

# COOS BAY MAY GET ONE OF CARNEGIE'S LIBRARIES

The Marshfield Library committee met yesterday in the Times' building and discussed the form of application which has been received from Andrew Carnegie for use in obtaining Mr. Carnegie's assistance. The correspondence with Mr. Carnegie was considered quite favorable and the committee believes that the situation is such that if the people of Marshfield will do their part now, a fine Carnegie library can be established in Marshfield in 1908.

It was recalled at the meeting that hitherto no attention had been paid to the application of Marshfield, but the fame and importance of the Coos Bay cities have increased so rapidly that it is very probable the committee, with the aid of Marshfield citizens, will be successful. It is also believed that the proper encouragement from the citizens, in a financial way, the city council will be placed in a position where it can act in support of the application.

The present subscription to the library fund is \$1,150 and the com-

mittee believes the required three thousand dollars will be raised readily. The opportunity is so good that it cannot be allowed to pass, and the committee will make every effort to take full advantage of it. The location of Marshfield on Coos Bay, its shipping facilities and commercial importance, its isolated position and remoteness from any other Carnegie library, and the rapidity with which it is growing, interest Mr. Carnegie and insure success now.

It was also suggested that only one Carnegie library would be allowed to Coos County and that Marshfield might have to wait a good many years to get another chance to get a fine public library of the character proposed. The committee has decided to give an entertainment in the near future for the double purpose of realizing funds and keeping the subject before the people, but the \$1,900 required to make up the \$3,000, which must first be subscribed, will have to be pledged by individual subscribers.



—Triggs in New York Press.

# PLANT COMES FROM FRISCO

Makes First Trip of Year Since Being Overhauled.

The steamer Plant arrived in Coos Bay this morning and tied up at the Marshfield dock in the evening. This is the boat's first trip since she has been overhauled during the first of the year. She will sail for San Francisco Sunday morning, the following being the boat's list of arrivals today:

C. E. Price, A. Johnson, F. Pasley, J. O. Bass, J. J. Sullivan, N. J. Cornwall, Edwin F. Nicholas, H. Paulsen, C. D. Miner, I. Chapman and wife, J. B. Arnott, J. J. Nay, Mrs. Helen Suden, Mrs. Hutchinson, J. Collier and wife, S. E. Hines and wife, R. Bradley, C. E. Bland, J. F. Nilson and wife, P. Sandon and wife, Alex Sandon and wife, F. S. Dow, Lizzie Brown and ten steerage passengers.

# FARMERS MAKE A PHONE FIGHT

Ranchers Around Bandon Assert Their Independence of Telephone Monopoly.

(Special to Times.) BANDON, Jan. 15.—A disagreement between the representatives of the Pacific Telephone Company and the farmers operating independent lines connecting with the company's central for Bandon and long distance purposes, has resulted in the consolidation of the two rural phones in an incorporation, which proposes to establish a complete service in and around Bandon. Some opposition is being made by the Pacific people but it is expected that a compromise will be made whereby the Farmers' Independent Company will take over the local business under a franchise from the Pacific for long distance service. The original difficulty was the result of the conflicting ideas as to a proper toll charge for connecting the rural subscribers with business interests in Bandon, the Pacific people finally refusing to connect them unless they acceded to what the Farmers consider exorbitant demands.

# FIRST MEAL IN 1000 YEARS

Remarkable Exhibition of Life in a Toad Found Buried in Limestone Rock.

A New York dispatch says Pythagoras, the toad, took its first meal in 1,000 years. Found in a silver mine at Butte, Mont. The ancient toad is slowly recovering his eyesight and the use of his limbs, and is gradually turning green again, as he was in the Middle Ages. He has already emitted several feeble sounds, but the croak has not come back.

