

# 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 "23's" 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."

## 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.

## PLANT ARRIVES IN FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Boat Enjoyed an Ideal Passage From the Bay City—List of Passengers.

When the plant arrived in, Thursday, the many friends of First Mate Robert Fitzmorris were glad to see him on duty once more. The mate has been lying off for several trips taking a much needed rest. The plant had an ideal passage from San Francisco, having left there on Tuesday afternoon. The boat is billed to sail at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Following are the passengers:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ringer, C. Ruling, B. H. Saule, H. Levy, H. Hume, C. H. Fisher, H. A. Chambers, J. W. Gardner, P. Hansen, W. H. Smith, C. J. Van Zile, Mrs. Laughbridge, Mrs. M. J. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Deyor, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Larson, J. P. Gilchrist, J. A. Reonstein, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, Mrs. J. Levy, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. E. Roden, Mrs. E. Crohill, J. F. Quirk, F. Hensen, Irving Chandler, J. Madsen and 15 baggage.

# SEEKS SISTER AND CHILDREN

### Twenty-six Years Ago They Were in Marshfield—Where Now?

What strange trick has fate played with the destinies of the members of this family?

In Coos county is there any person who can enlighten this half-brother, who seeks information after the lapse of a quarter of a century? To the Times in Wednesday's mail came a letter from F. C. Wright, Punteneey, Arizona. He wishes to know the addresses of Mrs. Phoebe Emerson, a half sister; and her three children, Rosa, Daisy and Charley Jones; also a sister, Eva May, whose husband's name he has forgotten. The letter follows:

Punteneey, Ariz., Feb. 28, 1908.  
Wanted to know—addresses of a half sister, Mrs. Phoebe Emerson and her three children, Rosa, Daisy and Charley Jones, who lived in Marshfield in 1882. Rosa taught several terms of school near town and would be about 48 years old if living; Daisy about 33 and Charley 36. Also of a sister, Eva May, (husband's name forgotten), who lived twelve miles south of the mouth of the Coquille and a mile back from the coast, and if living would be about 47. Any one knowing present address or having any knowledge of them in past years, please communicate immediately with the undersigned and receive appropriate reward for such favor.

F. C. WRIGHT, Punteneey, Ariz.

**Some Don't's.**  
DON'T miss an opportunity to speak a good word for the coming district fair in Marshfield.

DON'T blame Dr. Mings. The weather may be bad, but he can't help it. Complain at headquarters.

DON'T talk "stringency." Read the reports from New York and you will see that there is more money on hand than the country knows what to do with—but don't hold onto it. "It takes money to make money."

DON'T fall to help all of Coos county as well as Marshfield or North Bend or Eastside or Empire. Everyone should boost for the good of this whole section. A prosperous Coquille valley means a prosperous Coos Bay.

DON'T forget to subscribe for The Times. You will find that it is at all times a newspaper that stands for the "square deal," and it will please all members of the family.

DON'T read your neighbor's paper all the time. Remember, the more subscribers we have the better paper we can make. Don't forget it is your paper and you should help support it.

## PORT ORFORD POINTERS.

Important Items of the Week Taken From the Tribune.

Lorin Forty is now handling the ribbons on the stage from here to Corbin.

John R. Miller is expected down from Coos Bay in a few days with his gasoline boat and some 30 tons of freight for this place.

Born—February 22, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, a son. Jim was able to be in town Monday and was inquiring for a hatchet to give to the youthful George.

Oscar Neygren, who has been driving the new stage for some time, resigned his position and went to Bandon Friday, where he will be met by Eugene Strain, and the two boys will go on a pleasure trip to Eastern Oregon.

J. M. Woodworth passed down the coast Thursday on his return from Roseburg, where he had gone with his team after a gasoline engine for the boat to be used in carrying the mail from Gold Beach to the Illinois.

A petition was being circulated in Port Orford last week, asking for a vote on the local option question, but as a good many of our people are satisfied with the present "dry" state of affairs, it is doubtful if a change can be secured.

Tailors declare that "cuffs on trousers will not be allowed." But the Coos Bay small boy who disobeys his parents is liable to get a large number of cuffs on his trousers—with or without the consent of any tailor.

