# PORTLAND FIRM ASK FOR EARTH AND ALL ON IT

## Refuses Bid for Building Hull of New Dredge at Less Than Cost Unless it Is Accompanied With a Bonus of $20,000—Splendid Efforts of L. J. Simpson and C. A. Smith to Secure Construction Work for Coos Bay Prove Fruitless.

The porcine proclivities of Portland have never been quite so brazenly displayed as in the matter of the construction of the government dredge for use on Coos Bay and other Oregon and Washington ports. The people of the bay are familiar with the developments of this enterprise even to the point where either purposely or inadvertently the advertisement for bids was delayed so that it was impossible for Coos Bay firms to make an offer on the contract. L. J. Simpson and C. A. Smith, the two large shippers of this section, gave evidence of their enterprise by offering to furnish free lumber to a local ship building concern that a low bid might be made and the dredge built here. When the tardiness of the notice for bids prevented the exercise of this advantage to the government, L. J. Simpson with commendable public spirit promptly took up the matter of sub-contracting the frame work of the dredge with the Portland Iron Works and requested that opportunity be given Coos Bay to bid on this.

Secretary Lyon on his recent trip to Portland acted as special emissary of Coos Bay interests in this matter and succeeded in persuading the Portland Iron Works to hold open the bids for the construction of the hull until Kruse & Banks, the local firm of ship builders, would have an opportunity to make a bid on the work.

This was done and on the arrival of Mr. C. A. Smith the matter was promptly taken up in a conference of L. J. Simpson, C. A. Smith and Mr. Oren. As a result of this conference Messrs. Smith and Simpson entered into a joint agreement to furnish all the lumber for the dredge to Kruse & Banks at much less than the cost of production. The ship building firm was then urged to make their bid very low, which they did, making it so small that they asked for a guarantee to insure them against loss on the work. Messrs. Simpson and Smith again stepped into the breech and gave the required guarantee. This meant an extremely low price but the local firms were desirious of demonstrating that Coos Bay could do the work and that as this place took the initiative in securing the dredge the construction be done at this point. After making all these concessions, Messrs. Smith and Simpson went farther and offered free transportation of all the dredge machinery from Portland to the ship builder's dock on Coos Bay.

The bid and concessions were then transmitted to the Portland firm through Messrs. Brigham and Loggie who are in Portland. They took the matter up directly with the Portland Iron Works. Hopes ran high, for, despite early discouragements, it was thought that the advantages offered were so substantial that it must result in landing the contract.

All hopes were wrecked on Portland,s rocky coast of grab-all-in-sight-and-ask-for-more. Yesterday afternoon the following most astonishing telegram was received from the Coos Bay representatives in Portland.

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"Bid of $16,000 will be accepted in accordance with terms named in telegram but in addition must have $20,000 bonus. Clark says this is final."

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The Times places that in a frame because it thinks that is the place for it. Such a business proposition deserves to be preserved and handed down to future generations as the climax of an era in which greed has become dominant. "Clark says this is final." That sounds a bit sarcastic. Final. Well we should think so. Or was it a generous assurance that if it were accepted he would not boost the ante and come back with a demand for all the water front on Coos Bay, a deed to both the lumber companies' properties, and a mortgage on all the real estate in Coos county. "Final." Well, yes. That is final. The limit, the end, the ultimate conclusion of a business proposition that is so preposterous that it departs from the realm of reason into that of the ridiculous. Generous Mr. Clark. If Coos Bay will build the dredge and present it to him and in addition accompany the gift with $4,000 more he will condescend to accept it and then collect from the government the original cost.

And so the dredge will be built in Portland.

Coos Bay business men are enterprising, progressive, generous, but when it comes to giving all they have, a mortgage on the future and a lien on the gold in the crown they hope to wear in the hereafter they draw the line.

It is to be regretted that the efforts of Messrs. Smith and Simpson have not borne better fruit instead of bitter fruit but every resident of the bay cannot but be convinced of the convulsive ridiculousness of the Portland firm's demands.

Ans so Portland will build the Cooc Bay dredge.

It is to laugh.

This is final.


