

## \$500,000 TO IMPROVE COOS BAY HARBOR AND BAR

(Special to The Times)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21st.—The Secretary of War today sent to Congress the report of the Army Engineer recommending an appropriation of \$500,000 for the further improvement of the entrance to Coos Bay and the channel up to Marshfield.

The engineers turned down the proposition to extend the Jetty project because of its excessive cost but recommended the construction of a sea going hydraulic dredge for work on the Bar at the entrance to Coos Bay.

### BANDON CARRIES OFF HONORS IN COOS PYTHIAN CONVENTION

Delphi Lodge Gets Next Session and Banner for Best Degree Team.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED ATTEND GATHERING.

Meeting One of the Most Successful Organizations Has Ever Held.

The Delphi Lodge of Bandon, Knights of Pythias, carried off the honors in the annual convention of the Coos county district of the organization which closed in Marshfield last night after one of the most enjoyable sessions ever held. Bandon secured the next district convention which will be held in 1909 and its degree team captured the trophy banner which was hung up for the best exemplification of the rank of Knight. The attendance at the convention surpassed the expectancy of those in charge, nearly 200 hundred attending the different sessions when it was believed that only a few score would be here.

The banquet tendered by Myrtle Lodge No. 3 of Marshfield, was one of the most enjoyable features of the convention. Nearly 150 plates were set in the banquet rooms of the Odd Fellows hall which was fittingly decorated for the occasion. There were no toasts, the ceremony of presenting the trophy banner to Delphi Lodge of Bandon being substituted in their stead. The presentation speech was made by J. W. Snover and the acceptance by R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon.

**Welcome by Snover.**  
J. W. Snover, after the opening of the convention at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Odd Fellows hall, welcomed the delegates in behalf of Myrtle Lodge, No. 3, of Marshfield and Posidion Lodge of North Bend. R. E. L. Bedillion responded in behalf of Delphi Lodge of Bandon, W. C. Chase for Lycurgus Lodge of Coquille, Mr. Kehoe for Posidion Lodge of North Bend and Mr. Roberts for Hector Lodge of Myrtle Point. At the conclusion of these addresses, R. H. Mast of Coquille, the district deputy grand chancellor, who presided, delivered a short address on the condition and growth of the order in this section of Oregon.

Messrs Mast of Bandon, and F. P. Norton of Marshfield, were elected as the members of the committee on organization.

The meeting was then turned over to Myrtle Lodge which conferred the rank of Esquire on Frank Dillon and R. A. Pineger.

**Degree Team Contests.**

Following these ceremonies, the handsome banner which had been purchased by Myrtle Lodge as the prize trophy for the degree team contests was accepted by the convention with the understanding that it should be the property of the lodge first winning it as long as its degree team was able to hold it in the competitions. H. W. Dunham and Tom White of Myrtle Lodge, J. W. Snover of Friendship Lodge, No. 2, of Goldendale, Wash., and W. C. Chase and R. H. Mast of Lycurgus Lodge, were

named as the judges for the degree team contests.

The degree team of Posidion Lodge No. 5, of North Bend, proceeded to confer the rank of Knight (third degree) on Esquire E. T. Girth of that lodge. Upon the conclusion of their work, the degree team of Delphi Lodge of Bandon conferred the rank of Knight on Esquire Wm. McKay.

After a conference of the judges, it was decided that the Bandon team had carried off the honors by a narrow margin and the trophy banner was declared theirs.

**Delegates Present.**

Not all of the delegates from the other lodges registered, in fact only a small portion of them did. The total attendance was estimated at over 200. Among those who registered, other than the Marshfield members, some of them registering from the town where their home lodge is, were:

Bandon—J. W. Mast, T. A. Stillwell, J. A. McCord, John Langlois, J. H. Shields, F. W. Panter, E. R. Church, Nels Rasmussen, C. F. Thomas, H. T. Morrison, O. O. Howell, E. N. Harrington, Leo L. Cox, F. A. Holvorson, Wm. N. McKay, R. E. L. Bedillion, Dr. L. P. Sorensen and J. C. Shields.  
Coquille—J. C. Slagle, J. Laird, D. J. Lowe, B. Folsom, H. F. Schroeder, W. R. Chapman, T. A. Schroeder, W. C. Chase, Chas. E. Schroeder, V. M. Friend, Robert R. Watson, Jas. T. Jenkins, Ed. Johnson, R. H. Mast.  
Myrtle Point—L. E. Arneson, A. M. Arneson and E. C. Roberts.  
Libby—R. A. Harrison, T. J. Thomas and L. Dewees.