It is a wonder that people would not try to keep out of trouble when they know very well that by falling late if they must hire a lawyer.

## 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 Robarts	" 6 L. Rosco
" 6 Alliance	" 6 John Paulsen
" 6 M. F. Plant	" 7 Gasco
" 6 Breakwater	" 7 Alliance
" 6 John Paulson	" 7 Robarts
" 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	" 24 Alliance
" 28 Breakwater	" 29 Breakwater

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED ON COOS BAY ROUTE

Daily Real Estate Report Furnished Co. Henry Sengstacken, Manager. February 21, 1908.

Bennie Eitelson to Fred Jenkinson; deed. Lots 23 and 24, Blk. 14; also Lots 17 and 18, Blk. 13, Edmonston First Addition to Marshfield. \$225

Bertha J. Smith, to R. H. Smith; deed. Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 5; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 20; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 29, Coos Bay Plat B. \$10

Chas. A. Smith et ux, to C. A. Smith Timber Co.; deed. Timber land in Twp. 24, R. 11; Twp. 26, R. 9; Twp. 31, R. 12; Twp. 31, R. 13 and Twp. 32, R. 12. \$10

H. C. Behnke to J. C. Wilcox; deed. Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 70, Porter Addition to North Bend. \$10

Oliver Nicely et ux, to Fred Riggins; deed. Lot 6, Blk. 3, Ocean View Addition to North Bend. \$50

Simpson Lumber Co., to J. A. O'Kelly; deed. Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 51, North Bend. \$5

R. L. Edmonston to Joseph Stevens; deed; lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 12, Edmonston First Add. to Marshfield. \$10.00

H. Sengstacken et ux to L. D. Kinney; deed; lot 11, block 48, and lots 30 and 31, block 29, Coos Bay Plat B. \$5.00

H. Sengstacken et ux to L. D. Kinney; deed; lot 16, block 63, Coos Bay Plat B. \$10.00

George W. Beale et ux to L. D. Kinney; deed; lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 12, Coos Bay Plat E. \$1,000

School District No. 33 to North Inlet Social Club, deed; parcel of land beginning 6.04 chs. west of S. E. corner of N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter section 2, township 24, range 13, containing one-half acre. \$1.00

L. D. Kinney et ux to L. T. Matthews; deed; lots 15 and 16, block 60, Coos Bay Plat B. \$600.00

February 25, 1908.

Cora E. Bolt and husband to J. T. Byars; deed; lots 5 and 6, block 38, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$760.00

E. L. Roberts et ux to J. A. Roberts et al; deed; one-half interest in E. half of N. W. quarter, N. E. quarter of S. W. quarter and lots 1, 2 and 3, section 16; and lot 5 of section 17, township 26, range 12; also beginning 4.75 chs. E. of meander corner between sections 8 and 17, township 26, range 12. \$100.00

Bank of Oregon to L. C. Reynolds Lumber Co.; deed; all of block B, Bank Add. to North Bend. \$10.00

Lincoln C. Reynolds et ux to L. C. Reynolds Lumber Co.; deed; all of block C, Bank Add. to North Bend. \$10.00

February 26, 1908.

Henry Hoeck et ux to Bennett Trust Co.; deed; lots 1 to 4 and 13 to 24, inclusive, block 5; lots 14 to 21 inclusive, block 12; all of block 11, Coos Bay Plat D. \$1.00

Mary Florence Mullen to Flanagan Estate; deed; lots and blocks in Bunker Hill Add. and West Bunker Hill Add., Marshfield. \$10.00

Flanagan estate to Mary Florence Mullen; deed; lots and blocks in Bunker Hill and West Bunker Hill Adds., Marshfield. \$10.00

Flanagan Estate et al. to B. W. Olson; lots 5 and 6, block 4, Bunker Hill Add. to Marshfield. \$10.00

## LETTER IS FIFTY-THREE YEARS GOING FROM NEW ORLEANS TO NEW YORK—WAS MAILED BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A letter mailed to her in New Orleans long before the civil war reached Elizabeth Garthwaite at Newark yesterday. It took more than 53 years to deliver it. The date mark is December 30, 1854, and it will never be known where the missive has been since.

