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SNOW BLOCKADE IN COAST RANGE MOUNTAINS COMPLETE

Storm This Week Was More Severe Than Was First Reported.

WORKMEN CANNOT CLEAR CANYON ROAD

No Mail Has Reached Laird's In Three Days From East —Wires Down.

The storm this week in the Coast Range mountains and east of there was evidently worse than was first reported.

Communication has not been re-established yet, and it is doubtful when it can be, probably not for a few days and there may not be any for another day or two.

This morning, the Western Union, succeeded in getting its line up as far as Laird's and it was stated there that no mail had arrived from Roseburg for about three days. The line is down east from there and no word has been received from Roseburg.

Laird's reported that eight men were working trying to clear the road in the canyon but the snow was so deep and the trees so burdened with it that but little progress was being made. Trees were constantly falling under the burden of snow and sleet and nearly as fast as the workmen cleared the road, other logs toppled in.

It is presumed that gangs of men are working from the east end of the road towards Laird's. Owing to the accumulation of mail, some of it is likely to be delayed a week or more.

21 Inches Deep.
Blue Ridge is suffering with one of the severest snow storms in years. Measurements, in several places at McDonald & Vaughan's Camp No. 2 showed the snow to be twenty-one inches deep. Work has been stopped. The sun is shining now and all indications are that the snow will be gone in several days.

TO TAKE MILL TO COQUILLE

Business Men There Organize Stock Company to Operate Plant.

COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 13.—The Herald says: "Practically all the money necessary to move the Reynolds mill from the Bay to Coquille has been raised and the success of the undertaking is now almost assured."

"Of the \$40,000 necessary, all but \$8,000 was available the first of this week, and J. S. Lyons and S. M. Noller have been making a personal canvass to raise that amount. All but six hundred dollars had been raised Thursday noon and they felt confident the balance would soon be in."

"A site has already been secured about a quarter of a mile below the depot, the piles are on the ground and boom privileges have been secured from the government, so that as soon as a meeting has been held and an organization completed no time will be lost in starting operations."

"Of the capital invested \$27,500 is controlled by local business men and representative citizens, who are fully alive to the benefits to be derived from the enterprise and are vitally interested in the upbuilding of Coquille."

"The mill is a practically new one, having been built on Pony slough three or four years ago. A low estimate of its capacity is about 50,000 feet and it will employ about 40 men in the mill proper, meaning a pay roll of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a month."

OLD TIMERS' VIEW OF SNOW

Symposium On Coos Bay's Experience With "The Beautiful Snow."

The expressions of "Newcomers" relative to the appearance of real snow and winter weather on Coos Bay lead to expressions from the "Old Timers" today and here are some of the expressions that The Times received:

Dr. Toye said:
"This is abominable weather. They may talk all they please about 'The Beautiful Snow.' Those fellows who think there is anything pleasant about a trip across the Central avenue bridge through this nasty sloppy slush while the thermometer stands at forty degrees above zero had better simply dream again. They may have all the buckwheat cakes, sauer kraut and pork they want but I'll take the ordinary Coos Bay weather for mine."

Judge Coke said:
"There's nothing beautiful in snow. Give me the old time weather. Give me the summer's Nor'West blow. The blooming flowers and health."

W. T. Merchant said:
"This is the only bad weather I ever saw on Coos Bay. It was so cold this morning that I found particles of ice in several places. I'll bet that if it ever gets this cold in places where there are poor people, they must suffer awfully. The climatic conditions must be changing all over the earth or else Coos Bay would never have two inches of snow."

Claude Nasburg said:
"Ah! cut it out, you can't tell me that winter has its splendor. This snow-balling is rank you see, I'll take the breezes, tender."

Henry Sengstacken said:
"I wouldn't mind the sauer kraut, Nor would I mind the other. I'm feeling now right good and stout, And winter's storms don't bother."

W. C. Deubner said:
"Ach! Himmel, but der vander's colt, It almost makes me cry, sir, Mine flowers have ust about been solt, Ach! Himmel, Hoch der Kaiser!"

J. Albert Matson said:
"Preposterous, you non-natives, preposterous. Don't be so merciful. The trouble is you are all suffering with nostalgia. Go, hasten back to that alleged country from which you came, where snows are blissful and where you are compelled to hibernate from November until April. Then, ah! then, will you again seek a clime where you can cogitate on green groceries instead of sauer kraut and heavy buck-wheat cakes. Don't let the unusual thing on Coos Bay cause you to break into poetry."

John Golden said:
"Did ye see that Times yisterdy? Divil a bit av sich nonsense! I'll bet folve hunderd dollars that I kin turn the whole av thir thoughts away from the lokes av snow storms by given thim a peep at the purty roses bloomin in me back yard and thot without the use av me thrusty black thorne Shellalah shnow storms! Bah!"

NO MEETING TONIGHT.
Owing to the absence of Chairman R. M. Jennings and other members, the meeting of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce scheduled for tonight has been postponed until Friday night, January 20.

EUGENE LINE PLANS GIVEN

Will Soon Ask For Terminals On Coos Bay—Build By Sections.

