

INTEREST IN PRIZE CONTEST

Many Likely to Submit Essays on "Coos Bay as a Summer Resort."

Much interest is being taken in the prize essay contest on the theme "Coos Bay as a summer resort" which has been started by Secretary Walter Lyon of the Chamber of Commerce. The competition is open to all and it is expected that a large number of contestants will participate. It is likely that it will be made the subject for thesis or essays in the North Bend and Marshfield schools.

Concerning the contest, Secretary Lyon issued the following statement this morning:

"Coos Bay, with its dozen arms and inlets, sunset views, charming lakes and wooded environs, is the summer resort of Oregon, but the world doesn't know it. Prizes are offered by Coos Bay citizens for stories or essays on "Coos Bay as a summer resort." The term "Coos Bay," is understood to embrace the Coos Bay country. The length of the essay is limited to 750 words. The manner of reaching the Bay may be included in the subject matter. Manuscript must be turned in not later than Saturday, May 30th. Seymour Bell, first prize, \$10. Walter Lyon, second prize, \$5. George Goodrum, 3rd prize, a hat. "If other prizes are offered, they will be first or smaller, according to amount offered and others adjusted so as to make the largest offer apply to first prize and the smallest to the last prize."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

"The Fate of Coos Bay Knockers" and Life on Coos Bay Will be Discussed Tonight.

"Six months on Coos Bay," in ten minutes, and "The fate of Coos Bay knockers," are the subjects that will be discussed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting tonight.

A. H. Eddy will take the lead on the former subject and Mr. Saltmarsh the latter. Other matters of interest will be touched upon. Everybody invited.

LONDON LAD AN OLD MAN

NINE-YEAR-OLD LAD HAS BEARD AND ACTS LIKE PERSON MANY YEARS HIS SENIOR.

LONDON, May 22.—Joseph Williams, the 8-year-old son of a decorator living in the Maida Vale district, is the most remarkable boy in London.

At the age of 7 his voice "broke," and became sepulchral bass, and now, at the age of 8, he is the possessor not only of a full-grown man's voice, but of a budding mustache. He has proved a sore puzzle to 13 doctors, including the late Sir William Broadbent, who have examined him and pronounced him a "freak of nature."

This very precocious boy was "discovered" by Parry Cole, the organist of a church in Maida Vale and the composer of several light operas and songs. The boy came to him a week ago to have his voice tried for the church choir, and Mr. Cole at once noticed that the boy, whose birth certificate he can produce, possessed a deep bass voice.

Parry Cole became so interested in the case that he made an arrangement with the parents of the boy to teach him singing for seven years.

A press representative interrupted the precocious Joseph in the middle of his singing lesson yesterday. He is tall for his age and sturdy, and amazingly solemn. He is very dark, and on the upper lip is a well-defined mustache, which his mother cuts for him now and then.

He is extremely intelligent, and has a voice of immense power. He sang a patriotic song, entitled "Queen Victoria," composed by Parry Cole, and the power of his voice would have made a Socialist on Clapham Common green with envy.

Then he sang a scale and reached the C in the bass clef. At present his ear is poor, but Mr. Cole believes that he has in this extraordinary boy a pupil who will one day become a great "basso profundo."

Joseph himself has all the bash-

NORTH BEND NEWS

Mrs. Robert McCann spent yesterday with Mrs. Frank Stoner at the depot.

C. C. Going of Marshfield, was attending to business interests in North Bend yesterday.

Mrs. Nellie Cozelt of south Coos River, was the guest yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cozelt of North Bend.

Mrs. Henry Rees of North Bend, was called to Myrtle Point today by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Houston.

Thomas Story of North Bend, will leave tomorrow on the Breakwater. He expects to spend the summer in Portland and Seattle.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Younger of the light house was quite severely scalded by the upsetting of a kettle of hot water near which it was playing. The little one was brought to North Bend for medical attention and is reported getting along nicely now.

BEDILLION STANDS FOR STATEMENT NO. 1.

Candidate Announces His Adherence to the People's Choice for United States Senator.

R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon, Democratic candidate for representative from Coos county, is on Coos Bay meeting, many old time friends and making many new ones.

Mr. Bedillion is one of the prominent business men and boosters of Bandon. Practical and successful in business his friends are urging his merits as the proper man to represent Coos county in the legislature. Concerning his position on public questions Mr. Bedillion says: "I stand fairly and squarely for Statement No. 1 and pledge myself to vote for the people's choice for United States senator regardless of politics."

"I am also favorable to the laborer's lien law and will endeavor to protect that law to the best of my ability."

"If elected I will go to the legislature as the representative of all the people of Coos county without reference to their political affiliations and to promote and protect their interests in every way."

fulness of the boy of 8, but he hastened with pride to explain to the press representative that he would be 9 next Monday.

"I went to St. Mary's hospital every Saturday for two years," he said. "I was examined by 13 doctors, and Sir W. Broadbent saw me about nine months ago."

It is next to impossible to get a smile from Joseph, who will probably be a very venerable old gentleman when he comes of age, but there was just a ghost of a flicker in his face when he mentioned that he had been amused at the pantomime at the West London theatre.

ECHOES FROM THE SHOPS.

King blue, brown, and leather shades are the most popular for millinery this season.

A dash of bright cerise is just the thing this season to add style to spring millinery.

The Merry Widow sailor has made its appearance in Coos Bay shops and proves to be a most enviable creation. The broadest of the broad and broadness goes all the way around so that if its a close shave getting through any place with them on, it can't even be a case of "turn sideways." A clever cartoonist has recently attempted to solve the problem that he thinks may arise when everybody wears them. He is for dividing the sidewalk into channels, each labeled to accommodate women of a certain height. Thus the Merry Widow sailor wearing women can pass each other without danger, the tall one walking serenely in one channel, and the others ranging along down the scale, walking in their respective channels. A novel scheme.

