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PORT TAX IS THREE MILLS

Commission Fixes Levy This Morning—Cooston Projects Taken Up.

At a meeting of the Port of Coos Bay Commission this morning, a three-mill tax levy for the ensuing year was adopted.

The Cooston channel and dock project was the theme of the principal discussion this morning. E. W. Schrock, O. H. Iverson, W. F. Ray, E. M. Alexander, O. C. Hansen, F. Sanborn and Wm. E. Homme appeared in behalf of the Sether street project.

An ordinance providing for the channel to connect North Lake and Ten Mile lake was adopted.

Reports On Suit. C. R. Peck reported to the commission that he had argued the case of the Southern Oregon Company and the Bennett Trust Company before the supreme court at Salem last week and that a decision on the suit, which involves the validity of the port commission, will probably be secured early in January.

Mr. Peck also reported that he had argued the case of A. Hale vs. the Port Commission in the federal court at Portland but that a decision on it would not be secured until after the supreme court hands down its decision. He also reported that he had withdrawn from his demurrer to the suit the claim that Hale only paid about sixteen cents taxes, a sum insufficient to gain standing in the federal court.

The Port Commission adjourned to meet again December 31, when the annual reports of the officers will be received and arrangements made to turn the business over to the reorganized commission, L. J. Stimpson and Chas. Winsor succeeding J. C. Gray and W. P. Evans as members.

PLANT SAILS SOUTH SUNDAY

Steamship Leaves With Large Cargo For San Francisco Yesterday.

The M. F. Plant sailed yesterday afternoon for San Francisco. She carried a big cargo of miscellaneous freight. Capt. Burtis expects to soon make up the time lost while she was on dry dock and get back on his old schedule.

Among those sailing from here on the Plant were: D. E. Cooley and wife, J. E. Cooley, John Preuss, Jr., Geo. Jensen, W. A. Agnes, Will Morris, G. W. Bury and six stevedores.

PROSPECT FOR RAILWAY GOOD

J. W. Bennett Says That Harriman Lines Will Probably Get Here First.

J. W. Bennett, who returned from a business trip to Portland and Salem Saturday, is very optimistic over the railroad prospects for Coos Bay and has visions of being able to make the trip in a Pullman car in the near future instead of by boat, stage and train.

"I now believe," said Mr. Bennett "that the Harriman interests will beat the Hill lines into Coos Bay, but not very much. The Southern Pacific are coming as fast as possible and will probably take up the best route down the coast. As a result of this, you will see the Hill system parallel the Southern Pacific through Oregon and connect up with the Haines road near Roseburg."

While in Portland, Mr. Bennett was interviewed by the Journal, which quotes him as follows:

The Southern Pacific Company has expended \$3,000,000 in railroad building to Coos Bay and will add to that another \$3,000,000, said Judge J. W. Bennett of Marshfield, while in Portland yesterday. This amount includes \$1,000,000 that has been expended in work between Drain and Marshfield and Myrtle Point.

"A party of 27 Southern Pacific surveyors are surveying for a line between Eugene and the Umpqua, which is to come to Coos Bay by the Drain route," said Judge Bennett. "The sum of \$150,000 is being spent on a new slope in the Beaver Hill mines. The railroad steamship Breakwater is now bringing 500 tons of Beaver Hill coal a month to Portland."

"Last summer five prominent Southern Pacific officials came up the coast from Eureka, Cal., in automobiles, to study railroad possibilities. Recently C. J. Millis, local manager of the Southern Pacific, came from San Francisco to Coos Bay and while there said that the prospects for a railroad to Coos Bay were better than ever before. The incentive for all this activity is said to be the purchase by James J. Hill of the electric line between Portland and Salem, which he proposes to extend to Eugene and perhaps to San Francisco. Recent moves seem to indicate the desire of Harriman people to occupy this country before Hill gets there."

"At the recent meeting of the Oregon Development league, the conservative T. B. Wilcox quoted James J. Hill as saying in substance, last June, that the next five years would witness Oregon's greatest railroad development, and that there would be more railroad development by our lines in Oregon during the coming year than in any other state of the Union except Montana during the coming year than in any state."

