

### FINE PAVED STREETS AND OYSTER BEDS FOR COOS BAY

The Sentiment Is Unanimous for Improvement of Business Thoroughfares.

#### WOOD BLOCKS ARE IN UNIVERSAL FAVOR

State Fish Warden Van Dusen Says Coos Bay Should Cultivate Oysters.

Floods of oratory were turned loose at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night. The condition of Marshfield's streets was pictured in lurid terms. The establishment of a biology station on Coos Bay was discussed, and the prize essay on "How to Improve Marshfield's Educational Facilities" was read.

#### Street Improvements.

The question of street improvement was opened up by Hugh McLain, of the firm of Masters & McLain, contractors. There are six kinds of pavement, the speaker said, namely, Belgian block, bitulithic, asphaltum, vitrified brick, macadam and wood paving, or wooden block.

#### Mr. Leinenweber.

Mr. Leinenweber, representing the W. P. Fuller Co., followed. After paying his respects to the miserable condition of Marshfield's streets, Mr. Leinenweber advocated the use of treated wooden blocks. His firm has carbolinum to sell, and he indicated that he favored letting the street paving contract to Masters & McLain, a local firm, who would use his carbolinum in treating the blocks.

#### F. H. Clarke Talks.

Francis H. Clarke was called on. Mr. Clark did not peel off his coat and face the audience with his usual enthusiasm, for he declared he had never built any streets. The speaker admitted, however, that he had taken cognizance of the very unsatisfactory condition of the muddy streets, and wondered if it were not feasible that some day, Marshfield had a street car system which had sunk out of sight in the soft streets.

#### James Baines Orates.

James Baines rolled up his sleeves and sallied into the street improving business in the city of Marshfield. Mr. Baines stated that he had been in Marshfield the greater portion of his life, and to his certain knowledge the streets were in no better condition than they were twenty-two years ago.

#### Eddy Draws Comparison.

A. H. Eddy, the architect, was called. Mr. Eddy admitted he had lived all over the Pacific coast for the past 100 years, more or less, and in all his experience he had not been

In a city where the business streets had been permitted to get into such awful condition.

#### Biology Station.

When H. G. Van Dusen, state fish warden, was called on, interest in Marshfield's street situation had reached such a pitch that the state officer felt that he would be a butinsky to talk anything but streets. However, after promising to send down a shipment of carp to turn loose in Marshfield's business streets if they were not improved before he visits the bay again, Mr. Van Dusen launched into the subject of a biology station for the bay, with its attendant possibilities in the propagation of oysters and lobsters, and deep sea fishing, etc.

#### Oyster Theory.

Mr. Van Dusen's theory of the oyster on Coos Bay is that at one time the sand spit across the bay from North Bend, to the westward, was ocean, making the bar much farther in than at present.

#### President Asks Question.

President McCormac related the Indian theory as the cause of the decline of the oyster industry on Coos Bay. The Indian legend is to the effect that following the big fire, that ashes from the woods washed into the bay, forming a kind of lye which proved deadly to oysters.

#### Prize Essay.

As announced, the prize essay on "How to Improve Marshfield's Educational Facilities" was read at last night's meeting. There were four contestants from the high school. The judges, Mrs. Sengstacken, Dr. Straw and Dr. Tower, had met in the afternoon and passed on the productions. It was found that the contest was close, and after balloting the count showed in favor of Miss Helen Bradley.

### BLACKMAILERS ARE SENTENCED

Mayor Lane's Traducers Are Given Terms in the County Jail.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, March 10.—Mrs. Belle Waymire, was sentenced to four months' and E. E. Radding to six months' imprisonment in the county jail today. The couple were recently convicted of conspiring to ruin the character of Mayor Lane by having him discovered in a compromising position with the woman.

#### HAS LEG BROKEN AT THE SMITH MILL

An Employee Is Hit With Slab and Sustains Serious and Painful Injury.

William Zapisek, an employee of the C. A. Smith mill, is lying at the Mercy hospital at North Bend with a broken thigh bone, as the result of an accident in which he sustained the injury. While handling one of the logs at the mill he was in some manner struck with a slab, which fractured the right thigh bone.

#### LEFT HIM BIG BUNCH OF MONEY

Eastern Y. M. C. A. Man Falls Heir to Millions of Dollars in Australia.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 9.—J. T. Dower, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here, has been notified that he is heir to a fortune of ten million dollars from his uncle, Thomas Wallace, who died in Melbourne, Australia.

#### COAL OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING.

Supt. T. C. Russell, of the Beaver Hill Coal Mines was a Marshfield visitor on Saturday. He reports satisfactory progress in the work of developing the coal deposits of the company at Southport. The showing made in the preliminary prospecting has been so excellent that the company expects to commence the work of sinking a shaft at an early day.

At the Beaver Hill Mines new pumps have been installed with sufficient capacity to drain all the tunnels with ease. It is expected that they will be started in a short time and the mine will then be entirely free from water for the first time in three years.

#### LUMBER TRADE IS IMPROVING.

J. E. Oren, Manager of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Co., who is home from a flying business trip to the north coast, reports business conditions generally as greatly improved and the lumber trade looks much more encouraging.

Locally Mr. Oren reports business excellent with the Smith mill, orders and inquiries coming in large numbers being adjusted and it will soon be running with the regularity and smoothness of an old mill and equal to demands to full capacity.

#### INSPECTORS ARE IN CITY.

Two special postal inspectors are on Coos Bay today, Messrs Clements and Riches. Their business here at the present time was not divulged, but Inspector Clements is the man detailed by the department to investigate the land locators who have been advertising in reference to the Southern Pacific and Southern Oregon lands.

