

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR COOS BAY COMMERCE

Times Correspondent Writes That Washington Authorities Are Interested in Coos Bay Improvements and River and Harbor Bill May Pass This Session.

THE TACOMA LEDGER PRINTS A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT COL. ROESSLER HAS RECOMMENDED AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOS BAY HARBOR.

The Times will in a short time have some very good news for the people of Coos Bay in reference to harbor improvements at this point. The information at this time cannot be made public because of official conditions. It will be seen from the following correspondence that the authorities in Washington have something more than a passing interest in Coos Bay.

Here is the latest information that comes from Washington:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17, '08.

Editor Coos Bay Times: I hand you herein a letter which I received from Congressman Hawley, and as it will be of interest to the people of Coos county I trust that you will publish it. I visited the chief engineer's office in this city last week and I requested a copy of the report regarding the new project for improving the Coos Bay bar, but instead of receiving a printed report I was handed a typewritten paper because the printing had not been done.

ORVILLE DODGE, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives, Jan. 16, 1908.

Hon. Orville Dodge, 210 A Street S. E., Washington, D. C.

My dear sir:—In reply to your inquiry as to the state of opinion in the House relative to a river and harbor bill during the present session, I have delayed my answer until I could make an investigation of the sentiment of the members of that committee. I have found a very strong desire on the part of the majority of the members in favor of the passing of a bill this session. This sentiment is the direct outcome of the interest aroused by the Rivers and Harbors Congress, held here in December. At that congress, it was understood from Mr. Burton's speech that he was in favor of an annual appropriation bill. I will keep up all the agitation I can, and will have the aid of a very large number of the members of the House, who are likewise interested in the matter, to help along. In this connection, I beg to say that it was a very important assistance that you gave by being present at the Rivers and Harbors Congress. It impressed the con-

ANOTHER GETS IMMUNITY

Henny Dismisses Case Against Former State Senator F. P. Mays.

IS RELUCTANT WITNESS

Henny Does Not Get Much Direct Testimony Against Fulton But Expects it Next Week.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Following his policy of bringing over to the prosecution individuals who were indicted with John F. Hall and Edwin Mays, and using them as witnesses against the two men on trial in the conspiracy case, F. J. Henny today dismissed the case against former State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays and put him on the stand as a witness against Hall. F. P. Mays' testimony was not direct against his brother Edwin, on trial. Three witnesses were on the stand today, Steiwer, for cross examination, Mays and James R. Rennick, formerly government agent. None of these witnesses brought out damaging evidence against Hall and Steiwer and Mays were decidedly reluctant in giving evidence. There was a sprinkling of state politics under the old regime brought into the trial but Henny did not succeed in connecting up the senatorial fight of Fulton as closely as he expects next week.

BANDON BRIEFS

Newsy Items From the Busy City by the Sea.

(Special to Times)

BANDON, Jan. 23.—Attorney F. M. Rummell, Jr., and wife, of Marshfield, are visitors here for a couple of days.

The Young company has just completed a five days' engagement at the opera house. Beginning tonight St. Hoyt's company will hold forth a couple of evenings.

The Foresters announce a grand ball for Saturday night in the Bank hall.

A new skating rink, to be the largest in the county, is under construction opposite the power house.

E. M. Furman, the piano man has decided to build a couple of modern residences on his block of lots in Portland addition.

gress with the fact that Coos county is awake to its own importance as possessing two outlets of great value to commerce. Your success in securing the election of Hon. Jos. E. Bennett as a vice-president of the congress called attention still more emphatically to Coos Bay. Your wide acquaintance proved a great aid in securing this, and would be of material assistance to the cause if you could remain in Washington this session. I wish you could remain. However I will leave nothing undone to further the improvements of the Coquille, and such improvements of the Coos Bay and bar as will make that one of the open and available seaports of the world for all sea-going vessels.

We are now engaged in spending several hundred millions of dollars in building the Panama canal for the transfer of goods from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; we should spend at least \$50,000,000 each year on our rivers and harbors so that we can get the goods down to the ocean, or the canal will not serve its purpose to the fullest extent. I will be home to register in Oregon about the 10th of February.