Miss Fanny Brittin, a cousin of Miss Garthwaite, wrote the letter. She was a daughter of Edward Brittin, who was then a prominent resident of New Orleans. She lives in El Paso, Tex. Miss Garthwaite is Mrs. Elizabeth B. Nicols, of 14 Fulton street, Newark, the widow of John A. Nichols.

In 1854 Miss Garthwaite and Miss Brittin were girls in frocks. They had lived at Elizabethtown, now Elizabeth, and attended school together. Finally the Brittins moved south.

The two girls corresponded for a time, but finally "Lizzie" failed to get a reply from "Fanny." Yesterday revealed the reason.

The only explanation that the mailing authorities can give is that it probably slipped behind a sorting table and lay between it and the wall until the table was removed.

The edges of the envelope are so badly worn that the missive could have been removed. But the name and address and the postmark of the New Orleans postoffice were plain. The ink on the letter had almost disappeared, but a line here and there showed it was simply a little chatty talk of one girl to another.

Mrs. Nicols learned of the Garthwaite letter being advertised at the Newark postoffice Sunday. When the office opened yesterday she claimed the letter.

## SUMNER ITEMS.

The farmers around Sumner are busy getting ready for their spring crop.

Delmer Dyer is opening up a coal vein on the Catching place near Sumner.

The stage drivers report four feet of snow in the Coast range mountains.

W. Norten, our new road supervisor, is doing some good work on the road.

Miss Eva Wilson, of Marshfield, is visiting her home at Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulldown, of Chicago, Illinois, spent Sunday at the Sumner hotel.

Miss Ollie Richard, of Sumner, has gone to Coquille to attend school.

The New Castle Coal mine is turning out some nice coal.

Mrs. John Barker, of Fairview, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris, of Sumner.

Miss Anna Waldvogel has taken charge of the Sumner school.

Gilbert Steckel, of Millington, was in Sumner Monday on a business trip.

## JAP RECEIVES BIG OFFERS.

(By Associated Press.)  
SALT LAKE, March 5.—Jack Treadwell, a Japanese interpreter, formerly a member of the Twenty-first United States infantry, states that he has been offered \$150 per month by an agent of the Japanese government to act as spy in discovering the location of mines and descriptions of the fortifications in San Francisco, San Diego and Puget Sound. Treadwell gives substantial details of the alleged offer.

# WIDOW GETS CHECK FOR MILLION KISSES

### Bank of Love Is Bankrupt and Now the Fair Holder of the Check Seeks to Recover Money Damages For Disappointment in Non-Payment of Love's Protested Paper.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Bank of Love is the latest victim of the prevailing financial panic. It has closed its doors after a heavy run and declared itself insolvent as far as kisses are concerned. Cupid's osculatory checks are repudiated, for not a single kiss is left in love's exchequer.

This amorous bankruptcy has caused a panic in the heart of Mrs. Margaret Ivers, a widow of Newark, N. J., who is unable to collect from Edwin G. Koenig, a former ardent admirer, on his order for 1,000,000 kisses, for the reason that he has transferred his kissing account to a substantial matrimonial treasury.

Mrs. Ivers, however, didn't throw away his draft, for 1,000,000 kisses might be turned into gilt-edged security.

She suggested submitting a bill, but her counsel, Abner Kallsch, prescribed a breach of promise suit as the most efficacious means of producing payment. Mrs. Ivers then discovered that her future prospects had been damaged to the extent of \$20,000, and papers naming that sum as a heart balm were served upon Edwin Koenig.

Mrs. Ivers is dainty and pretty in a petite brunette way, with soft, wavy hair which breaks out in curls around her piquant face. Her large dark eyes were dimmed with tears as she told about her check for 1,000,000 kisses.

"It seems so horribly mercenary to ask money for one's love, now, doesn't it?" she asked.

"But I must have some compensation for the anguish this affair has caused me."

"Four years ago I met Mr. Koenig, two years after I divorced my husband, and from the beginning he was an ardent wooer. He was devoted to me and wrote many love letters, all couched in the most endearing terms. My lawyer has them—eighty-one in all—and these will be produced at the trial in April."

