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HIGHEST TIDE IN YEARS FLOODS LOW PARTS OF CITY

Runs Over Dike Along Railroad
Addition and Inundates
Territory.

LITTLE DAMAGE
IS DONE BY IT

Old Residents Declare It
Reached Highest Point In
History.

As a result of one of the highest tides in Coos Bay in the last quarter of a century, all of Railroad addition and in fact all of the lowland about the bay is covered with four to six feet of water. Points that have not been inundated in the memory of even many old residents are this afternoon far underwater and for a time, many residents along South Broadway feared that they might be compelled to move out. Owing to the high water, the C. A. Smith mill was unable to resume operations after noon today. The pumping station of the mill was put out of commission yesterday. The mill site is practically surrounded by water but no damage has been done aside from the stopping of work for this afternoon.

Today would mark the high tide of the year under natural conditions and according to the tide-book would have reached 7.8 at 11:23 a. m. at the bar. Of course, the crest of the tide does not reach Marshfield for a couple of hours after it floods at the bar.

Coupled with the season high tide, the elements have joined and made it much higher. The strong wind that has prevailed caused heavy swells and the constant rain has caused the creeks and inlets emptying into the bay.

The North Bend mill, old town mill and the Sash and Door Factory at North Bend were compelled to shut down early today, their furnaces being flooded.

The flooding of the city south of Mills Slough attracted hundreds. The water was pouring in over the entire length of the dike, making a pretty waterfall scene. The dike made a regular basin of that section of the city back to the highlands and was all filled.

Causes Much Comment.
The high tide is causing much discussion among the older residents of Marshfield. Many recall that about 1889 or 1890, a tide submerged Front street and all of the city back to the Masonic Opera House.

J. W. Bennett says that today's tide was higher than that one because the grade of Front street has been raised several feet since then. Mr. Bennett believes that today's tide was the highest ever experienced on Coos Bay.

Take Out Horses.
Bob Herron's barn on lower Broadway was surrounded by water about noon and Mr. Herron made haste in having Doc Rowell, Teddy and the remainder of his string removed to safe and dry quarters.

It was feared that the bulk-heads recently put in along Broadway would be floated away but they had not been moved at a late hour.

ALLIANCE SAILS.

The Alliance sailed this morning for Portland with a large number of passengers and a good freight cargo. Capt. Parsons believes that he will be able to make the trip up so that they can leave there again for Coos Bay on schedule time, Saturday night.

The Alliance outgoing passenger list follows:
W. Olson, Mrs. W. C. Jenkins, N. A. Barrett, Chas. Dilley, Ed. Nugent, J. G. Arnold, Mrs. M. L. Greenwood, Mary Greenwood, W. C. Ward, W. P. Lynch, Bert Hayes, Mrs. Bert Hayes and two children, H. B. Shafner, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rose Skille, Duncan S. Taylor, C. A. Scheibred, A. Ahlquist, H. McMechan, Miss Ferry.

RAILWAY TRACK UNDER WATER

Local Line Will Probably Be
Tied Up Tomorrow As
Result of Flood.

The Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railway will probably be tied up tomorrow as a result of the flood. This afternoon at high tide, there was about two feet of water on the tracks near the Eagles Point boom and at other places near the depot, and it was reported that there was about three feet of water on the track on the Coquille side of the divide near the Schroeder and Johnson ranches. The train was able to get through today, but at the depot this afternoon, it was stated that it was probable that there would be no service tomorrow.

On account of the extreme high tide, the water is not going down very rapidly in the inlets and streams and this will be bad for the railroad. This afternoon, the break in the dike near the railroad coal bunkers had resulted in the depot being surrounded with water within six inches of the floor.

ASKS BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Congressman Hawley Enters
Protest in Behalf of
Marshfield.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Representative Hawley has entered complaint with the postoffice department about the slow service along the route between Roseburg and Marshfield. Residents of Marshfield and intermediate territory assert that the carrier along this route is not delivering mail according to schedule, and has become altogether too careless. The department has promised to make an investigation and take steps to compel the carrier to observe his schedule.

