

# BLAMES ROADS FOR SERVICE

## George Baines Claims Carriers Are Much Maligned and Roads Are Awful.

Declaring the mail carriers to be greatly wronged in the recent communication published in this paper regarding the poor service, George A. Baines has returned to this city after a trip to Frisco saying that the roads between Dora and Roseburg were never in as bad a condition as they are this winter.

"Nobody knows what the carriers have to contend with unless they make a trip over this route," said Mr. Baines, last evening. "During the heavy rains recently there were landslides covering the roads which would take two and three weeks to cut through, at points about 32 to 33 miles this side of Roseburg. I know for a fact that the carriers have worked steadily for 24 hours without sleep or rest in carrying the mail between Dora and Roseburg. During the landslides, when large hills would send hundreds of tons of earth across the roadway, which had a ravine on one side and a perpendicular hill on the other, the mail was packed on horses over these intervening spots at the risk of the carriers lives and those of the horses.

"One horse had a number of mail sacks and my suit case on his back, but the side of the hill was so steep and slippery that he stumbled and fell fifty or sixty feet down the ravine. The mail and suitcase were recovered and the horse was not badly hurt. The heavy loads of mail would be transferred from one point to another in this manner.

"In many places the roadway was deeply covered with water, and there was no possible way of getting the mail over without ruining it until the freshets subsided. For long distances the water was up to the bottom of the stage and in several cases pack horses could not cross these places without being drowned and having the mail destroyed.

"This, of course happened around Christmas and New Year's, when the rains were so heavy, but it gives you an idea of what has to be contended with every time it rains for a few days at a stretch. When hundreds of sacks of mail are held for a few days because it is utterly impossible to move them on account of the roads, the mail from the Roseburg end and from Marshfield keeps piling up and adding to the confusion.

"Only a certain amount of it can be moved at a time over such roads and it is a frightful job for the carriers to catch up after the delay and keep the mail running regularly. The roads are certainly the cause of the delay and no matter how many horses or men were used, it would not improve matters to any extent.

"As far as the hiring of good men is concerned, nobody could try to do more than the men running the mail through between Dora and Roseburg. They take an active interest in having the mail on time and do everything in their power to manage it. The men at this end of the line appear to be good men, although they have no such roads to contend with as the other half of the road.

"The horses are somewhat scrawny but these are the only kind of horses which could stand such work. Horses which could pull a flat car on a good road, would drop from exhaustion by carrying their own weight through a section like that between Dora and Roseburg. I believe that the mail men are doing all in their power to provide a good service, but it is the condition of the road which is responsible. I have been over the road nearly every winter and can say that it never compared with the condition it is in at present."

Mr. Baines left for San Francisco on the Saturday before Christmas by way of Sumner and Roseburg. He arrived at the latter place on the following Friday, being over a week getting to San Francisco where he has been visiting friends for several days. He returned to the city yesterday and states that he managed to have turkey and a good time Christmas day at one of the stations on the road between Dora and Roseburg, when the water had suspended all traffic.

### STATE CONVENTIONS

Several State Associations Met in Portland This Month.

The following is a list of Oregon societies that met in Portland this month:

Jan. 13 and 14: The Northwest Retail Harness & Saddlery Manufacturers Association, Jan. 14, 15 and 16:

Oregon Horticultural Society, Jan. 17 and 18; Oregon State Press Association, Jan. 21 and 22; Retail Grocers Association, Jan. 21 and 22; Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers Association, Jan. 24, 24 and 25; Pacific Federation of Implement and Hardware Dealers.

## FIRST NATIONAL HAS DIRECTOR'S MEETING

O. B. Hinsdale Is Named President and other Officials Are Retained.—List of Directors.

The annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank of Coos Bay was held last night and the following officers and directors were elected:

O. B. Hinsdale, President. John Preuss, vice president. W. S. McFarland, cashier. R. T. Kaufman, assistant cashier. Directors—O. B. Hinsdale, John Preuss, W. S. McFarland, W. F. Jewett and E. Mingus.

## "LIVING SKELETON" IS DEAD

Weighed 80 Pounds—Was 6 Feet and 1 Inch Tall.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 11.—Charles H. Perry, who traveled with several of the larger circuses for 16 years, figuring as "the living skeleton," was found dead recently from natural causes in a lonely hut in the outskirts of this city, where he had lately led a hermit's life.

