with the water at high tide and four feet from the ground. In order to reach the water he had to go through the space between the ties, which was about a foot and a half, and it is thought that he could have saved himself from falling through unless he was stunned, or had been attacked with vertigo.

The deceased was not seen by any other employes of the railroad from 11 o'clock until the remains were pulled out of the water, which was about 3 o'clock. When he did not return home to his midday meal efforts were made to locate him somewhere around the dock. The position of his tools, close to the water, gave rise to the suspicions that he had fallen in the water.

Clyde Cardell and a party of employes at the docks engaged in the search and after a short while the former located the body of the unfortunate man lying beneath the tracks in about four feet of water, at a point where two box cars were fastened together. It was at this point the deceased would have commenced to climb to the dock had he been on his way home, and it is thought that he slipped and stunned himself and fell into the water. The remains were laid out and Coroner Mingus was called. He summoned a jury which commenced to act last evening and resumed its work today.

Father Donnelly, of whose church the deceased was a member, was notified of the sad fatality, with a request that he would notify Mrs. Dolan of the accident.

The deceased had been employed as car inspector and repairer for the local railroad company for about two years. He was originally from Ottawa, Canada, and came to Oregon and resided on the Umpqua river nearly twenty years ago. He was engaged in ranching and various occupations previous to coming to the city, where he was well known and had many warm friends. He was especially noted for his clean honesty in all business transactions and his word was his bond.

The deceased was a member of the Woodmen of the World in which he was prominent and this organization will probably take a leading part in the funeral ceremonies. He leaves a wife and three children, two sons nearly grown and a daughter. He also has two brothers, Peter and Michael, who live at Gardiner and who were notified of the fatality yesterday afternoon.

The comfortable home of Mrs. Dolan is located opposite the Odd Fellows' cemetery and numerous friends and neighbors of the family are sympathizing greatly with the latter in their grief over the loss they sustained yesterday. The deceased is said to have amassed quite a fortune in the past few years and leaves his family well provided for.

Mrs. W. Blanchfield, of this city, is a sister of the drowned man.

The verdict of the coroner's jury which finished its consideration of the case this morning at 10 o'clock, was that the deceased came to his death from accidental drowning, caused by his falling into the water from a blow in the side received from an unknown source, the supposition being that he slipped and struck himself. The coroner's jury was composed of Ivy Condon, Al Hall, Wm. Noble, E. L. Pierce, Jas. Cowan, F. P. Norton.

The only mark on the body of the

BOTTLE TRAVELED ONLY FEW MILES IN SIX YEARS

LUMBER SHOWS FIRMER TONE

Manager of Smith Lumber Company Optimistic Over Prospects for Future.

"The lumber market is beginning to show a much firmer tone during the past few days than it has for some time past," said Manager Oren, of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company, when asked his opinion on the subject this afternoon. "The retail yards throughout the country held back from purchasing during the recent monetary trouble, and as the country generally is very prosperous they have sold out their stock. The result is that the retail yards are beginning to purchase lumber again for the consumer, and in my opinion, this is one reason for the firmness shown in the market."

Mr. Oren stated that lumbering conditions on Coos Bay were more active than in most parts of the coast, but that he was of the opinion that activity would soon be prevalent in the logging districts of the Pacific. He said that Mr. C. A. Smith would leave Minneapolis about the middle of this month and would arrive here between the twentieth and twenty-fifth of January. He expected that Mr. Smith would spend several weeks in this section looking after his interests and visiting various parts of Coos Bay during his stay.

NIGHT FOR LADIES AT MILLICOMA CLUB

Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Sweethearts to be Entertained Wednesday Evening.

The first formal function at the Millicoma club's new quarters will take place next Wednesday evening, when the spacious and beautiful rooms will be opened to the ladies. On this occasion the members will act as hosts to their mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts. A musical program is being arranged and will be one of the great features of what promises to be the social event of the season.

An elaborate musical program is being prepared and some of the best local talent in the city will be heard. Members and their lady friends of the North Bend club will also be invited to the function, where light refreshments will be served after the program. The latter will be composed of mandolin solos, duets, Swedish songs, flute solos, piano and vocal solos, and a lady quartette will sing. Next Wednesday will be the third Wednesday of the month, and the first and third Wednesdays will be devoted to the ladies by the club.

The drowned man was a bruise on the right side near the lower ribs, and the autopsy showed his right lung injured and also his liver, and it is thought that the violence of the blow when he slipped and fell was enough to have stunned him, causing him to fall between the trestles into the water. The general opinion is that he slipped while stepping on the ties, his side coming in contact with the rail. Enquiry revealed the fact that no cars had been moved which could have caused the accident.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

All Woodmen of the World are requested to meet at the lodge room, at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the 10th day of January, 1908, for the purpose of attending deceased neighbor John M. Dolan's funeral. By order of Council Commander, W. P. MURPHY.

Flask Cast in Coos River at Elkhorn Ranch in January 1902 Is Found at Allegany Saturday January 4, 1908. —Romantic Incident of a Little Party.

There was a tinge of tragedy and romance, too, in the finding of a bottle in a log flume at Allegany Saturday evening. The bottle was noticed between two logs by Mr. Salling, who picked it up and seeing it was sealed and contained a paper he broke it and found a sheet of writing paper, growing yellow with age on which the following message was written:

"Elkhorn ranch Coos River, Oreg. Jan. 19, 1902.

Nellie Rooke. Lucie Gould. Millie Gould, Edith Rooke. Frances Gould. Leonard Gould. George Gould. Mrs. G. A. Gould. Anyone who discovers this bottle please let us know, and tell us when and where you found it. Address (Allegany, Oregon.)"

In accordance with the request he delivered the paper to George Gould.

Just six years ago there was a merry crowd of young people gathered at the Elkhorn ranch on the Coos river, where some one with the youthful love of romance and mystery suggested that they write their names on a paper, place it in a bottle and cast it on the tides of the Coos to see where wind and wave might carry it. The suggestion was noted upon and long ago the incident was forgotten by all who participated in it, until recalled by finding it Saturday evening. Elkhorn ranch is only ten or twelve miles above Allegany but the river winding doubles and triples that distance. But in all the six years it traveled directly only 25 or 30 miles from its starting point, although it may have covered thousands in its restless rollings to and fro on the troubled tides.

Not much of a story or news, you think in such an incident. Casting a bottle containing a paper with a few names upon it into the river and finding it six years later a few miles away. Not much in that. Mendicant in imagination, you! Why all of life's story, golden and glorious, or tearful, tragic and forbidding is told therein.

Six short years and a few short miles but how crowded with all of life's eventful story from the cradle to the coffin those years have been for the light hearted happy group that set their seals in careless fashion on that paper six years ago.

The soul of Leonard Gould has returned to its maker. Like a message from the tomb is that name written six years ago. The hand that held the pencil that carelessly traced the symbols that formed his name has pushed aside the veil that screens the mystery of the ages from the wisest men. His eyes have peered beyond and solved life's one unsolvable problem, the mystery of a future life.

Frances Gould, then a girl, is now Mrs. Geo. Terry, of Coquille, and the mother of two children of her own, who have since been interested in bottles but not empty ones with only scraps of paper in them.

Miss Edith Rooke has become Mrs. Peter Braer, of Marshfield. The others are at home on Elkhorn ranch, but how fraught with things of good and ill those fleeting years have been.

There is a subject for a sermon, material for an essay in the finding of that bottle at Allegany, but the Times leaves that for other pens. Its mission is to tell the incidents of the day and the finding of that bottle at Allegany with its human document is not the least interesting of the affairs of a day.

—Estimate is a winner.