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## NORTH BEND AND MARSHFIELD TO WORK HAND IN HAND

Enthusiastic Meeting of North Bend Chamber Ratifies Port Commission Plan.

W. P. EVANS AND J. C. GRAY CHOSEN

Col. Brigham's Opposition Badly Snowed Under On Vote Last Night.

The regular weekly meeting of the North Bend Chamber of Commerce last night was one of the highest ever held by the organization, about sixty being present, and some very important business was disposed of. After the routine business had been taken up, the chief object of the meeting, viz., the ratification by the Chamber of the action of the Executive Board in recommending W. P. Evans and J. C. Gray as members of the Coos Bay Port Commission, was introduced by Judge Guerry who read the following resolution:

"Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of North Bend have selected and recommended J. C. Gray and W. P. Evans as fit and proper persons to be appointed by the governor as commissioners of the Port of Coos Bay, now about to be formed,

Now, therefore, this Chamber of Commerce in regular meeting assembled do hereby ratify said action of said Board of Directors and recommend the appointment of said J. C. Gray and said W. P. Evans as commissioners of said port, when the same shall have been perfected."

Col. Brigham Opposes.

Col. Brigham then received permission to read a set of resolutions the salient features of which were "That the North Bend Chamber of Commerce go on record as being opposed to the appointment of three commissioners from Marshfield and recommend that the apportionment be made as follows: Two from Marshfield, two from North Bend and one from either Empire or Cooson," and also that "This body is opposed to the issuance of bonds against the district in any amount whatever, and that for the first three years after the organization of the commission that the tax levy within the district, to be levied by said commission shall not exceed five mills on the dollar in any one year."

After a general discussion, the question was called for on Judge Guerry's resolution and on roll call by a vote of 23 to 8, the resolution was adopted as expressing the sense of the meeting, thereby ratifying the action of the Executive Board.

Derbyshire's Able Talk.

A. H. Derbyshire then moved that the North Bend Chamber of Commerce go on record as agreeing to the recommendation of three commissioners by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Derbyshire supported his motion by showing from the polling list of the respective cities that this would give Marshfield one commissioner for every 291 votes cast at the election of June 1908, whereas, North Bend would be receiving one for every 281 votes cast at the same election. Mr. Derbyshire's argument was based on the principle of representative government and claimed that this body would be extending to Marshfield only their just dues in agreeing to three commissioners from that city.

Mr. Brigham offered his resolutions as a substitute for Mr. Derbyshire's motion and argued that it was only "human nature" that Marshfield would use the funds that might be raised to the advantage of Marshfield and to the detriment of North Bend, should they have control of the commission. Colonel Brigham raised no objection to the personnel of the commissioners recommended by this Chamber of Commerce, his only fear being, evi-

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## PETITIONS FOR PORT SIGNED

Necessary Number of Signatures Nearly Secured—Talk of Commissioners.

The petitions asking the county court to call a special election soon so that the people of the Coos Bay district can vote on the proposed port commission plan are being freely signed and the necessary number of signers will be obtained before this evening. The law requires that the petitions be signed by eight per cent of the legal voters of the district. The petitions are in circulation throughout this territory and everybody is doing his best to give it a boost.

While it is a little early yet to discuss who are likely to be the first five members of the commission, there is considerable gossip about it. The commissioners will have to be appointed by the governor but it is generally understood that he will name the men who the local business men recommend.

In Marshfield a number of names have been suggested but those most generally talked are Wm. Grimes, J. W. Bennett and Dr. E. Mingus.

## GAS EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE

Soldiers Rescue Many Women and Children at Columbus, Ohio, Today.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Fire originating from a gas explosion early today in the fourth story of the building occupied by the Brunswick Bowling Company, destroyed the five-story structure of the Tracey Wells Company. The loss is placed at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Many tenants occupied the upper rooms of the Brunswick Bowling Company and twenty families were driven out. Soldiers from the army barracks carried out a number of half clad frightened women and children.

## IRISH TUBERS FOR AMERICA

Shortage of Potatoes Here Results in Big Importations From the "Emerald Isle"

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—On Monday 45,000 bushels of potatoes from Ulster, Ireland, were unloaded at Baltimore and a large part of the cargo shipped west. The importations are due to a shortage in domestic stocks.

TILLMAN AFTER ROOSEVELT.

Says President's Message Should Be Excluded From the Mails. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Senator Tillman has introduced a resolution instructing the Senate Committee on Postoffices to inquire and report whether the recent message of the president forwarding to congress as the report of the home commission should not be excluded from the mails as matter improper for transmission.