Perry was known to the public as Eugene Feraito. Although he was six feet one inch in height he weighed only 80 pounds. His widow, a son and daughter live in New York.

# BIG CITIES TRY FOR COOS TRADE

Coos county as a market section for the wholesale houses of Portland and San Francisco is being recognized since the first of the year more than ever before. Numerous firms from both these cities have many representatives in the field for trade, and every boat brings more traveling men who are competing for business.

Each of the two boats from Portland brings from two to five traveling men from that city and Seattle, who are anxious to swing the trade of Coos county in their direction. Every boat from San Francisco brings another batch of drummers who are striving to swing the trade to San Francisco. The efforts of both cities are being watched with considerable interest by local merchants, and the competition is certainly not hurting the county merchants because it enables them to secure their stocks at a lower rate than if only one city were looking after the trade.

# EXHIBITS FINE LOCAL BRICK

## Coos Bay Brick Firms Makes Hundred Thousand at a Burning.

Brickmaking as an established industry in Coos county has been made successful by E. L. Dexter, who has just finished burning a kiln of 1000,000 building brick. Mr. Dexter is manager of the Coos Bay Brick and Stone company, located on Jessie Smith's property on the south fork of the Coos River.

He came here last summer from East Washington and formed a company with Mr. Smith and other people to manufacture brick. Machinery was ordered but it did not arrive until the rainy season had set in, and this delayed matters considerably. The machinery composed partly of wire cut and dry-pressed brick machines, arrived last October and the work of making the brick commenced with Mr. Dexter in charge of the plant.

Samples of the brick were brought to the chamber of commerce this morning and are on exhibition there. They have aroused much enthusiasm and admiration from contractors who have seen them. The brick is apparently perfect for building purposes and for front brick. There is also an excellent sample of dry-pressed brick, and the samples which were taken from the body of the kiln, are as fine as have been seen here.

Mr. Dexter states that the plant has a capacity of 30,000 brick a day and that there is material enough to last indefinitely where the plant is located.

# ALLIANCE IS IN PORT AGAIN

## Portland Steamer Brings Big Load of Passengers for Coos Bay.

The steamer Alliance arrived at her dock in Marshfield this morning at 10 o'clock with a full list of passengers and quite a large amount of freight. The trip was without incident, the passage being made from Portland in good time. The following is the list of passengers who arrived:

Herman Erickson, P. Erickson, Edwin Erickson, Chas. Wittig, Ida Wittig, G. O. Werth, Mrs. A. Smith, G. N. Gutridge, Agnes Neilson, F. L. Pierce, G. M. Partridge and wife, Jas. Partridge, Beth Partridge, Philip Partridge, Dorothy Partridge, A. J. Allen and wife, Kenneth Allen, Harry Allen, E. P. Sheldon, L. S. Dennis, Jr., I. Nugent, Thos. Brande, G. E. McCutcheon, C. A. Mead, J. M. Bundleman, A. B. Bennett, R. Allen, W. H. Normal, A. L. Danson, Chas. Crook, Tony Burke, Thos. Reed, P. A. Smith, A. Stromberg, Wm. Newmans, Sam Bennett, Ida Woodward, Mrs. O. McDonald, Geo. McDonald, Salter Holmes and wife, Frank Hardy, Robt. W. Stewart, W. A. Griawold and wife, John Greenwood, W. E. Pearson, Orin W. Rank, Jas. A. Conro, P. E. Kennedy, Ed. W. Bennett, John Prell, John Murdoch, E. A. Payson.

## ALLIANCE LEAVES FOR PORTLAND

The steamer Alliance left for Portland this morning from North Bend at 10 o'clock with quite a number of passengers and considerable freight. Dan Hogan, of San Francisco, acted as purser on this trip as Purser H. W. Skinner has taken a month's vacation and will leave on the next steamer for Frisco to visit relatives and friends. The following was the list of passengers:

L. O. Embom, N. A. Barrett, John Grant, John McDonald, A. P. Anderson, D. A. Utter, wife and baby, R. M. Rau, A. C. Tower, Frank March, C. R. Watson, C. A. Brand, I. E. Lawrence, K. Alexander, H. P. Manzey, J. H. Robertson, A. P. Gove, James Merchant, Mrs. Mattie Pickens and baby, Arthur Murphy, Joseph Corolino, Charles Corolino, A. B. Dailey, Geo. Gibson, Frank McDonald.