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# Extra Specials

For

# Friday and Saturday

**To Stimulate Further Interest For Friday and Saturday of our General Clean-Up Sale, the following Special Offerings Will be Made:**

## $1.50 Children's Shoes 97c

We have had so many requests at this sale for a "Special" on children's shoes, sizes 3 to 8. For tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday, you can have our $1.50 child's shoe at a very great reduction. These shoes have solid leather soles, heels, good vici uppers with patent leather tips. Were $1.50. An extra special Friday and Saturday, pair only.... ..... ..... .....97c

## 12 1-2c Outing Flannel 7 1-2c

White and cream. Full widths. About six broken pieces to dispose of. Good weight. Regular price was 12½c. Extra special for Friday and Saturday, yard only..... 7 1-2c

## $2.85 Fringed Bed Spreads $2.25

Another great special for Friday and Saturday. Extra large size. Handsome patterns. Marsailles satin finish. The most handsome bedspread ever shown at $3.50. White only. Each only ..... ..... ..... ..... .....$2.25

## Ladies' Coats and Suits

### Last Two Days to Buy at Reduced Prices

A few good styles and patterns of our women's coats and suits remain for the last two day's selling. But if you wish to take advantage of the Clean-Up sale, you will have to hurry. These coats and suits are being picked up rapidly at the very great reductions and we question if any will be held over after Saturday night. This is a great opportunity to buy at half and less than half the regular price.

## $1.75 Cluett and Monarch Shirts 95c

Extra specials for Friday and Saturday will include a big assortment of Monarch and Cluett shirts in the coat and regular styles. These shirts come in an array of neat patterns. Bosoms are plain and pleated. The regular prices are $1.50 and $1.75. Special Friday and Saturday, each only..... .....95c

## $3.50 Merine Flannel Shirts $1.66

Another great special for Friday and Saturday. These dress shirts are made of a fine grade of wool fabric. Come in neat patterns of tasty colors. Well made. Very roomy. Medium light weight. Former price was $3.50. Friday and Saturday they go at eac$1.69

## Men's Suits and Raincoats

### Final Opportunity to Buy at Low Prices

The last few days have been strenuous times in our men's clothing section. The Clean-Up prices brought buyers out with such eagerness as to demonstrate conclusively this sale is rightly named, and that the prices are doing the work. Only a few suits and raincoats are here for Friday and Saturday's selling. If you have been in doubt as to the wonderfully low prices, better come out and investigate.

## Japanese Bath Robes

### Half Price

Made of fine quality Japanese Silk. Handsomely quilted. Assorted sizes. Colors pink, blue and black. Very popular in Eastern cities just now. A great special for Friday and Saturday at

**HALF PRICE**


## WHAT THEY SAY

JACK FLANAGAN, (Principal End Man.)—"I'm the only light that sparkles on old Broadway."

W. R. RUST—"What is the difference between a nature fakir and being faked by nature?"

D. Y. STAFFORD—"The reason I get results from my hens is because I feed them scientifically."

J. O'KKELLEY—"No I can't complain. The boat business was never better. In fact if it keeps up at the present rate I shall have to put on another boat in the near future."

WALTER LYON—"That new Flanagan-Bennett bank building looks pretty good to me. It not only creates a good impression on strangers but it stands as a sort of heraldy to an approaching building era. Building eras come in waves like any other movement and I believe it will be but a short time until Marshfield will have an imposing number of concrete and brick structures."

IVY CONDRON—"Does the rain hurt my business? Well I should say not. This rain makes the trees grow and the trees have placed Oregon where she is today. They make business good. How do I connect trees with business? Well you stand on the wharf and look across the bay toward the C. A. Smith mill. Then turn your gaze toward North Bend and look at the row of lumber industries."

THE BIRD ON NELLIE'S HAT. (Sotto Voice)—"And still the easterners wonder why we take pride in our rainfall."

**Telegram Boosts Our Booster.**—The elegant pamphlet which is now being circulated by the Marshfield chamber of commerce is calling forth favorable comment. The latest tribute to its power as a "community booster" comes from the Portland "Telegram" in which a quarter of a column is devoted to excerpts from different parts of the pamphlet. Concluding the "Telegram" says:

"Portland had a chance a few months ago to see what Coos Bay can do in the way of apple growing, when the handsome exhibit was shown here.

