WHEN CAPTAIN MATSON SAVED THE ADMIRAL

An Interesting Story in the Early Career of "Fighting Bob" Evans in Which a Coos Bay Man Bore a Leading Part—Capt. Matson to Meet the Fleet at San Francisco.

That Captain Alfred M. Matson, of Marshfield, had considerable to do with enabling Rear Admiral Evans, who is bringing the United States fleet around the Horn to the Pacific coast, to attain his present high position and that he probably saved his life, is quite evident from a story told by the captain of an incident in the civil war, in which both participated.

Captain Matson was on board the Gunboat Kansas when it was one of a fleet of ninety boats of all kinds and sizes which took part in the capture of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, in the spring of 1865. The fleet was in command of Admiral David Porter who was determined to take the rebel fort.

Captain Matson was coxswain of the gig and captain of the foretop of the Kansas, and was among those ordered ashore in front of the fort while the fleet kept up a bombardment over the heads of the men in the boats. They faced a heavy fire from the fort as they approached the shore, and when the bluejackets landed, nearly half their number were immediately killed by the heavy fusilade.

Running from the boats up the beach Coxswain Matson noticed a young midshipman about 25 years of age who was rushing along with the rest in the most daring fashion, and showing a marked contrats to other officers who urged the men on while they kept in a safe position themselves. Men dropped rapidly on the dash from the beach to the protection of the walls of the fort, where there was some safety from the storm of iron and lead.

Coxswain Matson saw the young midshipman drop with both legs shot through. He hastily tore the handkerchief from his neck and bound up the young man's legs, while another bluejacket helped him carry the wounded youth close under the walls of the fort. Even in his stricken condition the midshipman had his pistol ready and seeing a man out on the walls of the fort with a rifle, he said "I'm going to drop that fellow, anyway." He fired at him.

Coxswain Matson left the wounded youth and joined his comrades in attacking the fort which was won after a desperate struggle and great loss of life. He never saw the young man again and did not know whether he was saved or not. He remained in the navy and at the close of the war came to San Francisco in the Vanderbilt under Admiral Rogers with nine other ships. He was then transferred to the frigate Independence from which he was discharged with honor.

Captain Matson sailed on coast ships for some time afterward and then took a cruise to Europe. He came to Coos Bay in 1870 and has been here ever since where he is well known as one of the earliest pioneers on the bay. His cottage was the first one to be erected on the flats in Marshfield, being built in 1873. He married and has four sons and one daughter living.

Three years or so ago Captain Matson was reading a magazine article on the life of Rear Admiral Evans, in which the scene which happened on the beach in front of Fort Fisher was given so clearly that it brought Captain Matson's memory back to the incident of the midshipman. The article stated that "Fighting Bob" had been wounded in both legs in the charge and it told of him fighting with his pistol while he lay wounded.

Captain Matson is positive that the midshipman whom he helped is none other than Rear Admiral Evans, and if he is able to visit Frisco when the big fleet arrives, he will have another look at the man whose bravery many years ago excited his greatest admiration and regard. He is certain that if he had a few words with the admiral, the latter would remember the incident and himself distinctly. What happened on the beach between the two is only known to themselves and Captain Matson is certain that he has just to say a few words to make Evans positive that the sailor who helped him to safety in time of sore need was Captain A. M. Matson.

RICH MINE IS REOPENED

Output of 840 Acres of Coos River Coal Land to Again Be Worked.

The Lillian mine, belonging to L. J. Simpson and located about four miles up Coos River, has been reopened and its output will be marketed on Coos Bay this winter. The mine is one of the best producers in this section, having two heavy veins one seven foot and one eleven foot the latter being known as the Black Diamond and being about 85 feet below the Lillian vein. Within a year it is expected the mine will have a daily output of about fifty tons. Two large barges 40 by 200 feet have been ordered from the Kruse & Banks shipbuilding yard and the coal will be dumped on these from the coal cars which will run on the tramway, now in course of construction. J. A. McDonald, the well known mining engineer, until recently connected with the Beaver Hill mine, has been given the superintendency of the property.

Mr. Simpson has coal rights to 840 acres in the Coos river property and it is thought the returns from it will be unusually large. The mine has been idle for about three years. Work was stopped because of the concentration of efforts directed toward building up the Simpson Lumber company's business. There is now no doubt but that the work will go on uninterruptedly. The first barge of coal will be delivered to North Bend about the first of the week. Some fifteen men are now engaged and more will be put on as the scope of operations is enlarged.

BREAKWATER LEAVES BOUND FOR PORTLAND

Takes Quite a List of Passengers and Much Freight to Rose City.

