

TATTLES OF THE TOWN. FROM DAY TO DAY.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Entertains at Whist Mrs. John W. Flanagan entertained about a dozen of her friends this afternoon with a bridge whist party at her home in Plat B. Most of the visitors were from Marshfield, leaving here on the launch today.

Finishes Taking Notes—Engineer Sandberg has returned to the city after spending several days at the county seat looking over the various additions to the city with a view to making a perfect map of the city since its great growth.

Returns to Marshfield.—Frank Lambertson, the well known real estate man, has returned to this city after spending several weeks with relatives in the east during the holidays. Mr. Lambertson has made numerous friends in this burg who are glad to see him once more.

Training for Boxing Bout.—Bert Peterson, the well known local expert on handling out stiff punches to those seeking boxing honors, is in training to meet a man known as "Montana Kid" in a mill which has been set to take place on the bay within a few weeks. Both contestants are training steadily and a lively bout is anticipated. Much interest is being shown in the coming fight by the fans of the ring.

Buy Fine Residence.—F. W. Reeder, who operates a realty store across from The Times, has purchased the Utter residence in the Krsburg addition, the consideration being \$2,000. He has sold his store to E. M. Umstadt, a new arrival on the bay, who is expecting to use the store for millinery purposes. The consideration for the store was \$800. Mr. Reeder and family will move into their new residence within a few days.

Launch Catches Train.—Quite a large number of passengers on the Breakwater saved a two days' wait in this city for the Monday train to valley points this morning. The Breakwater reached North Bend this morning in time to give them a chance to catch the train to Coquille. A large party of them boarded a launch and after a desperate dash to wharf near the depot managed to catch train, which was held a little for them.

Return to Prosperous Land.—Quite a large crowd of people who have been visiting friends and relatives in parts of the northwest returned to Coos Bay on the Breakwater this morning. There was also an unusual number of new arrivals in this district, who expect to make their future homes in the county. The prevailing impression among them all is that Coos County is about the most prosperous section of the west during the present time, and that chances for investment and development here are superior to any other spot on this busy old globe.

Case For Higher Court.—In the case of the state against Mrs. Stutsman, et al, which was tried in Judge Pennock's court several days ago, with judgment rendered for the plaintiff, Mrs. Stutsman has paid her costs to the court, but in the case of Claude Stutsman, against whom judgment was also rendered for trespass, his attorney has appealed against the decision to the circuit court and has filed bond to this effect. The case of Mr. Smiley, the third party of the defendants, against whom judgment was also rendered, is still unsettled, the defendant not having paid costs or appealed against the judgments.

Mrs. W. C. Bickford Passes.—The wife of W. C. Bickford, of Daniel's Creek, passed away on the morning of January 7, from the effects of a tumor in her head after a short illness, and the deceased was laid to rest on the following day in the Coos River cemetery. There was a large number of relatives of the deceased and numerous friends in attendance at the funeral. Mrs. Bickford was from the east and had been in this country for many years with her husband, who was engineer on the railroad and who has been recently operating an engine on a logging road. The deceased left only her husband and relatives to mourn her loss, there being no children. She was well known and liked in the county and there is great sorrow felt for her demise.

Orin McClay Passes Away.—Orin McClay, a well known citizen of the Coos River district above Allegany, passed away at Mercy hospital in North Bend about 9 o'clock this morning. The deceased was born in Santa Clara, Cal., and came to Oregon in 1887. He married Anna Minter, of Douglas county, December, 19, 1902, and moved to Coos Bay in 1907. The deceased leaves a wife and three brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss. They are

Mrs. George A. Gould and Miss Oelo McClay, of Allegany, Mrs. H. E. Baker, of Loon Lake; Byron and Elmer McClay, of Elkton, and Forest McClay of Gardiner. The funeral will be held from the home of Geo. A. Gould, of Allegany, interment being at Coos River cemetery next Monday, Rev. Thurston officiating. The launch Juanita will leave Marshfield at 7:30 a. m., Monday to carry friends to attend the last sad rites.

(From Monday's Daily.) Carter Is Up Again.—Marshal Carter, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, was able to be about again yesterday and today is greatly improved in health, although a little weak from his recent illness.

Certificate Souvenirs.—Several clearing house certificates have been received by our merchants who are keeping them as a memento of the past financial stringency.—Coquille Sentinel.

Ill With Diphtheria.—Miss Gertrude Smith, cashier at the Melrose restaurant, who is visiting at her home in Portland, is reported ill with diphtheria. Many Marshfield friends will wish for her early recovery.

New Life Saver.—Clarence Boice, No. 1 at the Bandon Life Saving station, will move to Empire city to take a similar position in the Coos Bay station. Mrs. Boice will accompany him and they will make their home at Empire.—Bandon Recorder.