# TATTLE OF THE TOWN.

NED C. KELLY, of Coquille, is a pleasant visitor to friends in Marshfield. D. D. DORAN, of Portland, arrived in on the Thursday train from the valley. R. B. CHANDLER, of Millington, was a visitor in the city Thursday on business. FRANK ROGERS, of Coos River, was a pleasant visitor to friends in this city yesterday. J. H. SIMON, a Portland business man, arrived in Marshfield today on the noon train. GUS ADELSBURGER, of Myrtle Point, was a visitor to friends in Marshfield yesterday. J. L. KRONENBURG, who arrived on the Delhi from San Francisco, left Thursday for Coquille. W. E. LEWELLEN, of Myrtle Point, arrived in Marshfield Thursday on the noon train for a short visit. FRED J. NELSON, of Portland, is a visitor in the city from the Coquille valley on the noon train today. D. Y. STAFFORD and Mr. Perry left Thursday on a brief hunting and fishing trip up the Millicoma river. LEW M'MULLEN, of Myrtle Point, left on the morning train for his home after a visit to friends in Marshfield. C. E. HANSEN, one of the prosperous ranchers on Haines Inlet, was transacting business in Marshfield Thursday. C. M. HIMEBAUGH left for Portland on the Alliance in connection with the plans for the new hotel to be erected in Marshfield. H. C. WHITTIER, of Seattle, who has been attending to business in the valley, arrived in Marshfield on the noon train today. ERNST PLEYR, of Portland, is a visitor in the city today, having arrived from Coquille on the noon train after attending to business. A. SCHULTZ, a Portland business man, arrived in the city on the noon train today from Coquille. MRS. DOBBINS, of North Bend, was a visitor in this city yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Ferrey, of the Blanco hotel. W. H. SWAYNE, of San Francisco, is a visitor in the city who has been doing business in the Coquille valley. T. B. COWAN and J. J. McDonald, of Blue Ridge, are spending a few days in the city and are guests at the Blanco hotel.

# FOR THE WELFARE OF THE FATHERLAND

King Gustave Opens His First Parliament Under Auspicious Circumstances—Makes Speech.

(By Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17.—The formal opening of the first parliament under the reign of King Gustave took place yesterday with simple ceremonies. King Gustave, in his speech, said "It is my hope in both good and evil days to be supported by my Swedish people in the common work for the true welfare of the fatherland."

# ANOTHER FIRE HORROR EAST

TWO GIRLS KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN AN UNDERWEAR FACTORY.

(By Associated Press.) SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 17.—Two girls were killed and seven seriously injured in a fire today in the Imperial Underwear factory. Two hundred girls were employed in the building and there was a panic when the alarm was sounded. Florence Walros was caught in the burning building and burned to death. Marie Buckley with a number of others jumped from the fire escape, and broke her neck. All the injured were burned on the fire escapes before jumping and they are suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries. The fire is supposed to have started by upsetting a glue pot in the warehouse. The Economy Furniture Co. were in the basement of the same building. The firemen did great work in rescuing the inmates. Loss, \$75,000.

Clam Diggers Numerous.—During the past two or three days the mud flats opposite Marshfield have been swarming with clam diggers at every low tide during the day. Every few minutes parties carrying buckets of clams may be met on the streets, and thus another one of the great resources of the Coos Bay district is being put to use. Where a week ago clams would be searched for in vain among the restaurants on the bay, clams are extensively advertised as being fresh. As a means of lightening the demands for beef and providing an excellent dish for citizens and newcomers, the famous Coos Bay clams are unsurpassed.

Speaking of offices one Oregon senator has them to Bourne.

Watch the real estate men from now on. They are going to be busy.

Making money with some men on Coos Bay is merely separating other men from their money.

# GOOD EVENING

Forward. The wife of Lot turned back and she was changed into a statue of salt for having turned back. Beautiful symbol! When one turns back in life and looks into his past, one becomes a statue also. One is no longer capable of anything.—Cattulle Mendes.

# PERSONAL MENTION.

Carmel Leaves With Lumber.—The big steam chopper Carmel, which has been loading lumber at the Smith mill, left out this morning bound for California ports. Alliance Makes Fast Trip.—The steamer Alliance which left the Coos Bay bar at 12 o'clock yesterday arrived at Astoria at 7 o'clock this morning and at Portland at 4 o'clock this afternoon, making a very fast trip. She will leave Portland again for Coos Bay Sunday night.