North Bend—Wm. Dolan, L. A. Frey, L. A. Loomis, C. A. McKellips, N. H. Welling, F. E. Glazier, E. E. Riggs, C. A. Moore, C. B. Magee, Fred Glazier, W. H. Sheppard, L. H. Christensen, Fred F. Sassman, H. I. Rees, Frank Miller, Walter A. Russell, Wm. Ireland, M. F. Burney, H. D. Smoak, H. E. Burmester, Chas. A. Furbop, J. W. Jacobson, C. J. Van Zile, Roy Brainard, Wm. Reichert, Chas. St. Dennis, C. E. Maybee, B. P. Anderson, E. T. Russell and C. T. Farris.

Wm. Wakefield of St. Johns, Ore.; C. E. Bowman of Hanover, Penn.; J. W. Bowers of Parkersburg, Ore.; B. F. Warren, Warsaw, Ind.; C. C. Russell, Vermillion, S. D.

### ALABAMA LINES UP IN THE BRYAN COLUMN.

(By Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 21.—Returns from the state Democratic primaries continue to come in slowly. The indications are that Bryan has carried the state though Governor Johnson gave him a close race. The Johnson forces piled up a large vote in southern Alabama but not enough, according to the present indications, to secure the endorsement.

### BRYAN LOSES PENNSYLVANIA.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARRISBURG, Pa., May 21.—The Democratic organization of Pennsylvania headed by National Committeeman Guffey defeated the Bryan faction of the party in the State Convention on the question of instructions for the four delegates at large.

### ARREST MAE WOOD FOR PERJURY

Complaint Senator Thomas Platt Dismissed by Court Which Orders Woman Held On Charge.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 21.—As a result of the testimony introduced in Senator Platt's behalf this afternoon, the court dismissed the charges brought by Mae Wood and ordered the woman held under \$5,000 to answer the charge of perjury.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 21.—Frank H. Platt, a son of Senator Thomas

Platt, testified today and declared that he believed none of the letters introduced by Miss Wood in her suit for divorce from the senator were true copies of those written by his father. He said that he destroyed the letters received from Abraham Hummel and for which he paid \$10,000, and that none of them contained any reference to the marriage between Senator Platt and Miss Wood. Frederick E. Hafely, president of the Stationery firm which sold the blank form upon which the alleged certificate of marriage was prepared, in a deposition read in court declared that the particular blank form was not placed on sale until February, 1902, three months after the marriage of Miss Wood to Senator Platt is alleged to have occurred.

### COUPLES WED BEFORE LODGE

Pythians Given Pleasant Surprise by Four Taking "Fourth Degree."

The annual convention of the Coos County Knights of Pythias lodges yesterday afternoon had the unexpected pleasure of witnessing a double wedding in which a father and daughter were two of the principals. The event came as surprise to all and for an hour or more the members and the new candidates who had just received the second degree were wondering what new hocus pocus had been added to the ritual. However, it wasn't part of the initiation—it was the real thing and the two hundred or so delegates in attendance vied with each other in showering honors on the bridal couples, making them guests of honor at the banquet which was tendered the visitors by the Marshfield lodge.

It all came about through C. K. Shaw, former city marshal of North Bend, who is also a well-known member of the North Bend Knights of Pythias lodge. Mr. Shaw, who has been a widower for these many years, was about to take unto himself a bride in the person of Mrs. Florence Bower, a well-known North Bend lady. His daughter, Miss Stella M. Shaw, had also decided to wed and father and daughter decided to make it a double wedding. They happened to be in Marshfield preparing for it when Mr. Shaw's enthusiasm as a Knight of Pythias became keyed up by the presence by so many of his lodge brethren and it struck him that it would be fitting to have the event take place in their presence. He confided the idea to the others and they were agreeable, so the four took their way to the Odd Fellows hall where the Pythian convention was in progress. Mr. Shaw gained the attention of District Deputy Mast who presided and confided his wish. Mr. Mast was agreeable as was the other officers of the lodge.

Mr. Shaw said that he hadn't engaged a minister but would look up one. Mr. Mast saw Judge Hall in the room and suggested that he as county judge and a leading Pythian should perform the ceremony and it was agreed upon.

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### PLEADS FOR COL. STEWART

Senator Rayner Scores President Roosevelt in Address in Senate.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 21.—Senator Rayner of Maryland, in the senate today called up his resolution requesting President Roosevelt to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate the charges against Colonel William F. Stewart of the Coast Artillery, now stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona. Senator Rayner said that he took the action because he was satisfied there would be no report from the committee on military affairs during this session of congress.

He spoke sarcastically of Stewart's present position in the lonely surroundings and said "The President is delighted with the situation and therefore the chairman of the military committee ought also be satisfied. If the president is satisfied, everybody ought to be satisfied, why not? What right has anybody to be dissatisfied with anything that satisfies the president? Who would be guilty of such a treasonable act?"