But the sailor is not only broad, but it is high, right in front where a huge pile of trimming stands erect. "To be really smart, every hat must have that erect effect, that straight up line," said a milliner indicating the effect as she spoke with her hand that jerked expressively straight up from her head and indicated broad conception of how far "straight up" the effect was to go. Of course that is left to the taste of the individual.

AGED PIONEER IS STRICKEN

Henry Butler Succumbs Suddenly to Pneumonia at Portland.

Henry Butler, one of the best known pioneers of Coos Bay and in early days one of the leading factors in starting the development of the lumber industry and shipping, died suddenly in Portland of pneumonia. Word has just been received here of his death. A peculiar sadness marks his passing as at the time he was stricken, he was en route with his daughter, Mrs. Williamson, to her home in Montreal, Canada, where he was to spend the remainder of his days. He had been in poor health here and his daughter came to Coos Bay a short time ago to take him with her. He had been slightly affected by pneumonia but was thought to have recovered sufficiently to make the trip. When they reached Portland, though, he was taken seriously sick and soon died.

Mr. Butler came to southwestern Oregon about a half century ago. He was born in Maine in 1828 and on the North Atlantic coast secured his first training on the high seas. He followed seafaring after coming here and was one of the first sea captains sailing in and out of Coos Bay. Later, he and a brother, Alfred, became interested in the lumber business and started the mill at old North Bend which Captain A. M. Simpson later purchased from them.

For several years he had not been very active, blood poisoning having developed about four years ago from a trivial injury and necessitated the amputation of his right leg.

BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN ONE WEEK LATER.

Managers Decide to Change Season and to Divide Prize For Winners.

At a meeting of the baseball managers of North Bend, Bandon, Co-

TWO GREAT SPECIALS



I am offering for 2 days only my \$20 and \$25 suits at \$18 and \$22, now is the time to get a tailor-made suit cheap.

Boys if you want the proper styles always remember Goodrum is the leader.

All the Time Classy

Packard shoes in all the newest shapes, in patent leather and tans, both in high and low cuts, at \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

If you want a dressy shoe, the Packard will give you an understanding of style.

Merry Widow Hat Special

Something new in Hats that cannot be beat. I have a sky piece that you should have, come and see it.

It costs you nothing to visit my store so, come, look my line over.

Geo. Goodrum
THE GENTS FURNISHER
MARSHFIELD, OREGON.

See Gans and Nelson PRIZE FIGHT TO-NIGHT AT The Dime

ALSO—"Me and My Two Pals," and "Conovering the Dolomites." Admission 10c. Children, half price. Entire change of program three times a week.

CRYSTAL THEATER

MOVING PICTURES AND ILLUSTRATED SONGS.

10c - Performances 7:30 and 8:45 p. m. - 10c

STUTSMAN & CO. SOMETHING FOR YOU TO INVESTIGATE

Tracts suitable for summer homes on Coos River, 10 acres of bench fruit land on tide water, \$100 per acre.

50 acre tract of bench fruit land on tide water, \$50 per acre.

Lots for Summer bungalows, 82½ feet by 132 feet, \$250 each.

These lots are located on warm, sunny myrtle banks.

Lots for summer homes and cottages, different locations, all fronting Coos River, \$50 each, and up.

Tracts suitable for purchaser one acre up to one hundred and sixty.

Ideal piece of land 4½ miles from town, north side of river, has all the benefits of sun, 7½ acres, price, \$2,000.

\$500 Cafe, outfit complete, all goes for \$375.

Lot, 125x155½ feet, improved house and barn, close in and a good buy, \$2,900.

Coal right on 160 acres, for \$2,000, or on the entire tract for \$4,800.

ALDER PARK \$20 to \$30 PER LOT.

Business lot, close in, look this up. Price, \$8,500. Good house, 26x28, 8 rooms, lot 30x100, in good repairs, facing the east, located in good part of North Bend. One-half down, balance in 6 and 12 months.

ONE OF THE PROPOSITION THAT WILL BEAR THE CLOSEST OF INSPECTION.

193 Acres Farm, 5 miles from Marshfield—One among the best-buys that has ever been offered to investors. Fine location, the best of Sandy Loam; all can be cultivated.

There is being planted 30 acres of potatoes which produce about 350 bushels per acre, or from

15,000 lbs. to 20,000 lbs. per acre. The selling price which stands about normal at digging time, \$1.00 per hundred.

The Dairy Department is netting about \$10.00 per day at present.

This bargain can be had with improvements for \$20,000; with personal property, \$22,000. This brings you the best of land on Coos River at a price of \$103 per acre, and all can be cultivated. Half cash, balance on easy terms.

Dairy farm on Catching Inlet, good water transportation, daily boat service, county road to city of Marshfield. Telephone to all parts of the country. Modern and up-to-date residence, good large barn. 80 to 90 acres bottom land under cultivation. Hill and bench land, good clay and clay loam soil adapted to grass, fruit, vegetables, the coal underlaying this land is worth the price. Located on county road, and principal waterway 6 miles from Marshfield.

Price ----- \$55.26 per acre.

A corner lot 50x100, good residence on Chestnut street, Marshfield, \$4,700.

Graded lot, 45x100, on Sherman avenue, North Bend, close in, \$1,000.

A good rental proposition or home, large, modern, furnished house, and two lots—in business part of North Bend, \$2,900.

We are located on corner of 'C' and Front streets, Marshfield, Oregon. All information free. Will arrange for you to investigate any propositions we have. You are under no obligations to us for looking over the buys. Boat at any time.