

# RAT CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED

Mayor Straw Bills City With Dodgers Setting Forth Need of Action.

## GOOD BYE LITTLE RAT, GOOD BYE.

(Softly and lowly—Tune of "Good Bye, Little Girl, Good Bye.")  
 Good bye, little rat, good bye,  
 No more will you feast on our pie;  
 While we're after population,  
 It's not your kind of propagation,  
 So "good-bye" the route you'll have to take.

### Chorus.

We don't want the bubonic plague,  
 Of that we feel awfully afraid;  
 With our clubs and rat traps, too,  
 We'll go hunting rat for you,  
 So it's skidoo little rat, skidoo.

Good bye little rat, good bye,  
 On you big "Doc" Straw has his eye;  
 He's a determined sort of man,  
 And for you he's sworn the great big can,  
 So hit the grit, rat, hit the grit.  
 (Repeat Chorus.)

Mayor E. E. Straw officially launched the Marshfield anti-rat campaign Thursday morning when he commenced billing the town with dodgers warning residents of the danger of contracting bubonic plague from the rodents. The dodger reiterates the fact that the city will pay five cents for every rat delivered into Marshal Carter's hands. It also sets forth the manner in which the bubonic plague germs can be carried, as follows:

Bubonic plague is a disease of the rat. The infection is transmitted by the flea. The flea lives on the rat. If the rat has bubonic plague, the flea becomes infected. If the infected flea bites a human being, that person becomes infected with bubonic plague.

Closing, the dodger says: "The rats in San Francisco are known to be infected, and it is not improbable that some of those rats may be brought to Coos Bay. When warm weather comes, the fleas will become more numerous, and the danger of the spread of bubonic plague will be great. Therefore, I ask the people of Marshfield to earnestly cooperate with the city council in the work of exterminating the rats. It is your duty to trap and poison rats; to have your premises inspected and obey the sanitary laws of the city. You should use every means possible for destroying the food supply of rats."  
 "E. E. STRAW, Mayor."

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**  
 Sealed proposals are invited and will be received by the directors of School District No. 53, Coos county, Oregon, until April 15, 1908, for the construction of a school house 22x36, with 14-foot ceiling, contractor to furnish all material. Work to be completed by July 1, 1908. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Hall & Hall, Marshfield, or at the clerk of said district. The board of directors of said district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the board of directors of District No. 53, Coos County, Ore.  
 B. F. SAVAGE, Clerk.

A man can excuse meanness in himself, but how he despises it in others.

## WORK OF ENLARGING BREAKWATER TO START

Master Mechanic Smith of the Southern Pacific to Leave on Saturday's Boat to Supervise Job.

M. C. Smith, master mechanic for the Southern Pacific, will leave for Portland Saturday on the steamer Breakwater. Mr. Smith will supervise the installing of the new smoking room on the stern of the upper deck of the steamer. The smoking room is completed and waiting in the S. P. shops at Portland. As soon as it is put on work will at once commence on converting the present smoking room into passenger berths. The boat will have an added capacity of fourteen passengers, or a total capacity of 105 when the work of enlarging is completed. Workmen will stay on the job until it is completed, which, it is thought, will be some time in April. Master Mechanic Smith will return to the Bay on the next Breakwater.

## CLERGYMAN'S TOOTH STRIKES \$150 PEARL

Pastor's Discovery of Jewel in an Oyster Is Prelude to Dealer's Find.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 4.—The Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor of the United Evangelical church of Tower City, while eating oysters, bit a pearl, which, when examined, was found to be worth \$150.

The dealer who sold the oysters then looked over the remainder of his stock and also found a pearl, which was appraised at \$100. Another of his patrons found a pearl valued at \$50.

## VESSELS ARRIVED AT AND SAILED FROM COOS BAY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1908.

SCHOONERS.	
Arrived.	Sailed.
Feb. 2 Coquille from sea in distress.	Feb. 3 Transit
" 15 Sausalito	" 9 M. F. Plant
" 20 Barkentine Arago.	" 9 Tug Columbia
" 23 Repeat	
" 23 Tug Columbia	

VESSELS TOWED BY TUG "HUNTER."	
Feb. 10 Louise	Feb. 14 Hugh Hogan
	" 18 Sausalito
	" 19 Louise