IOWA MAN SELLS A ROOSTER FOR \$100

Said to Be Record Price For Bird
In Hamilton County.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Jan. 20.—Harry Ross, barber at the J. B. McCollough shop in this city, has just sold a Barred Plymouth Rock rooster at a price which will cause poultry fanciers in this section of Iowa to sit up and take notice. The bird was sold to J. B. Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., and the price received for him was \$100, which is the most any central Iowa poultry fancier has ever received for an individual chicken.

Ross has been breeding Barred Rocks for some years and has been a regular exhibitor at the nearby shows for several years. His birds have always scored well. The rooster, sold to Smith, was shipped on approval and the check for \$100 has been received by Ross. While this is a "top notch" price, Mr. Ross feels certain he has chickens in his pen which are worth more.

Prior to the Ross sale, the record sale hereabouts was held by John E. Olmstead of this city, who got \$50 for a hen several years ago. Hamilton county has quite a reputation over the state as being the home of several high class breeders of fancy show poultry. The Minneapolis, Chicago and Des Moines poultry shows always bring a good string of premiums to this county.

SQUALL HARD ON THE WIRES

Long Distance Telephone Ser-
vice and Western Union
Out of Commission.

One of the worst squalls that has ever struck Marshfield and the inner bay prevailed late yesterday afternoon and during the night. It was estimated by many that the wind occasionally struck an eighty-mile clip. It was not a steady blow but a typical squall, fitful gusts at frequent intervals threatening to tear things loose in general. However, it passed over without doing many particular damage.

In consequence of the heavy wind, long distance telephone and telegraph wires are still down. The telephone company's toll lines suffered severely, it being impossible to even get Coquille this afternoon. It will probably take many hours to restore the service. Manager Schetter hasn't any idea of when service will be restored by the Western Union.

The long distance telephone wire on which service was restored about 3:30 yesterday, went down again about 5:30. Just as soon as service was restored on it yesterday, The Times through the courtesy of the Roseburg Review, was furnished with some of the principal news of the day, including the news of Chamberlain's election as senator.

ALARM CLOCKS WAKE UP THIEF'S CONSCIENCE

Carries His Load of Booty to Police
and Asks to Be Arrested for
His Crime.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 21.—It required a gross of alarm clocks to awaken the conscience of Max Gross of 510 Kater street, a self-confessed thief. Weighted down with so many alarm clocks that he could hardly walk, Gross walked into the police station at Third and DuLancy streets and placed the bundle on the floor.

"I stole them clocks and I want to be arrested," Gross told the desk sergeant.

Gross said he had stolen the clocks from the Pennsylvania Warehouse company hoping to sell them, but that his conscience had troubled him so much that he had lost his nerve.

"The alarms kept ringing when I was carrying them around," said Gross, "and everytime one sounded it gave my conscience a jolt. I decided to have myself arrested."

John Coulter, president of the Pennsylvania Warehouse Company, identified the goods and Gross is being held while his record can be investigated.

T. R. SHERIDAN LOSES SUIT

Roseburg Man Fails to Estab-
lish Claim to Coos Bay
Railway Holdings.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—A jury in the Federal court returned a verdict in favor of the Southern Pacific in the suit wherein T. R. Sheridan, of Roseburg, sought to recover from the railway company several blocks of land embraced in an addition to the town of Marshfield, Coos county, claimed by the defendant corporation. Counsel for plaintiff was granted 30 days by Judge Wolverton in which to move for a new trial or file a bill of exception.

MISS MABLE CLARE MILLS will sing "Sunset" at the Chaminade concert in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, January 27. This will be a rare treat for all lovers of good singing who have learned to expect something fine whenever Miss Mills appears.

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BADLY HURT ON CZARINA

Second Officer John Holland
Falls Through Hatchway
and Breaks Hip.

John Holland, second officer of Czarina, sustained a broken hip and other injuries as a result of a fall down the hatchway of the vessel. He was removed to Mercy hospital yesterday and is getting along as well as could be expected. Dr. Horsfall who attended him said that unless there were unexpected complications there was no danger.

