

Merchant Bros. Will Positively Move This Coming Week

TOMORROW, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the last days at our old home. We urge all of our patrons to come these two days as we will not attempt to do business during the trial of moving.

For Friday and Saturday we have marked down some unusual bargains to wind up a most successful sale. Time and space will not permit us to go into detail as to the many good offerings we have in store for you but come and you will be entirely pleased.

Look For Our Opening Announcement--We are going to extend an invitation to everybody to come and enjoy an evening, listen to the music and see the best and most convenient shopping place this side of Portland.

MERCHANT BROS. "The Business Getters"

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Times is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of "general interest." It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous nature.—Ed.)

Why Not Pave Now?

Editor Times: What's the matter with the Front street improvement? It appears that the adjacent property owners along the street, who are to pay for the improvement, are ready, and anxious for the work to begin. The tenants who occupy the business blocks along this street are ready, and anxious for the improvement. This is the most extensive business thoroughfare in the city, and everybody wants this work to begin. Why not? You must wake up gentlemen, and do business. The spirit of progress and improvement has at last taken hold of our people, and you, the city council of all others, must not stand in the way. Rather you must do your whole duty, in a prompt and businesslike way, or give place to a set of men who will. The people demand these things, and you must do them. Other towns of Oregon are moving right along with the work of improvement. Block after block, have been paved, during the recent spell of good weather, in a number of places. Yet we have not even reached the point of settling the essential preliminaries in our work. What is the matter with the advertising, and letting of the Front street contract from 'A' to 'C' streets? Why not get in now and get all these preliminaries settled, and brushed out of the way, so we can proceed at once with the work, the weather permitting? Come gentlemen you can't afford to thwart, or delay, by inactivity, or neglect these measures, that public sentiment, and public necessity now so urgently demand. We have delayed long, it is true, too long, but that is past; let us remedy it now, in so far as we may, by showing ourselves, and the world, that we mean to do business from this on. These suggestions let it be understood, are meant not only for the improvement on Front street, but for all the streets of the city, where the people are offering to pay, and demanding that the work be expeditiously done.

—An Abutter.

CLAIMS THE PROHIBS ARE OF WILDEST SORT

As stated in this paper yesterday, the Prohibition workers make the wildest statements to bolster up their campaign and influence the diffident elector. For two days they have stated in this paper that Marshfield will give a Prohibition majority of 200 votes and Coos county will give 500 majority. This, they say, is a conclusion reached after a careful canvass of the registration.

As a matter of fact, a personal canvass of the Marshfield voters (not registration), shows conclusively that

COQUILLE CULLINGS.

News of Interest of Coos County Seat as Told in Sentinel.

One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was that at the home of Mrs. L. Woodruff in Bandon, Monday evening when her son J. D. Woodruff and Miss Esther May Ames were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Rev. Geo. Roach officiating clergyman.

The past few days have seen a number of changes in the mercantile establishments of the city; some have gone out of business while a half interest has been sold in another establishment. The Mill & Mercantile Co., wishing to devote their energies to the new mill which they intend to build this summer, sold their stock of merchandise to Land & Lyons who are going to move it to their store on Second street.

Tuesday W. T. Kerr sold a half interest of his mercantile business to G. A. Hanson of this city. Mr. Hanson has been engaged in the feed business in Marshfield for the past year, but hankering after Coquille's salubrious climate made him dispose of his interest in that city and cast his lot with the merchants of Coquille.

The stock of groceries which C. H. Banning is disposing of is going fast and he expects that by the first of the week he will be free of business cares.

W. V. Cope has sold his interest in the People's meat market to Messrs. J. Hickam and J. S. Plummer. Mr. Plummer is a native of Missouri and came to this county with his brother-in-law, William Cleghorn.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLeod near this city last Saturday when their daughter, Miss Isabelle McLeod was united in marriage with Henry P. Belloni of this city. Miss Belle McLeod, a cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and John Belloni, a brother of the groom, served as best man. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. John Thomas of this city.