The Breakwater left for Portland this afternoon with quite a large list of passengers and considerable freight. She shifted from Marshfield to North Bend about three o'clock and left shortly afterwards to cross the bar with the following passengers:

H. B. Watson, W. A. Baker, Mr. Kline and wife, W. A. Smith and wife, H. W. Mars, Captain Christensen, Mr. Dickson, J. H. Anthony, W. J. Payette, H. N. Welch, R. Koper, Theo. Buchols, A. F. Pickerine, J. W. Willis, Mr. Bender and wife, Mr. Sienwebber and wife, J. W. Duncan, J. Morrison, J. H. Ness, Mrs. Gulovson, C. A. Miller, Robert Marsden, Mr. Grimes and wife, J. F. Rice and wife, K. P. Farley, G. W. Colon, G. J. Kahn and wife, J. J. Driscoll and wife, Mike Knee, C. Reeves, P. Bonetto, F. Winter, Alex Enos.

WISCONSIN HAS CHAMPION COW

Five Pounds of Butter Daily for a Week—112 Pounds of Milk a Day.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 25.—A record-breaking cow of university breeding has been produced in Wisconsin; that is to say, it is a cow raised by a former student in the department of agriculture of the state university.

In the last ten months this cow has produced 23,918.4 pounds of milk, which exceeds the former year's record made by the old champion, also a Wisconsin cow. If she continues to produce at the same rate she will have to her credit at the end of the year about 14 tons of milk, which would make about 1200 pounds of butter.

The same cow recently broke the seven day record by producing more than five pounds of butter a day for a week. Her best single day's production was 112 pounds of milk, or about seven pails. She weighs little more than 1000 pounds and is named Colanth IV's Johanna.

—Use The Times want ads. You get a lot for a little.

—Pekin duck dinner at the Melrose for Sunday.

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TO ELECT TOWN GOVERNMENT

East Marshfield and Bay City Begin Active Political Campaign Monday.

East Marshfield and Bay City citizens will meet in the East Marshfield public school next Monday night to nominate candidates for mayor, councilmen, recorder and others for the election to be held on February 8 at the instance of the county court. The election to be held to have the citizens decide on incorporating in a town the two communities across the inlet, and the election of city officers will take place at the same time to save holding two elections.

The citizens recently presented a petition to the county court to be incorporated and the court set the date for the election. It is asserted on good authority that the incorporating element will carry the election without a dissenting vote.

The two communities, which are expected soon to be one, are growing rapidly and there are already contracts let for the buildinng of seventeen new homes since about the first of the year. What the name of the place will be is unknown, although it is expected that this will also be selected at the election. It is probable that it will be called East Marshfield, as this district is bound to become part of Marshfield when the latter place grows some more.

—Father is still with us and insists that we take all our prescriptions to McArthur's.

The Prescription Drug Store.

COMMUTATION TICKETS
—On sale at Melrose Restaurant.

SMALL BLAZE AT NORTH BEND

Residence of Longshoreman Is Entirely Destroyed By Fire.

A five room residence of Mr. Tompkins, a longshoreman in Bangor, with all its contents was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Mr. Tompkins was at work and Mrs. Tompkins and children were away when the fire was discovered and saved nothing but the clothes on their backs. The building was a home recently completed although the family have occupied it for some time. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Tompkins and much sympathy is expressed for himself and family.

The fire was first discovered by a neighbor but had gained such headway that it was almost completely destroyed before the North Bend fire department arrived.

The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

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Closes at 10:00 Tonight

This sale has been one of the most successful and satisfactory events of the kind we have ever launched—-satisfactory to us because it has been so satisfactory to our patrons, and this is indeed the only true measure of success to a store.

We now find a vast accumulation of broken lots, remnants, odds and ends and an insufficient number of many articles to return to regular stock. These will be gotten together at once, and beginning next Tuesday morning, they will go at ONE HALF, ONE THIRD, and ONE FOURTH the regular prices. In short, prices will be placed on them that will be expected to remove them at once.

Some of the articles that will be included in this clean-up, will be Women's Coats and Suits; some Children's goods; short lengths and remnants in Dress Goods, Domestics and other Cotton Goods; Men's Women's and Children's Hosiery and Underwear, some Embroidery and Lace, Men's, Women's and Children's shoes, Men's Suits, Overcoats, and Shirts. Boys' and Youths' Clothing, and dozens of other articles of everyday wear.

SEE MONDAY EVENING'S COOS BAY TIMES for full particulars and then arrange to attend this CLEAN-UP SALE, which OPENS TUESDAY MORNING, the 27th, and continues for the remainder of the week.

While the offerings of this Clean-Up Sale will particularly effect odd lots, broken sizes, etc., the prices named to move them, are so low, that everyone should be interested in saving.

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