STEAMERS.	
Arrived.	Sailed.
Feb. 1 Hunter	Feb. 1 Breakwater
" 3 Gasco	" 2 Hunter
" 3 L. Rosco	" 3 Redondo
" 3 Roberts	" 6 L. Rosco
" 6 Alliance	" 6 John Paulsen
" 6 M. F. Plant	" 7 Gasco
" 6 Breakwater	" 7 Alliance
" 6 John Paulson	" 7 Roberts
" 8 Hunter	" 8 Breakwater
" 12 Alliance	" 12 Hunter
" 13 Bandon	" 13 Alliance
" 14 Breakwater	" 15 Breakwater
" 14 Homer	" 15 Homer
" 17 Redondo	" 15 Bandon
" 18 Alliance	" 19 Alliance
" 20 Gasco	" 22 Breakwater
" 21 Breakwater	" 22 Redondo
" 22 Homer	" 24 Homer
" 24 Alliance	" 26 Alliance
" 28 Breakwater	" 29 Breakwater

## COMMITTEE TO BEGIN WORK

Solicitors Will Shortly Ask the Marshfield People For Financial Aid.

The soliciting committee for the Second Southern Oregon District Fair, to be held in Marshfield, met Wednesday afternoon in the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce rooms, and placed the estimate for the amount of subscription to be asked each merchant and business man for the purpose of raising funds to insure the fair's success. The amount to be asked each person has been made as modest as possible. Reports from outside soliciting committees are extremely encouraging and presage a bright outlook for the fair. It is hoped that Marshfield people will do their part and facilitate the work of the committee, which will shortly call upon them.

"The public responds 'in kind' to store-advertising. If it is big, important, full of significance to thrifty ad. in the paper today you are talking."

"Today's ads. are full of things to when the first faint knock of a need or want is heard on your door. quicken and enthrall 'bargain hunters.'"

# --CRYSTAL THEATRE--

Tonight - Friday - Saturday

## Special Attraction

Stop - Look - Listen

DEMARIS GABBERT will present a song and dance specialty in fancy costume—introducing the song hit, "Everyone Was Meant for Someone."

EARLY AROUND WITH THE MILKMAN this is the funniest film we have yet presented it shows the many queer and comical things the Milkman sees before honest folks are up.

FORESTER MADE KING A faithful reproduction of the old German Fairy Tale.

THE BLACKSMITH'S REVENGE A very stirring story with a forceful and dramatic climax

Program Changed Monday and Thursday

Performances 7:30 and 8:45 Admission 10c

## Post Card Views Of the Smith Mill

We have eight special souvenir cards of the C. A. Smith Mill. Just the thing to send your eastern and western friends to show what we have on Coos Bay. They would be very appropriate to go with a copy of The Times if you send one away. We also have 80 other local post card views. Be a booster. Mail a card to your friends.

A. M. PRENTISS & CO.  
 Post Cards, Novelties, General Merchandise.

## The Best

is always the cheapest though you may have to pay a little more to start with.

Therefore by keeping the best I am able to furnish you with the cheapest clothes obtainable.

I can make you a suit or take your measure for one.

And for pressing and repairing of all kinds, call up



# The First Trust & Savings Bank Of Coos Bay

The largest capitalized and paid-in capital of any bank in Coos county, and, from depositors' standpoint, as well safeguarded.

Operating under new state law, it has broader privileges to extend to customers than under any other banking charter, and publicity as to its standing and condition is required, as well as having good bank supervision by a state bank examiner.

Special attention is called to the Savings accounts, which are received as low as \$1.00, and upon which interest is paid.

We solicit your business and invite your attention to its officers and directors.

John S. Coke, President. M. C. Horton, Vice President and Mgr.  
 Dorsey Kretzer, Cashier.  
 S. C. Rogers. W. S. Chandler. William Grimes  
 C. W. Tower. Henry Songstacken. John F. Hall.  
 Commenced business October 21, 1907.

We will receive your money for taxes and procure your tax receipt and deliver same to you free of charge.

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One block consisting of 40 lots  
 in Rail Road Addition, Well located  
 Call for information at the office of

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For the Great Sale Commencing Saturday March 7th.



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To Last One Week : Everything Goes  
 WATCH FOR CIRCULARS

Representing Style and Quality.  
 MARSHFIELD, — OREGON

# --BIG CLEARANCE SALE--

To Make Room For Our Large Spring Stock

## 25% Discount On All Wall-Paper

You save One Quarter the cost of papering and you can't afford to lose this opportunity. If you are not ready to paper, you make Big money by buying your paper now and using it later.

We are the largest and cheapest Paint and Paper store on the Bay. Our prices are not raised to meet this sale. Select your paper early and have it delivered while the stock is full.

# BAYSIDE PAINT CO.

COOS BAY'S BIG PAINT STORE.

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