With congratulations for your success and with best wishes, I am, Truly yours,

W. C. HAWLEY.

DARK LEMON TREE IN ORCHARD OF LIGHT



MR. MARSHFIELD SAYS: "What I'd like to know Is how I picked a lemon In the garden of light Where only peaches grow."

The lemon of poor service which the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Co. is giving Mr. Marshfield is in strong contrast with the good service that was expected. No wonder Mr. Marshfield looks surprised and disgusted.

RAILWAY HITS AT BIG STICK

Union Pacific Railway Charges Roosevelt Directly With Responsibility of Panic.

(By Associated Press.)

OMAHA, Jan. 25.—The reduction of the working days from six to five on the Union Pacific shops here will be followed at other places, affecting several thousand men. The "World Herald" quotes Vice President Mohler as charging the reduction to "President Roosevelt's mania for reform," indicating that his road will continue the reduced force so long as the president's activity against corporations continues.

Says It's Not Politics.

(By Associated Press.)

OMAHA, Jan. 25.—Mr. Mohler said to an Associated Press correspondent that no political significance ought to be attached to the reduction of forces. "I have received no political instructions from Mr. Harriman, either directly or indirectly, since my connection with the Union Pacific railroad." About 3,000 employed in the mechanical departments at present against 11,000 employed four months ago.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned doing business under the firm name and title of Willey and McCulloch, have this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons having claims against said firm are hereby notified to present the same to B. F. Willey, for payment, and all debts due said firm to be paid to said B. F. Willey.

B. F. Willey having assumed all debts due from said firm and all accounts due the same. The business of said firm will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of "Willey & Pennock."

Dated at Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon, this 25th day of January, 1908.

B. F. WILLEY, C. W. McCULLOCH

—Fresh oysters at the Ellerby Fish Market.

AMERICA IS NEAR THE TOP

Second Only to England in Total Tonnage of Ship Construction.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The shipbuilding summary for 1907 compiled by "The Shipping World" shows the United States is second for the year in total tonnage of ship construction, only England having outstripped this country. Great Britain's tonnage was 1,673,121 tons, United States, 488,059; Germany, 293,073, France 109,822, Japan 122,095.

TO POPULATE ALL OREGON

Everyone Should Help Spread the News of Colonist Rates.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Every property holder and every citizen of the state of Oregon is indebted to the newspapers, the commercial bodies, the schools and the business men for conducting an advertising campaign through 1907 which brought 27,215 people to this state as a result of the colonist rate in March and April, September and October.

No greater return has ever been achieved as a result of community organization and cooperative advertising. This record of 227 people for every day for 120 days is almost without a parallel in the history of immigration effort anywhere in this country. During the same months of 1906 the colonist rates brought 18,214, showing the unprecedented increase of 9,001, or in round figures 50 per cent.

The colonist rates go into effect again on March 1st, and continue until April 30th, and if the same energetic campaign can be carried on in 1908, even this large influx of new people can be increased, and it is certainly worth while.

The colonist rates were the central

DESPERADO CAUGHT NEAR MYRTLE POINT BY RUSE

REBATE MONEY FOR UNCLE SAM

Freight Brokers Are Fined Heavily on Charge of Railway Rebates.

JUDGE DEFENDS RAILWAY

Judge McPherson Says Railway Corporations Are Not Any More to Blame Than Shippers for the Evils of Rebating.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—George L. Thomas, freight broker of New York and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, pleaded guilty in the United States court today to securing rebates for shippers. Thomas was fined \$7000 and Taggart \$4000. Jail sentence was omitted.

Says Railways Are Not to Blame.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—Thomas and Taggart were found guilty of rebating June 22, 1906, and Thomas was sentenced to three months and a fine of \$6000 but the decision was reversed on a technicality. When the case was called today the defendant entered a plea of guilty. Judge McPherson expressed his belief that the Thomas agency was merely a catspaw for the railway companies, and that in view of the fact that rebating was practically brought to an end by the vigorous action of the government there was no occasion for the order of imprisonment. Judge McPherson said that he believed that the firms that accepted rebates were as guilty as the defendants and the railroads previously convicted could not understand why they never had been indicted. "The railroads," declared McPherson "are hounded to death with rebate service. They are not entirely to blame for all the rebating that has been done."

feature around which the seventy-six bodies composing the Oregon Development League carried on their campaign, and the chief credit for this result is given to the newspapers, to whom it belongs.