"All of these things, coupled together, lead the quiet observer to believe that there is actually to be a railroad to Coos Bay."

IS SHOT AT MEDFORD.

Former Douglas County Woman Murdered Wednesday Night.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Bell Ellis, who was murdered near Medford Wednesday night, is well known in Douglas county where she lived for several years. For about two years she conducted a restaurant at Glendale, leaving there ten months ago to accept employment as a cook in a lumber camp near the West Fork. She is supposed to have left that place about a month ago. She is the wife of E. S. Ellis, at present residing in California, and is also survived by a daughter. Mr. Ellis is a member of the P. M. A. lodge at Glendale.

WESTERN UNION WIRE IS DOWN

No Telegraph Service to Coos Bay Today As Result of Line Being Crossed By Telephone Wire.

The Western Union Telegraph wire between Coos Bay and Roseburg has been out of commission all day today but Manager Schetter hopes to restore service sometime this evening.

The wire was down last night and he had his linemen start out from Sumner at daylight today. Soon after noon he discovered that the trouble was the telephone wire and the telephone wire getting crossed near Flagstaff.

In consequence of the wire being out, the Times is without Associated Press service today.

DIRECTOR TO BE SELECTED

Special School Election Called For December 22 to Fill Vacancy.

W. S. McFarland, who is to shortly leave Coos Bay, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Marshfield school board to become effective as soon as his successor is chosen and qualified. Mr. McFarland expects to leave the latter part of the month.

The school board has called a special election to choose his successor to be held at the new high school building Thursday evening, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

Today, C. J. Millis was waited upon by some local business men who desired him to be a candidate to succeed Mr. McFarland. He informed him that he would gladly serve if it is the desire of the people of Marshfield for him to do so.

So far, Mr. Millis is the only candidate mentioned for the place.

ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND

Steamship Arrives This Afternoon and Will Sail Tomorrow For Eureka.

The Alliance arrived in at noon today from Portland after a good trip down the coast. She had considerable freight for Coos Bay and a good list of passengers besides considerable through business for Eureka.

She will sail at 7 o'clock in the morning for Eureka and on the return will sail from here December 16 for Portland.

Among those arriving on the Alliance were the following: R. V. Brown, G. K. Towers, C. O. Ray, Mrs. C. O. Ray, J. E. Updike, G. Smallwood, J. M. Foster, Edna Stanley, C. Lyon, Mrs. Anthony, J. M. Madden, C. Woodward, A. McCauley, H. Meakin and J. H. Meakin.

COW RESCUED FROM A WELL

"Bossy" Has Narrow Escape From Drowning—Removal Is Difficult.

Yesterday afternoon after several hours work, O. Larson's cow was rescued from Herman Krueger's well at Ferndale. The animal while browsing around backed into the well and several feet of water kept her head afloat and prevented drowning. They tried to pull her out with a derrick but couldn't and finally had to dig a trench several feet deep to let her walk out. John Johnson, Mr. Mystron, Harry Allen, Ed. Larson, A. M. Peters and others worked for over a half day getting her out.

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CITY ELECTION IN NORTH BEND

Lively Fight Develops On Councilman In Tomorrow's Contest—Franchise Up.

The North Bend city election tomorrow promises to be a most lively one as a good-sized contest has developed over the councilman. One faction has taken the lead and terms itself the Citizen's ticket and is supporting the following for councilmen: L. F. Falkenstein, Dr. Ira B. Bartle, J. A. Ward and Henry G. Kern. August Hoelling, a member of the present city council, is the only other candidate for the council, A. H. McKay and R. A. Wernich having dropped out of the contest.

Editor McDaniel is leading in the fight on Councilman Hoelling and in The Harbor holds up Hoelling as the only candidate on the saloon ticket.

Aside from the lively contest on councilmen, considerable interest also centers in the application of Jacob M. Blake for a street car franchise in North Bend. Mr. Blake now holds franchises in Marshfield and over the county road between North Bend and Marshfield and says that the franchise in North Bend is the only thing now needed to insure the success of the project and the securing of the long sought street railway for North Bend and Marshfield. Besides this, in his application to the Marshfield city council for an extension, he specified the street railway to be built by him here was to provide terminals or lines in Marshfield for the Coos Bay and Boise. The franchise matter is a topic of much discussion in North Bend today.