"The growth and activity, the optunities afforded in many lines of the three leading communities on the bay, Marshfield, North Bend and Empire, are outlined in an interesting fashion. The booklet is a credit to any community and should prove a fine 'booster' for Coos Bay."

—Old papers for sale at Times office.


## QUICK DELIVERY

For convenience of Call patrons the Laundry office will be open Saturday evenings until 8 o'clock.

Phone 571 today. Our wagon will call.

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Marshfield and North Bend.

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Dancing School Every Monday
And Thursday Evening at
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DRAMATIC CLUB
Will be organized from Pupils Taking Instruction in Elocution and Dramatic Art.
Special Attention to Children's Class in Dancing and Elocution.
See me at the Hall on Mondays and Thursdays; Afternoon and Evening.
Prof. C. P. Smith.


**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.
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# Some Good Buys

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| Two lots on Baines street | $ 800.00 |
| Good building lot in West Marshfield | $ 650.00 |
| Lot 100x200 and two houses in South Marshfield | $5200.00 |
| Two good lots in North Bend | $ 350.00 |
| Business corner 100x140 | $2500.00 |
| 190 acre ranch on Coos River | $5000.00 |

We have property listed in all of the most desirable portions of the Coos Bay country. We have just what the careful investor desires. Call at our office and make your wants known and we will show you our bargains.

**Stutsman & Co.**


# AT THE COOS BAY HOTELS

## A Record of the Day's Guests and Some Facts and Fiction Common to Hotel Offices

They sat in the office of the Blanco hotel listening to the patter of the rain upon the windows. As if under the influence of the desolate blackness of the night outside, conversation, which had been brisk earlier in the evening had gradually lagged until now a general silence reigned. "Buckshot" had departed for unknown regions, probably to bed, and even "Skookum" lay quietly coiled up in one corner of the office. (For benefit of strangers, Skookum is Buckshot's dog and wears the championship belt in the dogville community of Marshfield). The silence was suddenly broken by one whose physiognomy and brogue proclaimed him an Emeraldite.

"Tim," said he, addressing the chair next to him, "you've taken a homestead in Curry county, and I thought maybe ye could tell me the law consarnin' how to go about it."

"Well, Pat," says the next chair, "I don't just remember the exact wordin' uv the law but I kin give ye the meanin' uv it. The meanin' uv it is this: The government is willin' to bet ye 160 acres uv ground agin' $16 that ye can't live on it fer five years without starvin' to death."

**Central**—C. J. Wesley, M. A. Tremper, Portland; William McCahy, H. Becker, Myrtle Point; C. T. Perona, O. F. Rohrer, Coquille; W. E. Dietz.

**Blanco**—J. W. Current, Coquille; S. B. Klahn, Portland; G. R. McNair, Bandon; A. G. Paus, Bandon; C. I. Neff, Beaver Hill.

## CALEDONIAN CLUB IS ORGANIZED

### Scots Elect Officers and Arrange Schedule of Meeting Nights.

The Marshfield Caldonian club, composed of the descendants of Scotchmen, met last night in Redmen's hall and perfected an organization. The following officers were elected:

Honored chief, Hugh B. Sneddon; worthy first chieftian, John Greenwood; worthy second chieftian, John P. Maxton; worthy third chieftian, Peter Scott, Jr.; James Durand, Sr., John Y. Arnott, Andrew Landles, directors.

The club will meet hereafter on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

**Be sure that your chief business competitor doesn't beat you in advertising—and he will beat you in got a lot for a little.**

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# OLD PAPERS FOR SALE

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**They Are Off It is a Go**

At the Masonic Opera House

# FEB. 6th

**The Eagle's**

# Big Minstrel Carnival

A Show For Ladies, Children and Gentlemen

Directed and Staged by J. H. Hearde

**Don't fail to see Lucy Long's Birthday Party**

Watch for novelty street parade at noon, day of show