

# LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING DOING ON BAY

That there is action among the citizens of Coos Bay when there is something tangible to work upon has been proved by the sending of a delegation from this harbor to Portland to meet the engineers sent out from Washington to consider river and harbor improvements and defenses on the Pacific coast. The sending of Col. Brigham and Peter Loggie, and the stationing of Walter Lyon in Portland to watch for the arrival of the experts, will undoubtedly impress the visitors with the importance of Coos Bay by the energy of its citizens so well displayed.

There are now three men from this section who will button-hole Colonel D. W. Lockwood and Colonel Leach, of Washington, immediately upon their arrival in the Rose City, which is expected to be sometime this week. Several members of the rivers and harbors committee of the National Congress are making the trip with the engineers and will be interviewed by the Coos Bay delegation.

When the message was received from Secretary Lyon asking for assistance Dr. McCormac, Mr. Oren, of the Smith mill, and Dr. Mingus went over to North Bend to see L. J. Simpson regarding the sending of a good man to represent the bay interests to the Portland visitors, and they found that Mr. Simpson had already responded to a similar telegram from Mr. Lyon by securing Colonel Brigham and Peter Loggie to go to Portland.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce then offered to bear part of the expense of the delegation and fifty dollars was set aside for this purpose, the other portion being born by Mr. Simpson on behalf of North Bend. The two men left for Portland Monday morning and will be in that city tonight.

A story in Friday's Portland Telegram, and some rather surprising inside information secured by Mr. Lyon, was responsible for the telegrams sent to the bay for more delegates to lay the situation before one of the coast defense experts, although it is quite evident that the Washington authorities are perfectly aware of the importance of Coos Bay as a defensive point and a harbor for the coaling of battleships in the event of war with Japan. The following is the Portland story, which states that Coos Bay is the most important project to be considered by the visitors:

Several members of the rivers and harbors committee of the National Congress, together with two members of the National board of engineers, who act in an advisory capacity, will be in the northwest before the end of this month to inspect the many important government improvements now under way and projected.

Just how many members of the Congressional committee will visit Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and other points in the Northwest which are appealing to congress for additional appropriations is not known, but Colonel S. W. Rossler, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., stationed here, has been advised of the coming visit of the two members of the board of engineers. These officials are Colonel D. W. Lockwood, chairman of the National board of engineers for rivers and harbors, and Colonel S. S. Leach, principal assistant to the chief engineer.

They have just completed a visit to Port Los Angeles, and are now either at San Francisco or other points in California, where government work is being done, and according to their itinerary, they should arrive in Portland somewhere about January 30. It is not known whether they will meet the rivers and harbors committee here or over on the Sound, though they are scheduled to meet the committee at Tacoma the latter part of next week.

While in Portland and this vicinity, the projects they will inspect and familiarize themselves with, as to the advisability of approving additional appropriations are: The Cello canal and jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. The most important new project to be investigated by the party is the improvement of Coos Bay harbor and bar, and strong interests here will appear before the party and set forth the present conditions and needs of the various projects.

The visit of the Congressional committee with the board of engineers is of particular importance at this time, because, upon its favorable or unfavorable report on the present and proposed projects will depend the action of congress on the rivers and harbors appropri-

tion bill, which certain leaders of the house, led by Speaker Cannon threaten to throttle.

### NOT CAUGHT NAPPING

**Myrtle Point Profits by Portland's Experience and Keeps a Watchful Eye on the Japs.**

Councilman Adams, of Myrtle Point doesn't intend that Mayor Lane of Portland shall have all the honor of protecting American interests from aggressive Japanese. He noticed a well dressed Jap in town the other day who seemed to have plenty of leisure and notified the police department to keep him under strict surveillance to prevent him taking sketches of the city water system.—Enterprise.

### A MUSICAL EVENING

**Pupils' Recital Proves a Pleasing Success.**

A delightful musical program was given by the pupils of Mr. Elmer A. Todd at the rooms of the Coos Bay Academy of Music last evening.