### MYRTLE POINT MUSINGS

Delights of the Week as Told by the Enterpriser.

W. S. Ray and Geo. Bolton, of Marshfield were the guests at the home of W. Lee this week.

Grandpa Ray, who has been sick at the home of his son, Lee Ray, with rheumatism, is improving in health.

Marshfield barbers are evidently in it to boost the sale of safety razors and other similar equipment for home use. They have agreed to charge 25 cents straight for shaves.

W. R. Haines, the Marshfield piano man, remembered a number of his friends with some choice pieces of music on Christmas, many of them finding their way to Myrtle Point.

Claude Waters, of Lee, returned Wednesday from a trip to Seattle having been gone about three weeks. He was at Seattle but three days when he decided that there was no place like Coos county and immediately decided to return to this favored spot as soon as he could.

Miss Callie Chandler left Wednesday for Elk River where she is to teach a term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rackleff arrived Wednesday from Silverdale, Wash., where they have been living since their marriage. They expect to remain here for some time, and their friends hope, permanently.

Mrs. Rackleff was formerly Miss Myrtle McDonald. Her parents remain at Silverdale.

Miss Kittle Thom, who has been a nurse in the hospital at Eureka for the past two years, arrived Thursday morning, for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce, of the Middle Fork left Wednesday for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to spend most of the winter with relatives and friends.

Mr. James Button and Miss Myrtle Mullen were united in marriage Wednesday evening, the first, at the Myrtle Point hotel, Rev. Thos. Barklow officiating.

Fred Brace, of Eastern Oregon, has been here this week looking over the country. He is an old mining man and took an interest in the ore taken from the mines in this locality.

# Tattle of the Town

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

Will Hold Dance.—The boys of East Marshfield will hold a dance next Saturday night over La Palm's store in the town across the inlet.

A Pioneer Passes.—R. E. Scranton, one of the pioneer loggers of Coos Bay and well known to most of the early settlers, died at his home in Camas Valley, Douglas county, on January 8.

Will Give Informal Dance.—An informal dance will be given by the office force at the C. A. Smith Lumber company's handsome offices next Saturday evening to their friends in this city.

Sells Out His Interest.—J. W. Duncan, of the Coos Bay Furniture company at North Bend has sold out his interests in the plant to the Simpson Lumber company, the value of the plant being placed at \$10,000. Mr. Duncan is expecting to locate another business on the bay within a short time, announcement of which will be made later.

Chases Deer With Boat.—F. J. Hayes, the local optometrist, made a trip up the river about 20 miles last Sunday and on his way back saw a yearling doe swimming in the water. He gave chase, but could not turn his boat as quick as the animal turned in the water. Getting up close he tried to lasso the animal, with the intention of presenting it to one of the parks on the bay, but the doe succeeded in getting away from him because his rope was too short.

Celebrates His Rescue.—The ex-cook of the Bertie Minor, who claims that he had nothing to eat on the ship for two weeks, was fined \$5 in Judge Upton's court Tuesday for drunkenness. The prisoner was discharged Monday with considerable pay and proceeded to tank up to celebrate his arrival in the bay where he could get something to eat—and also to drink. He became greatly in evidence Monday and was placed under arrest, and if he hadn't been he would probably been minus his "roll," judging from the way he proceeded to distribute it.

Remains Laid to Rest.—The remains of the late Ora McClay, who passed away a few days ago at the Mercy hospital in North Bend, were laid to rest in Allegany cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. Thurston, of Marshfield holding the funeral services. The funeral was held from the home of George Gould, of Allegany, a relative of the deceased, and quite a number of relatives and near friends attended the last rites. Several people from Marshfield attended the services, leaving here on the Juanita and returning on the same boat in the evening.

Creamery Meeting.—The recent annual meeting of the Coos Bay Creamery developed the fact that the past year has been an excellent one for that concern. The butter and cheese produced brought the highest prices in the dairy market. The following directors and officers were elected: J. J. Clinkenbeard, H. E. Bessey, W. H. Smith, W. F. Hodson and George Ross; Ivy Condron was elected treasurer, J. J. Clinkenbeard was elected president; W. F. Hodson, vice president, and Geo. Ross, Secretary. H. E. Bessey was elected general manager.

