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THE DREDGE THAT JACK BUILT.

It has been learned with regret that through the misunderstanding, mistake or defection of somebody, the "dredge intended for Coos Bay," out which the congressional act providing for it expressly designs for the Oregon and Washington coasts, will be built in Portland and not on Coos Bay. That the wooden portion of it would be constructed cheaper here than anywhere else goes without saying, for Messrs. Simpson and Smith were prepared to furnish to Kruse & Banks, shipbuilders, all the lumber required in that construction free, so that Kruse & Banks were in a position to make a bid for the construction with which nobody could compete. But in spite of this the Portland Iron Works got the contract and for some reason Kruse & Banks were not put by the military department in a position to figure on the plans and specifications. It is claimed by Senator Fulton that this dredge was the result of special labors with congress on behalf of Coos Bay and there is no doubt whatever that the claim is true. But if it is to be used on Coos Bay, it would seem to the ordinary mind that it would have been far better to have it built on Coos Bay, rather than incur the expense of bringing it down the Willamette twelve miles, the Columbia one hundred miles and the coast two hundred miles.

If the Chambers of Commerce of Marshfield and North Bend would take hold of this matter of the dredge, send some competent person to Portland to see Col. Roesler, find out the exact facts and also open correspondence with the department at Washington, not failing to put in an application for this dredge whether it is in order to make the application or not, then make a full, complete and intelligent report to the Chambers of Commerce and have the report made public, no doubt the dredge could be obtained for this bay or for the people would know the reason why not. This is too important a matter to be overlooked. The dredge is now practically under construction or will be soon, and it is very likely that Tillamook or even the Columbia river, or perhaps Willapa or Gray's Harbor will put in an application for it.

GENERAL CONDITIONS UNLIKE HARD TIMES

The news of the day is full of items that contradict hard times stories, says the Eastern Oregonian. In a report from New York it is announced that the United States Steel corporation distributed \$3,000,000 to its superintendents, managers and heads of departments as Christmas presents.

A dispatch from Cleveland contains word that 250 traveling salesmen of a paint company will be put on the road within a week, following a short lay off, and that the American Shipbuilding company, which two months ago shut down its shipyards along the great lakes, has put 5,000 men at work in the last few days and reinstated 5,000 more employees the first of the year.

From St. Louis comes the news that more than 3,000 men who were thrown out of employment in that city because of the financial stringency, have been ordered back to work.

It is predicted that before the end of January all factories there will be running full and the effect of the financial flurry will not be felt except by the workmen engaged in the building trades.

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NEW DREDGE CONTRACT LET

Portland Iron Works Gets Construction of Coos Bay Dredge.

IT CAUSES COMMENT HERE

L. J. Simpson is Still Active in An Effort to Induce Portland Firm To Do the Work at this Point.

"Colonel S. W. Roesler forwarded a recommendation to the department at Washington this morning that the bid of \$80,000 received from the Portland Iron Works for the construction of a dredge to operate along the coast of Oregon and Washington coasts be accepted. He also suggested the substitution of a steel tank in place of wood, as had been called for in the specifications, which will entail an additional cost of \$11,000. A tank is needed for carrying fresh water, as the vessel will be operated almost wholly in salt water.

According to the terms of the contract the successful bidder must have the vessel completed and ready for service in eight months. She will be equipped with powerful machinery and will be one of the most serviceable dredges on the coast. An endless amount of work has been laid out for the craft at Coos Bay, Tillamook, Grays Harbor and at other points in Oregon and Washington.—Portland Telegram.

Considerable comment is being made in Marshfield over the awarding of the bid to build the Coos Bay dredge to the Portland Iron Works, of Portland, and this without considering the offers made by prominent lumbermen on the bay to help bear the expense of construction.

When the appropriation was asked for, the dredge was to be used entirely for Coos Bay, but in the political squabbling which the bill had to pass through at Washington, the dredge was to be used for the ports of Washington and Oregon.