Mrs. D. W. Bourne, daughter, and mother, Mrs. Kelly, will leave on the Breakwater for their future home in Spokane, Washington, where she has accepted a position with an orchestra in that city.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen of Bandon, May 18, 1908, a son.

MARSHFIELD EPISCOPALIANS DISCUSS CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

CHAIRMAN J. W. BENNETT OF VESTRY MAKES DETAILED STATEMENT OF MEETING YESTURDAY CONCERNING NEW CHURCH AND PLANS.

A meeting of the members of the Episcopal Guild and Sisters of Bethany was held yesterday afternoon, May 27, in pursuance of a letter written by the chairman of the vestry on the 12th inst., saying, "The Episcopal vestry would respectfully call your attention to the fact that there is debt due of Six Hundred Dollars and interest from November 21, 1907, to Mrs. Louisa Hirst on the new site which the church recently purchased to erect a church on. This six hundred dollars is drawing interest which is to be paid regularly and we would respectfully ask that you make some effort to reduce this debt. We would also respectfully submit that four hundred dollars has been subscribed by two persons for the erection of a new church and one of the subscribers who has contributed two hundred and fifty dollars agrees to increase it to five hundred dollars if anybody can be found who will contribute a similar sum. By united efforts the debt could be paid off and the new church constructed. The plans and specifications for the new church have already been approved by the bishop and we will feel exceedingly obliged if you will put forth some effort to help us in this undertaking."

The meeting was well attended and the condition of the affairs of the church discussed, and the best method of proceeding talked of, also regarding other matters pertaining to the condition of the church. The chairman of the vestry was asked if he had with him a statement of the affairs of the church and replying he said that he had sent a detailed statement to the Episcopal Guild recently and at regular intervals for many years but that he would obtain any information which they desired and forward it to them.

One item of a payment of one hundred and seventy-five dollars was brought up by one of the ladies, saying she understood that this sum and twenty-five dollars more, which was to be added to it was to be paid on the debt due on the new site for the church, after the one hundred dollars principal and forty-nine dollars interest had been applied.

The chairman said he would let them know the condition of affairs sometime this week, and it was discussed that an effort be made in an endeavor to get the bishop to dispose of the old church and rectory on the hill and erect a new church on the site recently purchased. The chairman of the vestry said that there had already been subscribed two hundred and fifty dollars by a member of the vestry and another one hundred and fifty by another member of the vestry, which made four hundred dollars, and Mrs. Sengstacken promptly asked that her name be added to the list to the extent of one hundred dollars, that is for the erection of the new church, without the necessity of disposing of the property on the hill, but those in charge of these matters, being the Bishop and Advisory Board are in

favor of this being retained for a rectory in the future. Both, the Guild and the Sisters of Bethany were requested to take steps to raise some funds for the purpose of their paying the debt on the present site or constructing a new church, and the members of the vestry who have subscribed toward the fund for the new church have expressed themselves since then that they will double their subscription which amounts to four hundred dollars, if any one person can be found who will contribute five hundred dollars and an additional offer has been made since that if the Sisters of Bethany and the Guild will raise a similar sum that is five hundred dollars, the two members of the vestry will double their subscription also.

The organizations being in joint session could not very well act on the matter separately, therefore it is presumed that the matter will be considered by them in the interest of the Episcopal church at their next meeting.

The chairman of the vestry stated to the reporter that he had prepared a statement as suggested above which he was about to forward, and which omitting the formal parts is as follows:

At the meeting yesterday, May 27, 1908, I was asked by one of the members of the Guild if I had a statement showing the condition of the affairs, and as I had already sent an itemized statement to the Guild and I think to the Sisters of Bethany also, altho I am not sure about that, I had not one convenient, but the vestry now submits that on July 1, 1907, the vestry was in debt in the sum of \$154.03 on account of moneys borrowed to pay for repairs to the church and material therefor, coal, lights, etc., and for thirty-one dollars borrowed to pay the Missionary Apportionment for this district, a detailed statement of which has been forwarded heretofore.