Operation Is Performed.—An operation was found necessary in the case of the little girl of Mrs. Della Robinson, that sustained a severe fall, at the hospital yesterday morning, but the physicians do not hold out much hope for the child's recovery. Dr. Houseworth assisted by Drs. Dix and Mingus, attended to the case, and found a bad fracture of the skull, the brain tissues being badly injured. The small patient recovered consciousness a short while yesterday and asked for a drink of water, and then relaxed into a stupor again. Today there are slight prospects of recovery as the child has taken nourishment in spite of her serious condition.

Gulls Very True on Bay.—A remarkable feature of Coos Bay's bird life is the tameness of the seagulls which make their home here in large numbers. These birds do a grand good for the various communities on the bay acting as scavengers, and it is against the law to kill them. Result is that they have become as tame as chickens and the wharves are covered with them most of the time. When it is taken into consideration that duck shooting on the bay is prevalent all over the places where the gulls fly, the laws against shooting the birds are pretty well kept, otherwise the gulls would be quite wild.

Lucy Is Safe In Port.—Word has been received in Marshfield stating that the schooner Lucy, which was supposed to be storm-bound from

San Pedro to the Umpqua river, is in Port Townsend, Wash., where she arrived on Saturday last, forty days from the southern port. The schooner made several ineffectual attempts to make the Umpqua harbor but severe southern gales which blew her well out of her course, finally caused the boat to run to Puget Sound where she would not be bar-bound.

Ladies Art Club Meets.—The Ladies Art Club will meet at the home of Mrs. F. M. Fly next Friday afternoon. The club met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Curtis last Friday afternoon, the attendance being somewhat light in respect of the funeral of the late John Dolan.

Deserts the Sea.—Capt. Schmehe has forsaken a sailor's life for the less exciting existence of a grocer man and is now proprietor of the Michigan Grocery in North Bend. His former place on the barkentine Gleaner is now filled by the first mate Eton who has been promoted to a captaincy.

Pantitrium Is Closed.—Special Constable Cox, who is in place of Marshal Carter during the latter's illness, closed the Unique Pantitrium yesterday on a writ of attachment filed by the former owner, Clifford Bayless for non-payment by D. M. Wilkins one of the partners of the concern.

Breakwater Leaves Portland.—Word was received by the local agents of the Breakwater that the steamer had left Portland last night for Coos Bay and she is expected to arrive in the bay tomorrow morning. She will sail Sunday morning at the service of the tide.

Will Build Towing Boat.—Messrs. Hayes and Smith, of North Bend, have gone in with the Reynolds Lumber company on the building of a 45 foot gasoline launch, which will be erected near the company's mill on Pony Inlet. The boat will be used for towing logs for the mill and general purposes. It will be finished in time for the spring business.

Registration of Voters.—Judge Pennock has secured a bunch of registration blanks for voters for the county election which will be held next June and they can be secured at his office. Each voter registering must be accompanied by two freeholders as witnesses to prove that he is qualified to vote in the coming election.

Condition Critical.—J. G. Hill, the North Bend man who last week attempted suicide, has changed very little since that time. At first he seemed somewhat improved, and expressed a desire to recover. At the present time he seems to have become much weaker, and at times semi-delirious. His condition is very serious.—Bandon Recorder.

Chamber Meets Tonight.—Tonight is the regular meeting night of the chamber of commerce and a large attendance is expected to be present to consider matters vital to the growth and prosperity of Coos Bay. Reports of various parties on questions which have been recently agitated will be heard and a general boat meeting will be held, to which everybody is cordially invited to attend.

File An Attachment.—The "Dining Car" located on Front street, which has been operated by Lucia & Doan as an eating house for several weeks, has been closed by an attachment filed against it by the Hibbard grocery store for debts contracted with the latter. The defendants have seven days latitude in which to announce their intentions before judgment will be made by Judge Pennock.

Will Resume Regular Run.—W. J. Maloney, who last summer superintended the construction of the steam schooner Bowdoin, is in Marshfield this week on the steamer Fulton, and will make another run in place of the captain who is ill in San Francisco. Mr. Maloney informs us that the Bowdoin, of which he will be captain, will in another month be completed, and ready to go upon her regular run.—Bandon Recorder.