## THWART SCHEME TO GET \$3,000,000

Four Men, Including Italian Duke, Arrested at Milan After Concocting Plan of Great Forgery.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The arrest of four men in Milan, Italy, this week at first glance appearing to be but a brief bit of foreign news, nevertheless is not without considerable interest in this country, according to the records of the New York police department. It is believed these men have been the principals

in an attempt to swindle the American Express Company out of nearly \$3,000,000 by forged checks which were to have been placed in circulation simultaneously in Rome, Paris and London. One of the men arrested is said by the New York police to be none other than Count Orpheo Ortoni who at one time was a captain in the Italian army and later was employed by the Harlem branch of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. Another of the arrested men is Frank Folline, one of the cleverest forgers of modern times, who has served a term in Sing Sing.

## GET CORNER ON BURBANK'S BRAINS

Syndicate Formed to Take Charge of Discoveries of Santa Rosa's Plant Wizard and Distribute Them.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—In order that his wonderful discoveries may be more generally distributed and incidentally that his work of discovery may not be hampered by business worries, the brains and genius of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, have been capitalized for several million dollars. The men

who have secured the sole right to distribute the marvelous plant discoveries of the Santa Rosa naturalist are Hartland Law and Herbert E. Law, millionaires of this city, and Oscar E. Dinner, a wealthy eastern capitalist. There is no limit to the rights that the men have secured except one or two small contracts which Burbank is now fulfilling. While working alone, Burbank had no time to give the results of all his experiments to the world but now a systematic effort will be made to distribute both his past and future products to the world. The company will be called "The Luther Burbank Products Incorporated."

## FIVE PEOPLE ARE CREMATED

Mother and Four Children Burned Near Bakersfield—May Be Foul Play.

(By Associated Press.) BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 26.—Mrs. M. W. Beekman, a widow, and her four children residing seven miles from this city lost their lives this morning in a fire that burned their home to the ground. There are no particulars but neighbors who were communicated with over the telephone express the belief that there was foul play and the fire started to conceal the crime. Officers have gone to the scene.

The family occupied a single bedroom, sleeping in two beds. The charred bodies were found in the exact position each was evidently accustomed to occupy in the beds and the half consumed mattress on which Mrs. Beekman slept was covered with what appears to be blood stains. The cotton in the mattress has been placed in the hands of a chemist for analysis.

The coroner and sheriff were on the scene early and a careful examination of the premises was made but no clues developed which might lead to solving the mystery. So far as known, the family had no enemies and there is no reason to suspect anyone in the vicinity of the crime.

A few days ago, a watch dog belonging to Mrs. Beekman was poisoned. W. M. Beekman, the woman's husband, was a prominent resident of this county. His estate was left almost entirely to his widow and four children, bequeathing but \$100 each to his children by a former wife. The estate is supposed to be valued at about \$75,000.

NEED POSTAL BANKS.

Government Official Says They Would Keep Money at Home. (By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Large sums of money are being sent out of the United States annually to the postal savings banks in Europe, as a result of the absence of such banks here, according to Postoffice Inspector Carter B. Keene of Washington, who is here. Keene emphasizes the urgent need of the establishment of postal savings banks in this country.

A No. 1 BRAND milk 75c doz. \$2.75 case (48 cans).—Condensary, North Bend.

## EDWIN GOODALL IS STRICKEN

Prominent 'Frisco Business Man and Well-Known On Coos Bay Died Today.

A telegram was received here today by Capt. Nelson that Edwin Goodall, president of the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company, died suddenly at his home in San Francisco this morning.

Mr. Goodall was one of the most prominent men on the coast, being a member of the firm of Goodall and Perkins, the other member of which is United States Senator Perkins of California. Mr. Goodall while quite advanced in years remained active in the business.

The Oregon Coal and Navigation Company has long been interested in Coos Bay, owning several thousand acres of land, including the Libby coal mine, and valuable waterfront property in Marshfield. It also owns and operates the steamer M. F. Plant.

## BAD MUDDLE IN WISCONSIN

Stephenson Claims Election to Separate Ballots While Legislature Says No.

(By Associated Press.) MADISON (Wis.), Feb. 26.—While the Wisconsin legislature continues to ballot for United States senator in joint assembly daily, the supporters of Senator Stephenson contend that Stephenson was elected United States senator on the separate ballots January 26, when he received a majority of the votes cast in each branch of the legislature. Taking the stand that Stephenson was elected on the separate ballot, his supporters secured a certificate of election signed by Governor Davidson and countersigned by the Secretary of State and last night United States District Attorney Wheeler left for Washington with this certificate. The joint ballot in the legislature today gave Stephenson 49 votes while the number necessary for election is 57.

