

Tattle of the Town

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

A Son Is Born—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burns, were made happy on January 11 by the advent of a baby son.

Addition to Family—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rood, of Coos River, have been made happy by the advent of a little son, Leonard Le Roy.

Plaster Causes Blood Poisoning—Charles Holmstrom, of Ten Mile, removed a corn several days ago by the use of a plaster, and was five days in Mercy hospital before he was in a condition to return home again.

To Perform Service—Father Raymond left this morning for Gardiner to perform the funeral ceremony over the remains of the late Charles Smith who died while being brought here on the last trip of the Breakwater, on his way home.

Dance to Raise Funds—On the evening of February 1, the North Bend fire department will give a big dance for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase a gymnasium outfit to be used by the twenty-eight firemen, of which Louis Loomis is chief.

Runs Up B Street—A team driven by Dan Campbell backed into a horse attached to a city express wagon yesterday evening south of Stauff's grocery, and the single horse bolted around the "Dining Car" and dashed up B street at a terrific gait, and is probably running yet.

Looking for New Points—Several of the teachers from the North Bend school have been visiting the Marshfield school during the present week, according to Mr. Goodwin, who states that a great feeling of cordiality exists between the teaching staff of each place and that the North Bend visitors have sought new points in the profession.

Child Will Recover—Every indication points toward the recovery of the little girl of Mrs. Della Robinson, which was injured by a bad fall last Sunday and whose recovery was not expected. Ever since a very delicate operation was performed on the child's head by Dr. Houseworth, the little one has shown signs of improvement and is expected to become well again.

Laying Gas Pipe—Workmen are laying gas pipe on Broadway and C streets this week, and the work of laying the pipe is going on in various parts of the city. The plant is being erected in North Bend and will be operating at an early date. The size of the pipes gives the impression that radium is going to be run through them, to some spectators, but it is merely gas.

Gardner Man Dies—Charles R. Smith, of Tacoma, who was being brought from Portland to Gardner by the Breakwater, dies enroute, his brother, A. F. Smith, being present at the end. The deceased had long been a sufferer from dropsy and was being brought home before his final hour might come. The body has been taken to Gardner for interment.

Rounding Up Dogs—Marshal Carter has taken in \$125 in taxes during the past two or three days for dog taxes. He has rounded up most of the dogs in the business section of the city and believes there will be over \$200 in dog taxes this year compared with \$150 last year. Dogs which apparently have no owners are taken to the pound, and if not called for in twenty-four hours and the tax paid, they are painlessly disposed of.

Reorganize Beautiful America—Through the efforts of Mrs. Henry Sengstacken of Marshfield, the Beautiful America club in North Bend has been revived and reorganized. Mrs. L. J. Simpson was elected president at a meeting of the ladies in North Bend on Tuesday, and efforts will be made to have Marshfield and North Bend co-operate actively in beautifying the bay cities.

Work Is Progressing—Work on the big business building being erected by Ralph Williams at the corner of Broadway and Queen avenue has been progressing rapidly during the fine weather of the new year. The walls have been partially completed and the size of the framework gives some idea of what this progressive building will be when it is completed. It will be a decided addition to the other skyscrapers being erected in Marshfield.

Overhauling Skating Rink—The

Marshfield skating rink has been undergoing a thorough overhauling during the past week, and by the first of the month it will be in excellent shape. A fine hardwood floor is being put in, galleries have been put in the building for spectators, the roof and walls have been overhauled and numerous improvements are being made in the structure. An extension of sixty feet will also be made in the building shortly which will make the structure the largest in southern Oregon.

Breakwater Is Strengthened—Repairs to the damaged port bow of the Breakwater, which suffered an accident while on a recent trip over the bar, have been made in a manner which will prevent a repetition of a similar accident. Where her bulwarks were crushed in by the weight of the big wave she has been strengthened with huge braces which will be impossible to break. The work was completed at the Kruse & Banks shipyard before the boat's departure two weeks ago.

Work Nearly Completed—The extensive improvements which have been in progress on the enlargement of the city hall and fire department, also the city jail, with the exception of the latter have been completed. A hose tower for drying hose has

been erected and the various departments, such as the firemen's hall, engineer's office, storage rooms, and the extension of the lower floor have all been completed and the woodwork painted. The improvements have more than doubled the capacity of the various departments and the improved edifice is a credit to the city.

Very Severe Winter—Captain Dave Holden, of the Gasco, which recently made a trip along the beach to the Umpqua, states that the present season has been the most severe on the water for a number of years, judging from the condition of the sand seawall along the beach. He says the latter has been washed away in huge lengths where it has stood the storms of years. The wreck of the Sacramento has been washed away inland from where it stood for several years, and the unusual violence of the waves has affected the whole beach.

NOTICE.

—All Scots, sons and grandsons, are invited to attend a meeting in Redmen's hall, Saturday evening, Jan. 18th, for purpose of celebrating Burns' anniversary. Scots turn out and help this to be a grand success, as it will be the first anniversary of this kind on Coos Bay.

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