Boat on January 25.—Bert Peterson, the local exponent of the manly art of self defense, and "Montana Kid" a heavyweight from the mining regions of Butte and vicinity, will have a tag-round bout in the skating rink in Marshfield on the evening of January 25. Peterson is training in North Bend, while the Kid is training in North Bend. The bout is at 12 o'clock. Peterson is nearly 28 pounds heavier than the Kid, being 175 and 150 pounds. Both men are training diligently each day and the contest promises to be decidedly interesting.

Meat Penning in County.—Retailers of meat in Marshfield and North Bend are having quite a time lately securing enough of the product from off the hoof to satisfy the inner demands of the population of Coos Bay. Beef, especially, is scarce some days and on other occasions there is enough to go around. The local butchers are kept quite busy rounding up enough beef to supply the market, and a number of them are

ordering meat from Portland to fill in this depressing vacuity. Which all goes to prove that the raising of cattle is another one of the numerous money-making propositions awaiting the newcomers to this section.

Want Incorporation.—The matter of incorporating East Marshfield as a town will come up at the present term of the county court which is in session this week at Coquille, and is expected to pass. The officers of the ambitious municipality across the inlet are going in for civic honors and are seeking improvements in every direction with great prospects of success.

Makes Last Shipment.—Henry Bishop, the local commission merchant who has been handling much of the fruit of Coos county, made a shipment of fourteen boxes on the Delhi for San Francisco this morning, as the field has been pretty well cleaned up. Mr. Bishop has made Marshfield his permanent residence and will be actively identified with the fruit business in this section during the coming season.

We Hope So.—Railroad development in the state of Oregon for the past few years has been so uncertain that it might not be proper to anticipate too much from the Harriman system, although there is excellent reason for belief that the close of 1908 will see both the Tillamook and the Coos Bay line well along toward completion, with at least a beginning made in central Oregon.—Oregonian.

Charges No Theft.—Joseph Endicott, who a few days ago told a representative of this paper a few things about his brother, Moses Endicott, losing logs of the "K" brand, stated today that he does not accuse anybody of theft in connection with their loss, and that while he traced some of the "K" brand to the bay he has no idea whether they were stolen or not and until he does he will make no charges concerning same. He says there may be more than one "K" brand in the county.

Two More in the Toils.—Two more North Bend men were brought over to Marshfield yesterday charged with operating gambling games in that lively city. They were W. T. Cook, charged with running the game of "Klondyke," and Dave Klink, charged with running the game of "21." This makes ten men who are charged with gambling in North Bend. The last two were brought to Justice Pennock's court yesterday by Constable Johnson, of the neighboring city. Dave gave \$250 bond for their appearance before the grand jury.

To Have Leap Year Dance.—Invitations have been issued to the Leap Year dance to be held by the Fraternal Union of Marshfield in the Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow night. The hall room is handsomely decorated, the decorations which caused so much admiration at the Hahatonka Club dance having been left in position for the dance tomorrow. The decoration committee of the organization has been busy for the past few days attending to further decorations of the room.

Carmel Brings Gasoline.—The steam schooner Carmel arrived in the harbor this morning and tied up at the Standard Oil warehouse with about one hundred drums of gasoline from San Francisco. The steamer stuck on the mud bottom of the bay just as she was approaching the dock and could not tie up properly until the tide came in. The scarcity of gasoline on the bay during the past month will be relieved considerably by the arrival of the cargo, as very little was left to supply the river boats with propelling power.

Seek Information at Portland.—A number of newcomers to Coos Bay state that it would be a great convenience to have booklets pertaining to this district distributed at some point in Portland, where newcomers from the east would be able to find out about this country. One arrival on the Alliance says that he could find out nothing about Coos Bay by enquiry, so he came down to see the place for himself. It is expected that Secretary Lyon will make some arrangement for distribution of the booklets on his present visit to Portland.

Reminds Him of Home.—George Goodrum received an antique, oblong package in the postoffice this morning, a person in Marshfield yesterday gave it to him, looking so deadly that he would not open it before friends at the postoffice, but insisted that the package be discovered in his store where the post office would not draw any attention. Some friends kindly opened it for him in the store and found a "weeny" doll rigged up like his old "weeny" doll down in Mississippi. He said the sight of it made him homesick and he planned it on the wall. This is the second coon doll which he has received in a few weeks, and he is mystified as to the sender.

ARAS A. LANDLER, of Acme, Ore., visited friends in Marshfield yesterday.