The direct benefit of the colonist rate is that it brings people to every section, and builds up the country around all the towns rather than increasing the population of the larger cities. And it has been conclusively proven that immigration comes to communities in direct proportion to the effort expended by them.

During the winter months, January and February particularly the farmer in the great Middle West (from whence comes our greatest immigration) does his great reading and we want to be sure that he reads the story of Oregon. During the past year more than five million copies of printed matter were circulated from this state, and in all of these the special rate has been prominent.

It has been the constant effort of the Portland Commercial Club in its correspondence throughout the state to impress upon all the people of Oregon that this low fare applies to all points the same as to Portland, and in all advertising this fact has been emphasized.

Immediate organization should be commenced everywhere by the commercial bodies and through the schools. Oregon needs no one thing more than additional population.

Present rates are \$30.00 from Kansas City, Minneapolis and all Middle West; \$35.00 from St. Louis and important points in the Mississippi Valley; \$38.00 from Chicago; \$55.00 from New York; and a proportionate rate from every portion of the United States.

Sheriff Catches Hoffman by Deputy Asking for Chew of Tobacco—Lays Rifle Aside to Comply—Financial Difficulties Caused Him to Seek Revenge on Brother Says Hoffman on Being Asked Questions—Adjudged Not Insane.

Fred Hoffman, who it is alleged set fire to his brother Edward's barn four miles from Myrtle Point and then took refuge in the old Hoffman house, defying arrest with a Winchester rifle, was captured yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Gage after a clever ruse which probably saved much bloodshed.

After efforts to dislodge Hoffman from the house in which he had barricaded himself had failed, J. O. Stemmler, a deputy assisting the sheriff tried communications with the desperate man. He approached the structure and after calling to Hoffman the latter opened the door with one hand and held his gun in the other.

After several rouses to get the old man out of the house had failed, Stemmler asked him for a chew of tobacco. Hoffman said he had nothing but smoking tobacco, but Stemmler said that would do. Hoffman was asked to bring it to him, as he claimed to be crippled with rheumatism and the house was on quite a hill. Hoffman laid his gun aside and approached with the "chew" when Gage stepped out from cover and arrested him.

The prisoner, seeing that he was captured, broke down and cried. When asked why he set fire to his brother's barn and destroyed his stock, he said that financial troubles had nearly set him crazy and he wanted revenge. It developed that there had been bad blood between the brothers for some time.

G. N. Farrin left for Myrtle Point this morning to examine into Hoffman's sanity on behalf of the state. He returned today at noon and says there is little doubt of the man being perfectly sane, and that the deed was done in a spirit of revenge. Sheriff Gage also believes that Hoffman is sane because of the manner in which he defied arrest.

The prisoner was taken to Coquille and information was filed against him by Attorney Farrin, but in the absence of a witness the proceedings against him will be resumed Monday.

Plays North Bend Monday.—The Young's Musical Comedy company will play its farewell performance in North Bend on Monday night in Eckhoff hall, its closing bill being "The Irish Jubilee."

A. G. THRIFT, of Coquille, is a visitor in Marshfield today.

O. J. SEELEY, of Myrtle Point, arrived in on the noon train.

F. N. M'LEAN, of Myrtle Point, is spending the day visiting friends in this city.

F. J. BLACKERBY, of Bandon, arrived in Marshfield today on the noon train.

W. H. SWAYNE, of San Francisco, arrived on the noon train from Coquille today.

COMMUTATION TICKETS

—On sale at Melrose Restaurant.

A SNAP

WANTED—Investors, to investigate a business block bargain in the business part of the city, new building, \$5,500—15 per cent on investment. See Stutsman Co.

—The 1/4 off sale on all toys and Christmas China will continue throughout this month. Coos Bay Cash Store.

—Surpassing coffee at the Melrose.