Messrs. L. J. Simpson and C. A. Smith, the biggest mill men on the bay, offered to give all the lumber needed for the construction of the dredge, which could be used to such advantage in the harbor. This would have aided materially in the cost of producing the dredge.

Ten days before the opening of the bids which was in Portland on December 28, Kruse & Banks received notice for sending in the bids. The specifications were sent at the time, but the plans were not, and in the condition in which the mail was being handled it was impossible to make arrangements to bid on the construction of the dredge in time.

The manner in which Coos Bay has been ignored in the matter, since the proposition originated on the bay, has caused considerable indignation among local people. The latter believe that it would have been more feasible to have the body of the dredge constructed here and the machinery could have been shipped.

It is believed that the dredge will have cleaned out the Columbia river from Astoria to Portland, and all the small harbors within reach of that river, before being brought to Coos Bay, the southernmost port of both Washington and Oregon. Had the dredge been built at this port, Coos Bay would have had the first use of it, which appears altogether improbable at present.

LATER.
Since the above was placed in type it has been learned that with highly commendable public enterprise, L. J. Simpson has not yet given up the plan for having this dredge built on Coos Bay. As soon as he learned that the Portland Iron Works was the successful bidder he immediately entered into correspondence with them making overtures for the construction of the dredge on Coos Bay and offering concessions that would be advantageous to the Portland firm to have the work done at this point. As the contract has not been closed by the government there have been no developments along this new line of effort.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING

Oh, it is difficult! Life is difficult! It seems right to me sometimes that we should follow our strongest feelings, but then such feelings continually come across the ties that all our former life has made for us.—George Elliot.

THE EXILE

What care I for the lees of life
When I have drunk the wine?
How should I take the grass to wife,
When sweet Red Rose is mine?

Or, having danced the saraband
Within the palace gate,
And bent above the young queen's hands
In stolen tete-a-tete.

How should I stoop to meaner joy,
Carousing at the inn—
A barnmaid for my vulgar toy,
A heartache for my sin?

Nay—standing at the palace gate,
As any beggar might,
I sing my love song as I wait
Into the lonely night

Perchance an echo of my voice
May find its way within,
And help her to some queenly choice
Where else a doubt has been.

While in some lull of music there,
A memory may rise
Of kisses on her royal hair,
And Love's lost Paradise.
—Fredrick Truesdell.

"That was a foolish discussion about the gender of the Millicoma club," remarked the Scholar as he took his seat in the Poet's Corner. "I am surprised that two such erudite delvers in ancient lore as Jack Flanagan and Claude Nasburg should engage in it. Now if they had only harkened back to the days when they wrestled with Greek verbs and Latin declensions they would have quickly realized that the word 'Millicoma' is of undoubted Greek derivation. It is formed of the two words—Mil— or Mel, meaning 'honey'—and the other greek word, Koma—or Coma—meaning 'rest.' There you have it 'Sweet-rest' and a very appropriate name it is, too, for a club—'sweet-rest.'"

"Well, I should say so," remarked Bill Lawlor, as he threw himself down on a luxurious settee to indulge in "sweet rest."

Thereupon the meeting elected the Scholar to the position of Club Historian and adjourned to the Goldie room.

The Times printed some New Year resolutions the other day which it urged all on Coos Bay to unite in making. Here are some others, with qualifications, that may be added: "I resolve the following year that I will not drink any, unless I am dry—very dry.

"That I will let people mind their own business and assist them all I can.

"That I will agree to obey my superiors, if I have any.

"That I will always forgive my enemies and promptly pay for the Times and promptly pay for the same.

"That I will strive to be in love and charity with my neighbor, if I see I shall need him to back me in some pursuit in life the coming year.

"That I will subscribe to this paper and promptly pay for the same.

"That I will trade at home and try to get back some of the money I squandered abroad the past year; provided home merchants advertise in The Daily Times, otherwise I buy elsewhere."

Broken any resolutions yet?
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They tell us there are 26,000,000 widows in India. Hully, Gee! Leap year must be something fierce there.

It's funny the way some Marshfield men who climb on the water wagon on New year's will get dry a few days later.

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