The size of the audience suggested the necessity of larger quarters for succeeding recitals. The individual numbers were all charmingly performed, and the program was so diversified with regard to contrasts as to make it interesting as a whole. Everybody expressed themselves as having had a rare treat. The program follows:

- Lustspiel Overture (Organ and Piano) Kellar Bela.
- Mr. Ray Tibbetts and Mr. Todd.
- The Tulip . . . . . Lichner
- Miss Beale Douglas.
- Amaranthus . . . . . Gilder
- Miss Jamesina Hibbard.
- Characteristic Dance . . . . . Kammon
- Miss Hattie Van Zile.
- Songs—Good Night, Little Girl, Good Night, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes . . . . . Old English Melody
- Miss Lillian Hall
- Japonica . . . . . Stanford
- Miss Willa Hall.
- The Humming Bird . . . . . Perillo
- Miss Nora Tower.
- By The Mountain Spring . . . . . Bohm
- Miss Madge Savage.
- Polka Boheme . . . . . Rubenstein
- Mrs. Will Lawlor.
- Song—Jerusalem . . . . . Parker
- Miss Lillian Hall.
- Song of the Brook . . . . . Lack
- Mrs. W. R. Haines.
- Polonaise in a Major . . . . . Chopin
- Miss Alice McCormac.
- Overture to Zampa . . . . . Harold
- Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Lawlor, Mr. Todd.

### DID NOT SPEAK TO WOMAN FOR 30 YEARS.

**Man Jilted in Love Leads a Hermit's Life and Limits Companionship To Dumb Brutes.**

**HAYWARD, Jan. 20.**—John Lock, a hermit, who had spent the last thirty years in the hills near here, died at the County Infirmary on Thursday. In a cabin on his thirty acres of land at Bulmer Hill he lived for over a quarter-century, surrounded by his chickens, hogs, goats and no less than a hundred cats. He accumulated a good-sized fortune, which he deposited in a San Francisco bank. Local merchants tell strange stories of the eccentric doings of the dead hermit, who often drove into town four fractious horses, hitched to a rickety wagon by rope harness, a brace of revolvers strapped about him. Disappointed in love, he came here from Pittsburg and took up a ranch, upon which he never allowed any trespassers. It is said that he did not speak to a woman during the last thirty years of his life. He will be buried in the Catholic cemetery at San Lorenzo.