Will Move Billiard Parlor.—The billiard parlors below the Garfield House, which were taken over recently by Archer & Mercer, will be moved into the vacant store in the Lockhart building shortly, according to the proprietors of the parlors, who state that the Melross restaurant will use their former quarters.

Dies At North Bend.—Edith Houghton, of Coquille, who has been employed by the Blanco hotel for several months, passed away at Mercy hospital this morning at 9 o'clock from an attack of appendicitis. She was taken ill several days ago and every effort was made to save her, but without avail. Her mother and several relatives are in North Bend and will probably order the remains taken to Coquille for burial.

Funeral Held Saturday.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Owens, mother of Mrs. Ed. Hansen, of Empire, will be held at Empire on Saturday at 1 o'clock. It will be held from the residence of Mr. Ed. Hansen and interment will be made in the Empire cemetery. Mrs. Owens died January 16, aged over ninety years, being born in 1818. The steamer Reta will leave Marshfield at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning to carry friends or acquaintances who wish to attend the funeral.

Will Blow Big Whistle.—Mayor Straw announced last night that it had been decided to blow the big whistle at the power house at 12 o'clock at noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening instead of ringing the fire bell, which cannot be heard any great distance. The whistle will be tried today and an effort to get a certain mellow note of huge proportions as a standard whistle will be made. The siren part of the music will not be used unless in case of fire, or to scare off an invading fleet of Japs.

Coal Capsized Scow.—About thirty tons of coal were sent down the shoots of the coal bunkers a few days ago on top of a scow chartered by Masters & McLain, which caused it to sag considerably on one side. The action of the tide against the sides of the craft, which was tied to the bunker posts, did not rest and the coal rests in the bottom of the bay. Efforts were made by the launch Dispatch and the steamer Coos River to right the scow by pulling it over, but without success and the craft was towed to Timmerman's shipyard to be set right on the water.

The Grip Prevalent on Bay.—Quite a large number of cases of grip are reported on Coos Bay during the last few days for which there is no apparent cause at this time of the year, although the disease is not unusual anywhere. It is claimed that the ventilation in homes and public buildings are the principal cause of the illness at present. The cool days and rainy weather are piled with fuel and the weather came along the bay. The still piled full of fuel and the perspiration was caused by the citizens. After being warm and cozy, they would go out into the cold air, forgetting the change in atmosphere, with the result that colds are numerous.

An Oregon exchange commented on the fact that it has seen no reference to leap year in the Times. Leap year is an old world institution. Coos Bay girls are too pretty to need it.

Young man, that beautiful girl whom you worship as a pillar of unadulterated sweetness, doesn't contain four ounces of sugar," remarked the Philosopher. "It has been shown by analysis that a young person weighing 154 pounds is composed of 96 pounds of water, three pounds of the white of eggs, a little less than one pound of glue, 34 1/2 pounds of fat, 8 1/2 pounds of phosphate of lime, three ounces of sugar and starch, seven ounces of chloride of calcium, six ounces of phosphate of magnesia, and a little ordinary table salt."

A Discovery. You talk about excitement and the luxuries of life, I guess I've tried most everything from peace to petty strife, To champagne, on the half shell and terrapin and toast; And I've struck the combination that's dead sure and pays the most.

So run along and roll your hoops and sell your papers boys, And try and think you're happy 'cause you're out to make a noise. I'd like to stop and tell you, only time and space forbid, The fun I've had jes' stayin' home and playing with the kid.

REDUCE DISCOUNT RATE. Bank of England Lowers It To Five Per Cent. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 17.—The rate of discount was reduced from six to five per cent today.

# COMPLETE IT IN SIX YEARS

Secretary Taft Says Panama Canal Will be in Operation Then.

COST WILL BE \$300,000,000

Urges that Wages of Canal Laborers Be Not Reduced Altho They are Thought to be High. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Sec. Taft appeared before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals yesterday and gave the committee information concerning the Panama canal project and suggestions for legislation. Sec. Taft expressed his opinion that the canal should be completed within six years from next July. The ultimate cost would be approximately \$300,000,000 including the purchase price. Sec. Taft gave considerable information about prices paid for labor on the canal and urged that there be no reduction in the wages paid to skilled laborers in spite of the fact that according to his estimate they are receiving from fifty to sixty per cent higher than they earn in the United States.