Redondo is At North Bend.—The steam schooner Redondo, belonging to the Simpson interests, arrived at North Bend last Thursday and will leave for San Francisco on a TAOIN leave for San Pedro and way ports about next Wednesday. The steamer will take a big load of box material from the box factory at North Bend where she is now tied up, and a large number of railroad ties will compose her deck load, the latter going to the Santa Fe railroad at San Francisco.

Launch Parties Numerous.—Launch parties from North Bend and Marshfield have been numerous during the past two days, which have been exceptionally fine for this time of the year. Quite a large number of boats were out on the bay yesterday with their owners and crowds of friends. What is interesting to new arrivals from the east in this district is that the climate of this section enables launching in January, with the weather as fine as it is anywhere even in summer.

Saw Being Repaired.—The huge saw belonging to Masters & McLain, which sank with a load of stone up the Coos River several weeks ago, has been cleared of its load and was floated down to the harbor several days ago. The saw is being repaired on the mud flats below the Standard Oil warehouse and will be again in commission within a few days. The scarcity of stone at the local crushing plant of Masters & McLain has stimulated activity in piling the huge craft again in commission.

Leaves For Portland.—Secretary Lyon, of the chamber of commerce, left for Portland on the Drain stage this morning to attend to business matters in connection with the local boosting organization. While in Portland he will visit the firm which is going to build the machinery for the dredge, which is to be used by harbors on the coast, and as a result the woodwork of the structure may be made on Coos Bay, which would give this harbor a chance to get in on the ground floor on the dredging proposition which is greatly needed for shipping in the Marshfield end of the bay.

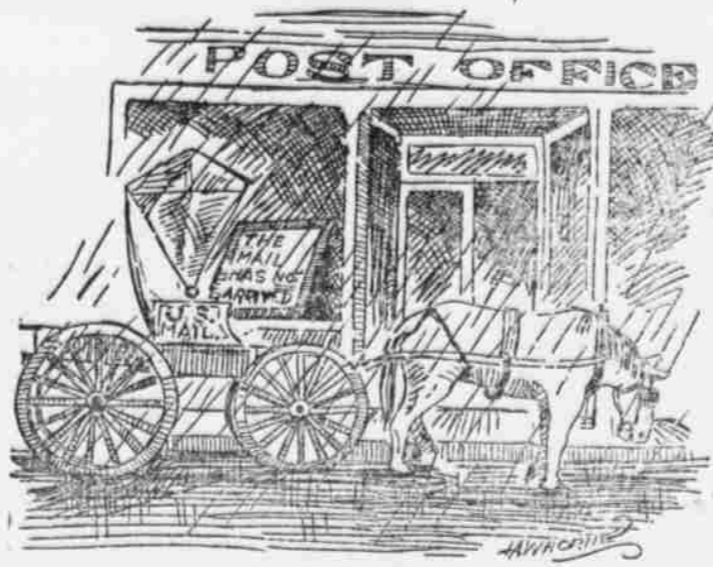
May Order More Pamphlets.—The chamber of commerce may order nearly double the number of pamphlets which it first intended to secure from Portland. It ordered 20,000 for the small sum of \$650, but the booklets are in such great demand from various sources that the original amount will not be nearly enough. Besides these the local chamber will use, the Southern Pacific desires to place about 15,000 in its eastern offices. The North Bend chamber of commerce is figuring on taking 10,000 for its own use, and local citizens are sending out thousands of them. Considering that 40,000 will cost only \$950 it is considered that this is mighty cheap advertising for Coos county, and the local chamber is figuring on doubling the first order. The booklets are very attractive and have attracted wide attention because of their beauty and the valuable information they contain regarding the resources of this district.

Mr. Daley, of Young's Mustard Comedy says there is a scarcity of stage vitamins, but he is willing to admit there are plenty of bad actors.

"What is your opinion of Iota at first sight, Mr. Oldbach?" queried the first lady. "She's a pretty little thing," answered the other. "I like her right," replied the first lady. "Is an excellent thing," answered the other. "You can buy Christmas presents cheaper now than at any other time," said the first lady. "I'll buy you a pair of shoes," said the other.

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HOW LONG! OH! FENTON, HOW LONG



THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS

Schedule of Primaries and Ballot Casting days—Some Interesting Information.

ELECTIONS OF 1908.

- Registration opens, Jan. 6
Closes for primaries, April 7.
Primary Elections, April 17.
Registration reopens, April 21.
Closes for election, May 15.
General Election, June 1.
Registration reopens Sept. 20.
Closes for election, Oct. 26.
Presidential Election, Nov. 3.