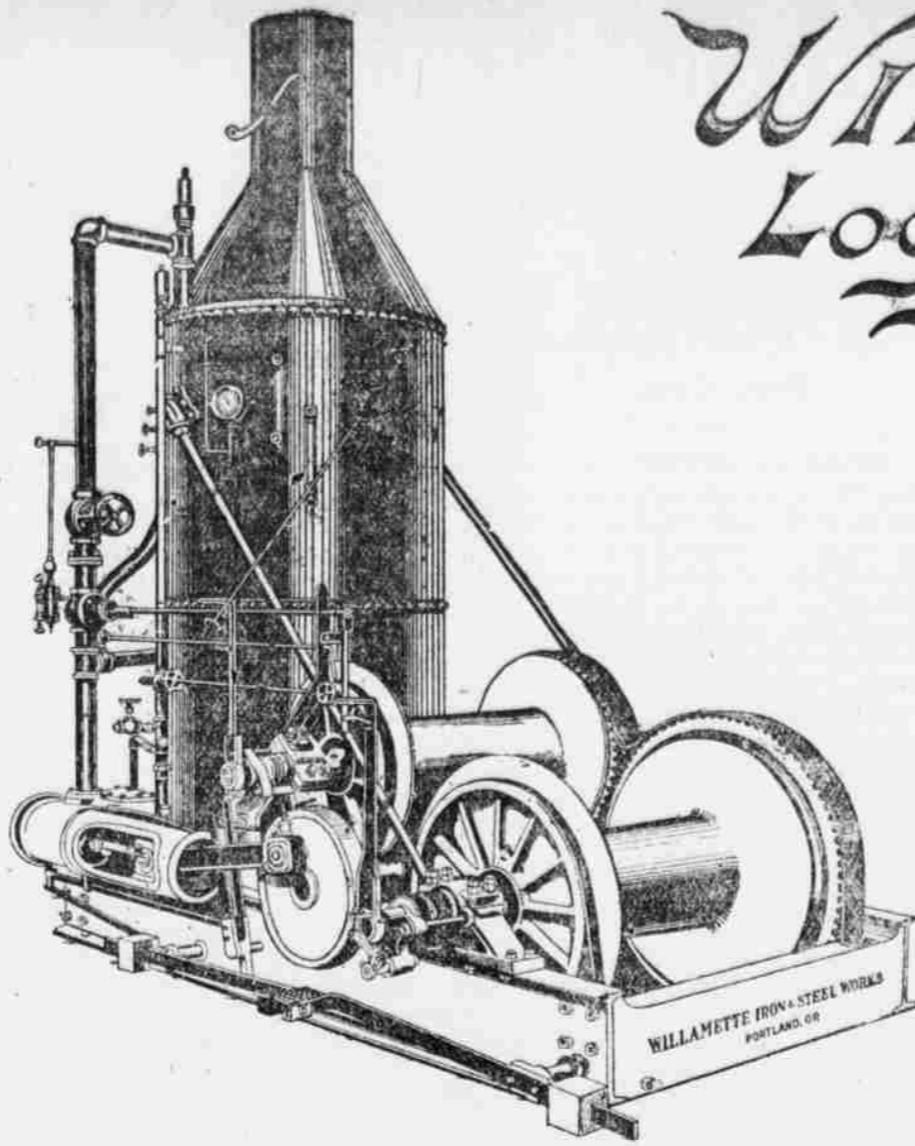
### CONGRESSMEN HAVE T TILT.

**JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 21.**—The legislature today elected John Sharp Williams to the United States senate. In Rhode Island.

**PROVIDENCE, Jan. 21.**—George Peabody was elected to the United States senate on the first ballot by both branches of the general assembly today.

**No Result in Kentucky.** **FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 21.**—The house and senate voted separately for senator today without result.

**MR. AND MRS. D. B. JONES and MR. R. E. JONES, of Portland,** who have been visiting valley points, arrived on the noon train in this city today and expect to leave on the Plant for San Francisco.



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## PLOT TO BLOW UP AMERICAN NAVY

(By Associated Press.)  
**RIO JANIERO, JAN. 20.**—SEVERAL ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED PLOT TO DESTROY THE AMERICAN FLEET NOW IN THE HARBOR HERE. THE BAND THAT PRESUMABLY ORGANIZED THE PLOT CONSISTS OF FIVE ITALIANS, ONE CANADIAN AND TWO GERMANS, WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BAND ARE IN CUSTODY AT SAN PAULO. MEMBERS OF THE BAND COUNTED ON THE ASSISTANCE OF A SPANIARD NAMED ROCESTERO WHO HAS LIVED IN THE CITY A LONG TIME. HE WENT INSANE A YEAR AGO, HOWEVER, AND IS SHUT UP IN A SANITARIUM AT MONTEVILLE.

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.**—The reported plot to blow up one or more of the ships of the Atlantic fleet at Rio Janiero is regarded at the White House as a repetition of one of many schemes which is constantly being presented to the secret service by persons who claim to possess information which they are willing to part with for a consideration. No credence is given here to the existence of an actual plot. It is understood that the information originated in Paris from which point it was communicated to the secret service bureau and through that medium to Admiral Evans and the authorities in South American countries.

## FOUR ARE KILLED ON GEORGIAN RAILWAY

Many Others Are Injured in a Collision Near Shadin, Georgia.  
(By Associated Press.)  
**ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 21.**—Four were killed and a number injured in a wreck on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad, near Shadin, Georgia, yesterday.

## BANDON BUILDING BOOM

Low Prices of Lumber Results in Renewal of Activity in Building.