"Continuing in a sarcastic vein, he spoke of the alleged refusal of the President to receive communications from Colonel Stewart and give him an opportunity to present his side of the case, and said "the President prefers to try his case without any witnesses for the defense." He concluded with an appeal to the senate for a vote on his resolution.

degree and before the executive session closed, C. K. Shaw and Mrs. Florence Bower and Wm. D. Stewart and Stella M. Shaw marched to the platform, the wedding march being led by the bearers of the United States flag and the Pythian banner where the ceremony was performed.

Mr. Stewart is an employe of Major L. D. Kinney's at Plat B.

The double wedding is now referred to as the fourth degree by J. T. Hall and other leading Pythians.

**TO COOS COUNTY VOTERS.**

T. J. Thrift, Democratic candidate for assessor of Coos county, bases his candidacy for the office on his past record. Equality and a fair deal for every property owner.

### MANY LIVES LOST IN WRECKS ON RAILWAYS EARLY TODAY

#### PORTER MAN ENDS LIFE

Swanee Swanson, Fisherman, Found Dead in Scow-House—Verdict Suicide.

Swanee Swanson, a Coos Bay fisherman and well-known by the navigators with whom he has been associated during his many years residence in this section was found dead in his boat house at Porter this morning a 44-calibre bullet having gone through his body near the heart. A rifle lying at his side with an empty shell in the barrel told the story. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide, intentional and premeditated.

Swanson was last seen the day before yesterday, late in the afternoon. He had been drinking. This morning, passers by who happened to look in through the window saw the body stretched out on the floor and immediately notified county coroner, Dr. E. Mings of Marshfield. Dr. Mings went to Porter, broke in the door of the scow boat and found Swanson dead. Swanson had evidently been dead many hours. The forty-four rifle had been discharged with the muzzle almost against his breast, and death was almost instantaneous.

Swanson was about forty years old and sort of a recluse. He had a number of fishing nets, some good boats besides his scow-house and made considerable money as a fisherman. As to his past or relatives, few knew anything in particular.

It is believed that Mr. Benson of Ten Mile, Swan E. Peterson of Haines Inlet and Nels Nelson of Kentuck Inlet, are either related or close friends of the dead man. Dr. Mings has sent word to them and no disposition will be made of the body until they are heard from.

### FLEET NOW AT THREE PORTS

Battleships Anchor Today at Bellingham, Port Angeles and Port Townsend.

(By Associated Press.)  
BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 21.—The members of the Atlantic battleship fleet flying the pennant of Rear Admiral Sperry, dropped anchor in Bellingham Bay at 11 o'clock this morning and was formally welcomed by Mayor J. P. Dematte. The division arriving here was composed of the Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, Kansas, Nebraska and Virginia, carrying 328 officers and 7,000 enlisted men. The remaining vessels of the fleet dropped out of line this morning, anchoring in the harbors of Port Angeles and Port Townsend. The first division will spend two days at Bellingham.

Four Dead and Three Badly Hurt on Southern Pacific Near Oakland.

CAUSED BY TRUCK JUMPING THE TRACK.

Over Fifty Killed and 100 Injured in Disaster in Belgium.

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., May 21.—As a result of a train wreck on the Southern Pacific, one mile west of Pinole last night, three were killed outright and one died today, and three are badly injured.

The dead are: Engineer R. K. Ward of Oakland, who died today; J. M. Cummings, an express messenger from Portland; Fireman L. W. Coats of Oakland, and an unidentified tramp.

The injured are J. F. Hanrahan, a fireman who will die; J. W. Birmingham, and W. W. Roderhaver, express messengers, not seriously hurt.

It is believed that the front truck of the baggage car jumped the track.

### DISASTER IN BELGIUM.

Fifty Killed and Over 100 Injured in Wreck.

(By Associated Press.)  
ANTWERP, May 21.—A misplaced switch caused an express to crash into a train loaded with pilgrims on their way to Turnhout, causing the worst wreck ever recorded in Belgium. The dead are placed at fifty and the injured at a hundred. Up to 4 o'clock, fifty-eight dead and injured had been recovered.

### McGREGOR GETS JOB.

Selected as Collector of Customs for the Oregon District by President.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Roosevelt has nominated William F. McGregor to be collector of customs for the district of Oregon.

### DYNAMITE TO WRECK BRIDGE

Labor Trouble Said to be Cause of Disasters in the East.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 21.—The bridge under construction on the Harlem branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Bay Chester, was wrecked by dynamite today, fifty pounds of explosives being placed under the first span. Today's outrage followed an attempt to wreck the bridge, the same road was spanning the Harlem river with labor troubles are believed to be at the bottom of the plot.