Mr. Holland was in charge of the crew who were loading. How he happened to fall down the hatchway, no one knows. A number of the crew were nearby and were at his side a moment after the accident occurred. He suffered intensely from the fracture.

Mr. Holland was formerly second officer on the Breakwater, later third officer and on the Alliance, and but recently was appointed second officer on the Czarina.

Capt. Duggan of the Czarina, is laid up at Frisco and the accident to Mr. Holland is a severe handicap to Capt. Wall. However, the Czarina was able to sail today.

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Interest In Valley As Told
By The Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Abbott welcomed a fine young son to their home in this city on Saturday, the 9th. Being a barber, Mr. Abbott will undoubtedly find use for the little shaver.

E. Arneson raised some unusual fine cabbage this year on his place northeast of town, some of the heads weighing from 18 to 24 pounds. The vegetables stood the storm finely and the big heads are still in fine condition.

The county court this week appointed R. L. Weekly as road supervisor of this, the 23d district. There were several applicants for the office before the court. Mr. Weekly succeeds S. C. Braden in the office. There have been several changes in the boundary lines of the district, but there are still thirty miles of road for the new supervisor to look after and this, it is thought, will keep him fairly busy.

The scarlet fever situation appears to be thoroughly under control, with no new cases appearing. There are cases of diphtheria appearing in Curry county, against which precaution against importation of germs be observed. Myrtle Point should not desire an epidemic of diphtheria in addition to the contagion that has already afflicted the children and preventive measures should be adopted if such importation threatens.

The school officers of this district have received official notice from County Superintendent W. H. Bunch of the division of district No. 24. All of that portion of 24 lying south of the north fork of the Coquille has been added to Myrtle Point district No. 41, the division having been made by the district boundary board in session at Coquille this week. An agreement was made that there should be no division of the school property or money at present owned by district 24, but district 41 will gain by adding to its taxable property and increasing the enumeration of school children.

Mrs. Henrietta Barnett, nee Bryant, wife of J. W. Barnett, and daughter of Henry and Ella Bryant, died at her home in Myrtle Point, Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at 11 p. m., aged 25 years, 8 months and 13 days. Mrs. Barnett was confined to her bed only two weeks, but suffered intensely with typhoid fever. Mrs. Henrietta Barnett was born in Yoncola, Douglas county, Oregon, April 29, 1883. She came to Coos county with her parents in 1894 and has lived in and around Myrtle Point for over 14 years. She was engaged for some time in teaching in the public schools in the country districts around Myrtle Point.

At the annual meeting of the Coquille Valley Fruit Growers Asso-

NORTH BEND CHILD THOUGHT TO HAVE FALLEN INTO BAY

J. W. BENNETT
TOASTMASTER

Prominent Marshfield Attorney
to Preside at Bar Associa-
tion Banquet Here.

J. W. Bennett has been selected as toastmaster of the banquet of the Coos County Bar Association which the Marshfield attorneys will give at the I. O. O. F. Hall here next Wednesday evening. The banquet will follow a meeting of the newly formed association, the purpose being to make the temporary organization permanent.

It is proposed to make the banquet one of the most elaborate ever served in Marshfield. Invitations have been issued to every lawyer in the county and seats will be laid for about forty. Messrs. J. W. Snover, L. A. Liljeqvist and Tom Hall are the committee in charge.

Among those who have been invited to respond to toasts are Messrs. Roberts and Palford of Myrtle Point, Messrs. Topping and Treadgold of Bandon, Messrs. Sherwood and Hammond of Coquille, Messrs. Guerry and McLeod of North Bend, and Messrs. McKnight and Goss of Marshfield.

DREDGE SLIP AT SMITH MILL

Contract Taken and Will Add
Neat Sum to Mainte-
nance Fund.

Capt. Peters of the dredge Oregon and the committee of the Chamber of Commerce in charge of the dredging work, have taken a contract to dredge the slip at the C. A. Smith mill. Under the contract, the dredge will receive \$200 per day for the work so that a neat sum will be added to the fund for the maintenance of the dredge here. The cost of operating the dredge is about \$80 per day.