**BANDON, Ore., Jan. 21.**—Low prices in the lumber market have furnished incentive to the more progressive and optimistic of Bandon's business people, to build more extensively than ever before; lumber is selling to the local trade for prices of from \$5 per thousand for the roughest kinds to a rate comparatively very low for fine grades, and several important buildings in the business part of town have commenced, notably the new creamery, Ellingson's new block on Homer street and the K. of P. hall. Many improvements in street planing are also under way by order of the city council.

## BANDON'S NEW CREAMERY

Another Local Enterprise Is an Assured Fact.

(Special to Times.)  
**BANDON, Ore., Jan. 21.**—The new creamery for Bandon is an assured fact; J. R. Greene, the promoter of the industry, has contracted with a local capitalist whereby the latter will build and lease to him for a term of years a complete and up-to-date building on the water front, the building will be ready by April 1st.

## RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR BOISE BANK

Walter S. Bruce Says Depositors Will Be Paid in Full.  
(By Associated Press.)

**BOISE, Jan. 22.**—Walter S. Bruce was today appointed by the court receiver of the Capital State Bank. Mr. Bruce expresses confidence that the depositors will be paid in full. None of the Capital State's branches in Southern Idaho are closed as the result of the Boise failure.

## BROTHERS, BUT NEVER MET.

Face to Face For First Time On Christmas.

**TACOMA, Jan. 18.**—For the first time in their lives two brothers, Otto J. Drumm, aged 47, a member of the firm of Grosse & Drumm of Tacoma, and Jacob Drumm of Wardner, Idaho, aged 73, met in this city for a visit during the holidays.

The brothers were born in Rheine, Bavaria. Jacob, the oldest of a family of twelve, entered this world in 1834. When he was 18 years of age he came to America. Eight years after his departure Otto was born. The elder brother in 1869 finally located in Wardner, where he owns several large wheat farms. In 1889 Otto Drumm reached the Puget Sound country and for a number of years has been in business in Tacoma.

Although living within a few hundred miles of each other the brothers were never able to arrange for a meeting. They corresponded and finally each decided that this Christmas he would find out what the other looked like. Accordingly the elder brother came to visit in Tacoma.

**C. L. M'CAUSLAND, of Corvallis,** was a pleasant visitor to friends in Marshfield Monday.

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**AURORA, Ill., Jan. 21.**—Thomas J. Allen, Aurora's champion peanut eater, lost 12 pounds during the 60 days that he ate nothing but peanuts and drank nothing save lemonade. The sixtieth day expired a few days ago. Professor Allen set out to live on peanuts for 60 days and he succeeded. Here are the changes in his physique:  
Waist measure—Was 34 when he began to live on peanuts; now 30.  
Chest—Inspiration was 34; now 32.  
Chest—Expansion was 37; now 36.  
Weight—Was 160 now 148.  
Professor Allen, after declaring that he felt much better than he did when he began the diet, declared that in the future he would never eat meat and said he would begin a banana and other fruit diet within a few days.

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**A PRACTICAL MERCHANT.**  
A rather amusing story is told on a man who went into a hardware store of a neighboring town and wished to purchase an axe, says an Ohio paper. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.50, he said: "Why, I can get the same kind of an axe from a certain mail-order house for 90 cents." "Very well," said the hardware man, "I will give it to you for the same price provided that you will do the same with me as you would with them." "All right," replied the customer as he handed over a dollar bill, the merchant giving him back ten cents in change. "Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did your axe cost you?" "One dollar and fifteen cents," the man answered. "Very good; now give me the five cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now how much did your axe cost you?" "One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer. "Not cheap after all," said the merchant, whereupon he picked up the axe, tossed it back on the shelf and told the customer to call for it in ten days, as that would be as soon as he could get it if he had ordered it from the mail order house. — Merchants' Journal and Commerce.

**J. L. SMITH arrived on the noon train from Coquille, where he had been attending to matters for a Frisco firm.**