# HOLOCAUST'S VICTIM MAY REACH TOTAL OF 180

### Bodies to the Number of 168 Recovered up to Noon of Thursday.

#### SEVENTY-SIX OF THESE ARE UNRECOGNIZABLE

#### County Coroner Making a Rigid Investigation—Public Funeral Friday.

(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, March 5.—Up to noon today 112 little bodies were identified among the pupils of the Lakeview school in Collinwood, who lost their lives in the fire which gutted the building yesterday. Twenty-four hours have passed, but the exact number of fatalities is unknown. How many bodies are still in the ruins, if any, is still undetermined. The search of the ruins is still proceeding. So far 168 bodies have been recovered, and of these, 76, it is generally admitted, cannot be distinguished one from the other. Their names must be ascertained from the list of missing. A great public funeral will be held tomorrow.

County Coroner T. A. Burke today began a thorough investigation of the board of education and other officials. So far no definite conclusion as to the cause of the fire has been reached, or where the blame, if any, is to be placed. It is generally admitted the building was of approved fireproof construction, and that the calamity could not have been averted, looked at from this standpoint. Also it is now believed the fire did not have its origin in the furnace, or from an explosion of a heating boiler. From the testimony so far adduced the fire started under a stairway leading from the basement to the first floor of the building. Janitor Fred Herler stoutly maintains that there was no waste or rubbish there.

The officials are doubling their efforts to ascertain the names of the three girls reported to have been in the basement at the time the fire started, and said by the janitor to have notified him of the fire. While the janitor has practically cleared himself upon his own testimony, yet the feeling against him runs high in Collinwood. Yesterday one father, crazed with grief, made an attempt upon the life of Herler, who is now guarded by the police. In addition to the blame not justified being heaped upon him, Herler is broken down with grief at the loss of three of his own children in the fire. As the day wears on it is the belief that the number of dead may total 180.

## TOTAL DEATH LIST 167.

Twenty-Three Bodies in Cleveland Remain Unidentified.

(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, March 6.—The body of Miss Katherine Wheeler, one of the two teachers who lost their lives in the Collinwood school fire was positively identified by the dentist. There are still 23 bodies unidentified.

The missing now tallies with the number of unidentified and indicates that all the bodies have been found, and that the total death list is 167. In fully one hundred cases the funerals will be individual, each family

burying its own dead. The first of these funerals was held this morning and will continue throughout the day. In some instances the services are grouped with five to ten bodies in one church. The unidentified will be buried next Monday according to present arrangements. The expense of these funerals and those in the families unable to bear the financial strain will be borne by public subscription. Thousands of dollars being subscribed and the list is growing hourly. A bill has been introduced into the legislature appropriating \$25,000 for relief of the needy sufferers. The bill is expected to become a law today.

## BILL PASSES.

COLUMBUS, March 6.—The legislature appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars for the relief of the Cleveland school fire sufferers.

## LAST LITTLE VICTIM OF THE COLLINWOOD FIRE PERISHES TODAY—TOTAL FATALITIES.

(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, March 7.—The last little victim of the Collinwood school fire to perish was Glen Barber, aged eight, who died of injuries received in jumping from the second story. In casting up the total pupils who were who were at the school the day of the fire it developed that six are still missing. The number of dead or missing is 174, including two teachers. There were over forty funerals today.

## CAPITALIST STARTS HOMEWARD

J. F. Bridges Leaves for Nevada After Making Substantial Investments on Coos Bay.

John F. Bridges, the Reno, Nevada, capitalist, left on the Breakwater for Portland, from which place he goes to Seattle and thence home. Before his departure he took a 20-year lease on the Gulovsen property at the corner of Pine and C streets, in addition to the Garfield hotel, which he purchased.

Mr. Bridges expressed himself as more than pleased with Coos Bay and its prospects, and expressed his intention of returning later in the year, when he will probably come to locate and make this place his permanent home.

His investments here are sufficient evidence of his faith in the country's future. He is a wide-awake, successful business man, and his coming will be a welcome and substantial addition to the city's commercial circles.