Information compiled for the instruction of the public is as follows:

Proceedings Under Initiative.—Initiative petitions must have 7,465 signatures; initiative petitions must be filed by January 31; arguments advocating measures must be filed by February 3; initiative measures must be printed by the secretary of state by March 2; copies of measures must be mailed to voters by April 7; secretary of state must make up the form of ballot by May 4.

Primary Election.—Candidates for state and district offices, to be voted for in more than one county, and for circuit judges and district attorneys, must file with the secretary of state, at the time of beginning to circulate petitions, a copy of the petition for nomination, signed by himself, as evidence that said elector is a candidate for nomination by his party. The vote cast by a political party in each voting precinct for representative in congress that last preceding general election is the basis on which the percentage for petitions shall be counted, and need not exceed 1000 signatures.

Petitions for nominations to be voted for in districts comprising more than one county must be signed by at least two per cent of the electors residing in each of at least one-eighth of the precincts in each or at least two counties in the district and need not exceed 500 signers.

Petitions for nomination for offices to be voted for in only one county, or district, shall be filed with the county clerk not less than 15 days before the date set for the primary election, Wednesday, April 1. The form of primary ballot must be certified to by the secretary of state by March 20.

Canvass of votes for nominations for state and district offices must be made by May 2.

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."

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HENEY TALKS IN NEW YORK

Land Fraud Prosecutor Alleged To Have Given Out New Interview.

A recent special to The Telegram from Washington says: "According to published interviews in New York newspapers, Francis J. Heney was less reticent in that city about his recent mission in Washington than while here. He denied that he reported having another big fish in the dragnet which he had cast for Oregon land grafters, but defended his support of Bristol's appointment as follows: "President Roosevelt made that appointment about two years ago and has renewed the appointment at the beginning of each session. The appointment was deferred, of course, to the judiciary committee of the senate and especially considered by the sub-committee, consisting of Senators Foraker, Kittredge and Culberson. Attorney Bristol's confirmation was opposed before the sub-committee by Senator Fulton, who, I understand, brought a charge against Bristol, which I found to be baseless and have explained to the sub-committee. However, that committee has never favorably reported Bristol's name."

"I say now that all of the important persons who have been implicated in the organized land frauds are friends of Senator Fulton; therefore it appears whimsical to me that Senator Fulton should through the power of senatorial courtesy, be able to defeat the nomination of Mr. Bristol, who is capable of making it unpleasant for the yet unconvicted land thieves of Oregon."

"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.

A Chicago school teacher says that brains and beauty seldom go together. That's the one consolation the average newspaperman finds is not being handsome.

Those Coquille business men who are keeping the clearing house certificates as souvenirs of the late financial stringency evidently don't need the money.

"Stay, jaller, stay and hear my woe!" The babe looked up and smiled, "Two souls with but a single thought."

"Oh, fireman save my child."

—IVY CONDOR.

OREGON AS A FRUIT STATE.

The splendid condition of the fruit industry in Oregon is conclusively shown by a comparison of the yield and value of this year's crop that of former years.

The following figures compiled by the State Board of Horticulture, are very conservative but were gathered with a great deal of care and are believed to show very closely the amount of fruit actually sold by the grower and the value received by him:

Table with 3 columns: Fruit Name, Quantity, Value. Includes Prunes, Pears, Cherries, Apricots, Strawberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Loganberries, Currants, Gooseberries, Grapes, and Other fruit.

Value\$4,275,185

This is an increase of 53 per cent over the crop of 1906, and in view of the fact that the apple crop over most of the state was very light, is a most encouraging showing.

Thousands of acres of fruit trees have been planted each year for several years past, and this year the planting will be heavier than ever. As a general rule care and good judgment are being shown in the selection of soil and location and of proper stock for planting, so that our output will increase by leaps and bounds each year and in a very few years should reach the value of \$50,000,000.

The apple will, of course, always be king of fruits, and the acreage will perhaps equal that of all other tree fruits combined. The most important centers of apple-growing at the present time are Hood River valley, Mosier Valley, Rogue River valley around Medford and Central Point, the Grande Ronde valley near La Grande, the little Walla Walla valley, near Milton and Freewater, and numerous points in the Willamette valley. But there are hundreds of other localities equally good and only needing the enterprising fruit-grower to develop them.

So generous has Nature been to Oregon in her gifts of soil and climate that all the fruits of the temperate zone can be grown successfully almost anywhere. The success depends upon the man far more than the locality. Every citizen of Oregon knows that the Hood River Spitzenberg is the highest priced apple in the New York markets and that the Rogue River Yellow Newton brings the most money in London and Berlin, outselling the California Newton almost two to one.

A market for Oregon apples is being developed across the Pacific, several thousand boxes being sent annually to Vladivostok. As the Asiatic people gradually acquire the ability to buy there will be an unlimited market for our fruits over there.