Upon that date and with the financial condition showing the vestry in debt on account of money borrowed, one or two ladies of the Episcopal Guild brought a check to the chairman of the vestry and requested that twenty-five dollars be added to this amount, from the rents which had already been collected to apply on the indebtedness. When the check was delivered to the chairman of the vestry, he was not familiar with the condition and as a matter of fact at the present time he has no recollection of the request being made at that time, but having the utmost confidence in what the ladies say about it thinks they are correct and that it has slipped his memory, however, believing that it was the duty of the Guild to pay the items referred to, amounting to \$154.03 as they had always done before, without objection, the amount was retained on hand until about the time the interest on the indebtedness to the Bennett Trust Company, the principal of which was seven hundred dollars, became due, and then the rents from the new building site had accumulated so that there was an additional credit of \$143.10 which was on January 8, 1908, paid to the vestry from the bank; this making a total credit at that time in the hands of the vestry of \$318.10 and by paying all of its indebtedness at that time

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which amounted to \$306.78, left a balance of cash in the hands of the vestry of \$11.32, the first time it has been out of debt in many years, and for the money it borrowed, no interest has ever been charged.

By this condition of affairs it paid one hundred dollars on the principal of the seven hundred dollars debt and left \$11.32 on hand. If deemed advisable, the vestry is able to borrow this one hundred dollars from the same source where other sums have been borrowed to pay another one hundred on the principal of the seven hundred dollar debt. If the Guild so understood that they were working for that purpose, and eliminate the question as to whether or not moneys obtained through the Guild's efforts, without special authority, can be handed over to the vestry with directions where any special sum shall be applied, when the vestry thinks it is needed worse somewhere else.

I mentioned yesterday at the meeting that it was my understanding that the vestry would be entirely guided by the directions of the rector of the parish and the bishop, in case it became necessary to consult the latter, as to the disbursement of all funds coming into their hands and that the vestry simply acted upon instructions from the rector and bishop.

If every one of the organization have a right to take the funds of its combined efforts and say what particular bill shall be paid and what particular bill shall not be paid, then what is the use of sending the money to the vestry at all? The vestry is presumed to be composed of persons actively engaged in business and have some time to devote to financing these matters which the members of the societies haven't the time to give or the disposition to look into.

As I said before I did not have these figures with me at the time of the meeting yesterday, supposing that the itemized statements sent from time to time for a period of many years had been fully investigated. I respectfully hand them to you now."

Since dictating the above I find that when the rent due on the new site is collected for May and June, there will be nearly enough to pay the \$100 without having to borrow if some one will take care of the interest.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. BENNETT,
Chairman of Vestry.

COQUILLE WEDDING.

Mr. Louis E. McCutcheon and Miss Josie M. Nichols, both of Coquille, were united in marriage in the parlors of the Myrtle Point hotel Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 by Rev. H. M. Granham, in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon will make their home at Coquille, where the groom is employed in the lumbering business.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
To the Voters of Coos and Curry Counties:

As a candidate for joint senator, I have been asked to make a public statement.

Of myself personally, I shall say nothing as I have lived in Coos county for the past fourteen years, and during that time have actively engaged in many occupations and enterprises, including coal mining, logging, road building and general contracting, so that I have come in contact with most of the active elements in the county development, and my character, dealings and reputation are well known to many and easily ascertained by all. As to my general qualifications for the office, I leave the public to judge, but that there may be no misunderstanding of my position, I make this public announcement that I have signed Statement No. 1, and if elected shall vote for the people's choice for United States senator.

My experience and acquaintance with local conditions should enable me to properly represent the district, and I therefore feel justified in asking your support.

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