## PACKAGE GOES ASTRAY AND MAY REVEAL BANK ROBBERS

## MORE RUMORS OF RAILROAD

Robert McDonald Said to Have Contract From Mysterious Builder of Mile of Line.

The announcement that Robert McDonald of North Bend has taken the contract for driving the piling for a mile on the railway along Pony Slough, between Virginia avenue, North Bend, and the head of Mill Slough, Marshfield, has aroused more interest in the mysterious project. Parties inquiring of Mr. McDonald as to who gave him the contract get little information, he generally declaring that "Harriman gave it to him."

Yesterday, it is stated, Mr. McDonald received \$1,400 advance money from the mysterious builder of the mile of railway to defray the preliminary expenses.

Major Kinney is mysterious about the matter, the first time in his meteorological career, probably.

Report has it that Major Kinney has disposed of his Plat B holdings to a new syndicate who has an engineer here to look after its interests. The same authority claims that this engineer is empowered to check on a large sum on deposit with the Union Trust Company at San Francisco to build a Coos Bay line.

However, this is all gossip, all efforts to get an official statement being futile.

MAY WHEAT SOARS.

Goes to \$1.17 3-4 in Chicago Pit This Morning. (By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A new high record mark for the present season was established today in the wheat pit when May delivery wheat sold at \$1.17 3-4 bushel and July at \$1.05 1/4. May wheat closed at \$1.18 1-8; July at \$1.05 3-8; September at 99 1/4; December at \$1.00 1-8.

SOUP BONES A LUXURY.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Soup bones have become so much in demand in Bellefontaine that they are now considered a luxury, and it is necessary to place orders one week in advance in order to get a soup bone.

## SECOND SUIT TO BE STARTED

Government Said to Be Preparing to Sue Southern Oregon Company.

Edward N. Deady of the United States District Attorney office at Portland arrived here yesterday, and it is reported that his visit here is to complete arrangements to start suit to cancel the land grants now held by the Southern Oregon Company. According to the report, the suit is to be started within the next ten days. Mr. Deady could not be seen today.

It is understood that the suit will be on the same grounds as the one started against the Harriman lines—namely to compel the company to sell its land grants to bona fide settlers for \$2.50 per acre.

The government has had a dozen or so of secret service men here recently but what their mission has been, no one knows.

SEED OATS for sale at Haines'

Charles Wells Arrested in Tacoma Charged With \$17,000 Theft in Portland.

SHIPPED MONEY TO PAL AT SALT LAKE

Wrong Man With Similar Name Got It and Authorities Trace Down the Sender.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—Charles Wells, a bartender, 32 years of age, who was arrested in Tacoma last evening suspected of complicity in the robbery of the east side bank in this city several months ago when \$17,000 was stolen, arrived here today in charge of officers. Wells was formerly secretary of the Bartenders' Union and resigned a few days before the robbery. He is suspected of being the man who shipped several thousand dollars to Ogden for delivery through the general post-office to Charles Price. The package reached the wrong Price. It is known that Wells was in Ogden about that time and he has been spending money freely since the robbery. Wells had at least two co-conspirators in the robbery and their arrest may follow in a short time.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN TONIGHT

Marshfield's Handsome New \$50,000 Edifice to Be Formally Opened.

The new \$50,000 Marshfield High School will be informally opened this evening and addresses will be made by J. W. Bennett, chairman of the Board of Directors; Dr. J. T. McCormac, W. H. Bunch, county superintendent of schools, and Superintendent Raab of the North Bend school, after which the new building will be lighted throughout and thrown open to the inspection of the public.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance if the weather is favorable. New walks have been constructed leading to the building.

## CHILDBURG IS GIVEN HONOR

Vice-Consul of Swedish Government at Seattle Honored By King.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 26.—Andrew Childberg, the royal vice-consul of Sweden at Seattle, has been given the decoration of "Knight of The First Class of the Order of Vasa" by King Gustaf V.

OHIO STILL RISING.

River Nears New Danger Mark and Threatens Railways. (By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 26.—The Ohio river is slowly but steadily rising. The stage was 54 feet this morning and another foot will swell the abandonment of the Union Central and Pennsylvania Railroad stations.

TRY Lillian Coal. 'A' Street Dock.