The prune ranks next the apple in value of output. It is not so widely grown as the apple, but is confined practically to the Willamette and Umpqua valleys, in western Oregon, and to a limited area around The Dalles, near Cove and Union, in Nyssa and Ontario, in the Malheur valley. The French prune is largely grown in the Umpqua valley as well as the Italian, but all the other sections grow the Italian almost exclusively.

The crop on a 60-acre orchard near Nyssa was sold this year for \$4,500 on the tree, the buyer paying all expenses and taking all the risk. Dried prunes usually sell at from 2 1/2 to 5 cents, according to size, and pay from \$50 to \$250 per acre. Planted on suitable land, well drained and free from frost, they are steady and reliable bearers, and planting is sure to keep pace with the market demand.

Almost beyond belief are the prices received for the Comice pears shipped to New York from the orchards near Medford, and from the Wallace orchard, near Salem. Half boxes, containing only forty or fifty pears selling for \$4.20 to 10 cents a pear wholesale, and this for whole carloads, not just sample boxes. The Bartlett, the finest canning pear that is grown, grows to perfection and will be a source of great wealth in the future. Selling to the cannery at \$20 to \$40 per ton and yielding 3 to 10 tons per acre, it is easy to see a good profit.

The cherry, like the pear, seems peculiarly at home in Oregon. They have a size and flavor here, unequalled by any other region. Many of our best varieties have originated in Ore-

gon, such as the Bing, Lambert and Black Republican. These are all splendid shipping cherries, and in refrigerator cars can be sent all over the United States. A very large acreage is being planted around The Dalles, and this point will probably lead in shipments of fresh cherries. The Royal Anne, the great canning cherry, is grown everywhere in Western and Southern Oregon.

It is only in recent years that the peach has become a prominent crop in Oregon. For many years Ashland has been famous for her beautiful peaches, but few were grown anywhere else. Recently, however, plantings have been very heavy around Medford, Merlin, Roseburg, The Dalles, and in many places in the Willamette valley. The home markets were generally supplied this year, many were exported, and large quantities sold to the canneries. Canned peaches, always regarded as a luxury, will soon be one of the staple products in Oregon.

Grapes succeed splendidly along the Columbia river, from The Dalles eastward. The Willamette Valley produces the American varieties in abundance and of the finest quality. The home markets were abundantly supplied this year and several carloads of Concord were shipped to Seattle. A grape juice factory will pay well, and one is very much needed.

Space will not admit of a detailed description of each of the kind of small fruits, but suffice it to say they are all staple crops and as sure as the seasons themselves. The production is only limited by the help available and the market demand. With the recent rapid increase in the number of canneries in the state, the market is provided. But there is room for many more canneries; we need one in every important town; for then the large farms can be divided; five to ten acres of fruit will make a family a living; all the fruits can be saved and glutted markets avoided.—Oregonian.

WORDS FROM A FEW OF THEM.

They were seated in those dream-land cushions at the Millicoma club—Dave Stafford insists that it is the cushions that are dreamland and not the wall paper—"Jack" Flanagan said that instead of playing "500" or billiards that club life should be made intellectual as well as entertaining. He suggested that each of those present try their wits at a jingle of poetry.

"Easy, easy," remarked Dr. Straw. "Poetry is my long suit. I would rather write poetry than prescriptions. Just to prove it what do you think of this—"

"The time is here I wish to state When you must write it Nineteen-eight."

"That isn't poetry," said P. A. The boy stood on the Breakwater deck

Where oft he had stood before And listened to the mate recite "The Face Upon the Floor." C. F. McCOLLUM.

This morning, oh! My aching head Is throbbing and I seem To feel as though I had undergone What really was a dream. I used to love a sandwich Before I came to know, That such a dainty little thing Could treat a fellow so." GEO. GOODRUM.

Maud Muller on a summer's day, Pulled out a plum and said "No! Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight, Because Old Grimes is Dead." —WILL LAWLOR.

"Take back your gold," she softly said, "On the Wabash" all was still, When someone yelled "Oh, cut it out!" With "The Sword of Bunker Hill." —J. S. COKE.

"Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," "The Village Blacksmith" cried, For "The Old Bachelor" has gone away, Out on "The Flowing Tide." —FRANK PARSONS.

Devars, "that is punk. Now poetry must possess some other more than rhythm. It must contain a thought—something like this which I have just dashed off—"

"About this I have to say The time 'tis when I'm sad 'Tis awful hard to see the boat The weather is too well." By this time they were busy with their pencils. A little later when they adjourned to the Goldie room for some clam juice a number of scraps of paper were found on the floor. Some of these that could be deciphered and identified were as follows:

Adam never hit the thumb While drivin' the carpet tack; And furthermore, he never whine A waist that buttoned down her back. —E. K. JONAS.