In order to take the C. A. Smith contract, the consent of the United States engineering office at Portland had to be secured. This was readily granted. The slip dredging will begin Friday when the Nann Smith sals as it will save time for the dredge to pull in there and do the work before it moves to a more distant point in the bay.

The dredge is now doing excellent work, pumping about 300 cubic yards of dirt per hour. Capt. Peters is anxious to start work on the lower Broadway fill in order to replenish the fund for the maintenance of the dredge. This contract will bring it about \$3,000.

election held in this city last week, the old board of directors was re-elected and the officers who have served the association during the past year were again chosen. The meeting was not largely attended owing in part to the stormy weather that prevailed and prevented many members from coming in from the country. The directors are: T. M. Hermann president; G. G. Swan, secretary; D. R. Lewis, treasurer; B. B. Bartlett and George E. Morgan. Reports of the officers were received and approved, and the finances show all bills paid and money on hand.

DON'T FORGET THE PRIZE
DANCE at the Knights of Finland
Hall, January 23d.

SEATS FOR CHAMINADE CON-
CERT, JANUARY 27, ON SALE AT
W. J. BUTLER'S OFFICE.

Carlo Wittick, Five Years Old,
Mysteriously Disappears
Near Mill.

HAD COME DOWN
TO MEET FATHER

Efforts to Find Little One Or
Body Futile Up to Late
Hour Today.

Carlo Wittick, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Wittick of North Bend, mysteriously disappeared last evening and is supposed to have been drowned. The child was last seen on the wharf of the North Bend mill where he had come to meet his father on the latter's return from his work as a raftsmen for the Simpson Lumber Company. Whether the little fellow got too near the edge and slipped in or whether he was caught by a gust of wind that marked the squall prevailing about that time is merely a matter of conjecture.

The child was last seen alive about 5 o'clock. He was then on the wharf but a safe distance from the water and Frank Hunter did not pay any heed to him. The family's home is but a short distance from the mill and the little fellow frequently came down in the afternoon to meet his father.

Friends and neighbors of the family kept up an all night search last night for the little fellow, but it was a futile one. Today many boats are dragging the bay near the scene but it is feared that the tide probably carried the body far away if the child was drowned as is generally believed.

To Use Explosives.

About noon, the high tide compelled the searchers to cease their efforts in dragging the bay near where the little fellow is thought to have fallen in.

It was planned to resume the search for the body about 4 o'clock this afternoon when powder, dynamite or other explosives will be probably be used in an effort to float the body.

MADE A BULL'S EYE IN HIS GLASS EYE

Walsh's Real Optic Shot Out With
Air Rifle, and He is Hit Again
In the Same Way.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—William Walsh, aged fourteen, whose father is caretaker of the Bayonne City Park, was walking along Avenue C, that city, on his way home early last summer, when he was shot in the eye with a bullet from an air rifle in the hands of Isaac Greenstein. The latter was amusing himself by firing from the window of his home. Walsh was removed to the City Hospital and when the wound was healed he was provided with a glass eye.

Santa Claus, left an air rifle for Wallace McKenna, aged fifteen, of No. 64 West Thirteenth street, and yesterday, after he came from church, he took the rifle out and showed it to a number of his companions and gave an exhibition of his proficiency. He saw a boy coming along on the opposite side and pointed the rifle toward him. The boy was William Walsh, and he cried out in alarm:

"Please don't shoot that at me! I lost an eye last summer by being shot with a gun like that."

McKenna fired the gun. Walsh dropped unconscious to the ground and McKenna and his playmates ran home badly frightened. The bullet had struck Walsh squarely in his glass eye and shattered it. At the hospital the doctors succeeded in removing the fragments of glass from the boy's socket and said he would come out all right. McKenna was locked up on a charge of atrocious assault. He said he had no idea he was going to hit Walsh. The council will be asked to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of air rifles in the city.