The polling place is the North Bend city hall and the polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening. The judges will be J. W. Groat, J. G. Horn and W. E. Thorp, and the clerks, J. G. Mullen, T. L. Carey and C. E. Maybee.

SPOKANE'S GREAT GROWTH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Spokane's population is 104,402, against 36,848 in 1900, an increase of 67,554, or 183.3 per cent. This puts Spokane far ahead of Tacoma, which in 1900 had 866 more citizens than the metropolis of the Inland Empire.

In percentage and growth, Spokane ranks close to Seattle and Boise, and is near the top of the list for the entire country, few cities showing a larger percentage for the last ten years.

Spokane is now the 46th city in size. Ten years ago it was No. 109. The city's growth from 1890 to 1900 was 85 per cent increase or 16,926.

The population of the large counties in Washington is as follows: King, 284,638; Pierce, 120,812; Spokane, 139,404; Walla Walla, 31,931.

Montana counties—Cascade, 28,533; Deer Lodge, 12,988; Lewis and Clark, 21,853; Missoula, 25,596; Silver Bow, 56,848; Yellowstone, 22,944.

NOTICE.

All members of the Fraternal Union are requested to attend the regular meeting Tuesday, December 13, 1910. By order of FRATERNAL MASTER.

BILL PASSES HOUSE TODAY

Measure Carrying Over \$21,000,000 Is Adopted By Representatives.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Rivers and Harbors bill carrying \$21,894,861, passed the House today.

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SAYS ROAD IS TO START SOON

Roseburg Man Tells of Coos Bay and Boise Line's Prospects.

The Roseburg News says: "That the former Oregon, Idaho and Coos Bay railroad company, recently incorporated under the title of the Oregon & Northwestern Railroad Co., is to be constructed in accordance with the promises of Francis Clark, a frequent visitor in Roseburg during the past year, is now conceded by local capitalists who have investigated the proposition thoroughly. A well-known Roseburg man, who arrived home from Portland this morning after a few days spent at that city looking after business interests, informed a News representative that he had examined the merits and standing of the corporation during his visit to the Oregon metropolis, and had found that the company had practically completed all preliminary details preparatory to commencing construction operations, and intended to go ahead with the work at an early date in the event the Coos Bay terminal controversy can be settled without applying to the courts—which at the least would mean the delay of a year."

"According to the gentleman above mentioned, the company has succeeded in raising the necessary \$4,500,000, which amount they deem sufficient to construct and equip the road in readiness for operation. The gentleman says that the terminals in Roseburg have been practically selected, but that considerable trouble has been encountered in securing suitable yards at the Coos Bay end of the line—principally for the reason that the owners are attempting to hold the company up in order to obtain exorbitant prices for their land. The matter of securing the right-of-ways from the limits of Roseburg to the coast is deemed of little importance, according to the informant, inasmuch as a majority of the land owners along the survey of the contemplated road are willing to dispose of a portion of their holdings at a reasonable price in order to encourage the promoters of the road to get busy at an early date."

"With the money at hand, the gentleman says that the citizens of Roseburg and Coos Bay are practically certain of an east and west railroad at an early date, barring the possibility of a depression in the money market."

NEWS OF ALLEGANY.

A number of North Coos River people went to Marshfield last Friday to visit the Poultry and Pot show. Among those going were Mrs. J. H. Price and children, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Miss Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffy and children, and Miss Mahaffy, Mr. E. Noah and family and Mr. Landrith.

I. N. Price who has been ill for about six months, is convalescent.

Mr. Sweet of Coquille, visited with Bert Gray and family over Thursday.

D. Roberts is spending a few days at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. E. Edwards.

RETURNED BY "BLACK HAND"

Four-Year-Old New Jersey Child Brought Back After Long Absence.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) REDBANK, N. J., Dec. 10.—The four-year-old daughter of P. Petillo who disappeared October 20 was found in the garden around the home last night. It is supposed Black Handers returned the child following the refusal of the father to meet their demands for money.