"Many a true word is spoken in jest," remarked Dr. Hayden as he lighted his cigar.

"Yes, said Dr. Straw, "but the majority of lies are uttered in dead earnest."

### COUNCIL MEETS THURSDAY CONSIDER STREET PAVING

Important Action Taken at Last Night's Meeting of City Fathers.

#### STREETS AND SEWERAGE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

Will Hold a Joint Conference With Property Owners and Taxpayers.

All the members of the council except H. Lockhart who is out of the city were present when Mayor Straw called the body to order.

An ordinance giving notice of intention to establish grades on G. I. Fifth and Fern streets was passed; also on Oregon avenue, H. street, Miriam street, Ohio and Nevada avenues.

A largely signed remonstrance against the proposed improvements on Miriam street was presented and on this showing the council decided to abandon these improvements for the present.

#### Bills Allowed.

The consideration of bills was then taken up the largest ones ordered paid being \$163.65 cents to the Pioneer Hardware Co., \$160 to Masters & McLain for extra street work on Pennsylvania avenue and \$30.00 to the same firm for extra street work on Broadway.

In the consideration of the Pioneer Hardware Co's bill Mayor Straw evidenced the monotony of the routine proceedings with the only joke of the session by remarking that the bills for a siren fire whistle were almost as high as the sound of the whistle.

the bill for installing the whistle after receiving it being over \$70.00.

Another arc electric light was ordered installed at the corner of H. street and Laurel avenue in South Marshfield.

#### More Sewers Needed.

Health Officer Dr. Mingus was present and delivered an earnest talk to the council on the necessity of hurrying the work of sewer construction in South and West Marshfield. He said this was of great importance as a number of cases of infectious diseases had developed in those sections as a direct result of poor sewerage.

#### Better Streets Needed.

Alderman Sacchi then took the floor and said that without minimizing the importance of the sewer work of the business streets must not be overlooked. He stated it as his belief that the condition of Front street had driven people away who came to Coos Bay with the intention of locating and were disgusted and discouraged with the appearance of the main business street of the city.

The matter of employing an expert accountant to straighten the city books and arrange a system of accounting was taken up and resulted in an agreement that definite action will be taken at the regular meeting next Monday evening.

The council then adjourned.

### NIGHT RIDERS RULE SOUTH

Inaugurate a Reign of Terror in Many Sections of Sunny Southland.

#### DEATH AN DISASTER FOLLOW THEIR WAKE

Reports of Murder and Arson Come From Many Quarters.

#### (By Associated Press.)

CLARKVILLE, Tenn., March 10.—Near Woodford, fifteen miles from here, Brown Bennett, son of an association tobacco raiser, was found dead early this morning with a bullet hole in his head. Near Bennett were two dead horses and three empty shot guns. It is believed Bennett was attacked by night riders, and was shot down by parties whom he and his gang attacked, and that his comrades in their haste had to leave him dying on the scene of the fight.

#### Negroes Must Go.

#### (By Associated Press.)

PADUCHA, Ky., March 10.—A hundred masked night raiders went to Birmingham, Marshall county, last night and shot six negroes, one fatally, and whipped five others. They took possession of the town and shot into the negro cabins. They warned twenty-five negroes to leave town. The raid followed a warning of two weeks ago to all the negroes to leave Birmingham.

#### Destroy Tobacco.

#### (By Associated Press.)

BROOKSVILLE, Ky., March 10.—Fifty night raiders, early today burned 15,000 pounds of tobacco belonging to Robert Stanton, one of the wealthiest planters in this section. The men were heavily armed. They placed a guard over the telephone exchange so that no request for assistance could be sent. The men attempted no violence. They did not burn the warehouse in which the tobacco was stored.

#### Give Warning.

#### (By Associated Press.)

HENDERSON, Ky., March 10.—William Bradshaw, a farmer living on the edge of this city this morning found a note warning him against employing negroes and signed "The Thirty Five." The note was accompanied by a bundle of switches, a match and some cartridges.

Johnson, of Coquille, directors.

At the meeting of directors it was decided to place a small amount of stock on the market, and a number of investors have been coming forward with subscriptions to a corporation that they believe is destined to work a wonderful change in this section of the country.

The pipe line of the power plant has been surveyed, and profiles of the system furnished, while applications for a pipe line right of way have been made and the matter of right of way for the pole line has been taken up with the county court, so that the power may be brought down from Brewster valley and distributed to the consumers.

The work of development is proceeding, and will go forward more rapidly as soon as the weather will permit of the work in hand. The prospects for the early building of the plant are now excellent, and the certainty of the value of the corporation, both to the country and the shareholders, is conceded by all who know their plans.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

## WILL PUSH WORK ON NEW ELECTRIC POWER PLANT

Project For Furnishing All Coos County With Electricity Progressing.

THE MEN INTERESTED VISIT COOS BAY

Say That the Work of Actual Construction Is Matter of a Short Time.

The gentlemen held a conference with L. J. Simpson of North Bend and a number of other business men in both cities. They are very much in earnest in their work and say that the work of actual construction on the new enterprise is only a question of a short time.

The last issue of the Myrtle Point Enterprise has the following in reference to the organization of the company:

A meeting of the stockholders of the Coquille Valley Power Co. was held in this city last Monday night and officers elected. Regular meetings of the corporation will hereafter be held on the third Monday of each month.

At last Monday's meeting the following officers were elected: F. E. Davenport, president. C. C. Carter, vice president. W. F. Hendricks, secretary. E. F. Davenport, W. F. Hendricks, C. C. Carter, J. R. Benson, and D. H.

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