# JUMPS TO AN AWFUL DEATH

A WEALTHY BOSTON WOMAN JUMPS FROM THIRTEENTH STORY, ST. REGIS HOTEL.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Herbert Sears, member of a wealthy Boston family and guest at the Hotel St. Regis, committed suicide today by jumping from the thirteenth story window, to the roof of a four story building adjoining. She was a frequent guest at the hotel and was always accompanied by her maid. Her actions are said to have been erratic and the maid kept close watch of her mistress.

Mrs. Sears' body was terribly crushed. She was temporarily insane and prior to the beginning of the mental trouble which resulted in her suicide, occupied a position of prominence in Boston. She came to New York nine days ago for medical treatment. Her physician left her last night and she was apparently in a normal condition. She left a letter to her husband. The contents are not known. She was aged 37 years.

Had Beautiful Home. BOSTON, Jan. 17.—Herbert M. Sears and wife and two children occupy a beautiful residence on Commonwealth Avenue. She has been in delicate health for several years. The husband was a financier but retired from active business a year ago.

Will Investigate Accident.—According to stories printed in Portland, Messrs. Edwards and Fuller, of that city will hold an investigation over the recent accident to the Breakwater at the Coos Bay bar, when a messboy was killed and one sailor severely injured, with several being bruised. The Breakwater left for Portland yesterday morning and upon her arrival at her destination the enquiry will be held.

# THE PROMOTER FLIES FIRST

Man Who Was Going to Have Line of Airships Disappears.

FROM PORTLAND TO FRISCO

Reported to Have Sold Quarter Million Stock on Statement Line Would be in Operation April 1.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The Examiner says the federal authorities have started an investigation into the affairs of the National Airship Company. Sales of stock amounting to a quarter of a million are alleged to have been made. The company's offices are in Portland, and on Saturday J. A. Morrell, president of the corporation was subpoenaed to appear in Portland and explain the status of the company to the authorities. It is asserted that he has disappeared. The federal authorities it is alleged have secured much information of the company's affairs from Miss Alma Smith, who formerly acted as secretary.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—The National Airship Company has been doing business in this city for several months. They extensively advertised the stock and made glowing promises of dividends and the future of the company. The stock sold here at 25 cents a share whereas it is asserted similar stock was sold in San Francisco at seventy-five cents. They promised a line of airships between San Francisco and Portland to make their first trip April 1.

# BREAKWATER ARRIVES HERE THIS MORNING

Steamer Leaves For Portland At 10 A. M. Tomorrow.

The steamer Breakwater arrived in the harbor this morning early and after discharging passengers and freight at North Bend arrived at her dock in Marshfield at 10 o'clock. The steamer will leave for Portland Saturday morning at 10 a. m. The following was the list of arrivals.

C. R. Davis, A. Hanshaw, O. R. Cooley, Jno. Eck, W. A. Conover, Mrs. Cooper, Master Cooper, P. Jewsky, G. Varney, A. Dork, B. W. Dork, Frank Drubry, W. Daber, J. E. Stebbins, Mrs. Stebbins, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Wm. Ward, Mrs. Ward, Wm. Schneider, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. E. Schneider, Miss Schneider, B. Schneider, S. J. Mann, B. Sorwin, Mrs. M. Lynch, F. Richards, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Melton, J. P. Edwards, W. Preston, H. N. Welch, J. Sterl, M. A. Trunper, J. Baker, Mrs. Mills, J. B. Lockman, R. Corvill, I. A. Turnell, C. Smith, Mrs. Smith, A. L. Smith, A. Dorks, B. W. Dorks.

Drives From Roseburg.—Dr. C. Dix, who has been absent in Portland and Spokane for several weeks, returned to this city yesterday afternoon by way of Roseburg and Myrtle Point. He went to Portland to take the state physicians' examination, the result of which will be announced in a few weeks. He returned by securing a vehicle for his own use, driving to Myrtle Point and by the county road to Marshfield.