Today a business man on Coos Bay who is in close touch with the Eugene-Coos Bay electric road project received a letter from one of the directors of the Lane County Asset company, the concern through which the road is being financed, states that Kansas City capitalists are furnishing the capital to build the road with and that they have put up a cash bond of \$25,000 to comply with their part in furnishing funds and that construction equipment is now being assembled on the ground and that work will start in a few days on the first 20 miles out from Eugene. Construction work on the second section of 24 miles will be started this spring. The completion of the 20 and 24 mile sections will bring the road to tide water on the Siuslaw river making it a distance of 44 miles and will cost including overhead construction and seventy-pound steel, \$900,000 and for the extension of 16 miles further will bring the road to Florence, the seaport on the Siuslaw river, making it a total distance of 60 miles at a cost of \$1,300,000. The distance from Florence to Coos Bay will be 45 miles and cost \$1,125,000, making the total distance from Eugene to Coos Bay 105 miles at \$2,425,000. This does not include power plant and rolling stock.

It is expected that the Oregon electric road—a Hill line—which is now in operation from Portland to Salem and under construction from Salem to Eugene will be completed in two years and that the Eugene-Coos Bay road will be completed from Eugene to Coos Bay about the time the Panama canal is completed which is also two years.

With the completion of these two systems will make it possible for a person to get on an electric through train of cars at Coos Bay in the morning and arrive in Portland at noon.

The party receiving the letter stated that with reference to gaining an entrance to Coos Bay would be taken up in the very near future.

All that the builders of this road ask from the commercial interests and people of Coos Bay is an even break. They want to come in on the same terms that other roads are going to get, no more, no less. They are not asking for the control of the waterfront and hope that the people of Coos Bay will not give the control of it to any road.

M. F. PLANT IN EARLY TODAY

Steamship Arrives This Morning From San Francisco —Sails Tomorrow.

The M. F. Plant arrived in this morning from San Francisco after a good trip up the coast. Purser Jas. Bryce says that they escaped the storm which so many of the coastwise vessels encountered. She had a fair passenger list and a good cargo of miscellaneous freight.

The Plant will sail at 10:30 Saturday morning for San Francisco.

Among those arriving on the Plant were the following:

Miss I. Smith, W. S. Cribbs, Mrs. M. C. Brown, J. T. Marshall, J. M. Nye, Alex Johnson and wife, Miss P. Chapman, Miss N. Richards, Al Weiner, A. Ingersoll, H. Beyer, Mrs. Morehouse, P. Lanning, L. C. Tucker, R. E. Wyman, W. Wedinger, C. Lang, R. Schockley, C. E. Lang, C. Ingram, F. Walkup.

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MAKES REPORT ON OLD ROAD

Hugh McLain Writes Concerning Coos Bay Wagon Route Condition.

The executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Friday, Jan. 20, will probably take steps to secure further improvement of the Coos Bay wagon road by the county court. Chairman R. M. Jennings has just received a letter from Hugh McLain, a member of the committee who made the trip out over the road last week and who writes as follows of the conditions: I left Laird's at 7 o'clock a. m. and drove to Roseburg by 5 o'clock and found the road fairly good in the canyon and I found three men working there being paid by the county. On the Douglas county side I found one large gang of men working one mile from the top of the mountain putting down pole corduroy, four miles from the top another small gang putting in the same material, 6 1/2 miles from the top one gang putting in plank and in several other places I found single individuals putting in corduroy, and there seems to be a systematic effort to fix all the bad places from the top of the mountain to the gravel improvement which extends in one unbroken lane ten miles from Roseburg and is in first-class condition. From the number of men at work on the road and the class of work being done it seems to me that Douglas county is certainly trying to keep her end of the Coos Bay wagon road open. I would advise that Coos county put more men in the canyon and put some one in charge and what work they would do and do it permanently instead of having their men wasting their time filling mud holes three feet deep with brush tops."

Gather Data.
Miss Violet Henderson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has arranged to secure data from the vessels plying in and out of here which will show the actual commerce passing in and out over the Coos Bay bar. This will be compiled by her and will enable prompt and accurate reports to be made.

Recently a number of new subscriptions have been made by local people to the Chamber of Commerce funds, some of them coming around and contributing without even being solicited.

The following committees have been named:

Railroad committee—W. S. Chandler, chairman; J. H. Flanagan, J. V. Smeaton, Hugh McLain, Wm. Grimes. Membership and subscription committee—J. W. Bennett, chairman; J. V. Smeaton, Wm. Grimes, Alva Doll, W. C. Harris, A. T. Haines, F. S. Dow, W. J. Conrad, C. F. McKnight, T. T. Bennett.

Insurance and taxes (for reduction)—Messrs. C. B. Selby, chairman; W. J. Conrad, Geo. Rotner.

Mail service (improvement of Coos Bay wagon road)—Messrs. Hugh McLain, chairman; Dr. E. Mingus, G. W. Kaufman.

Committee to secure funds for rivers and harbors congress—C. C. Goring, chairman; Henry Sengstacken, M. C. Horton.

Permanent committee on harbor improvement, etc.—J. H. Flanagan, A. H. Powers, C. J. Mills.

Committee to correct error in statistics in Navy Bureau report, regarding capacity for repairing vessels on Coos Bay.—C. R. Peck, J. V. Smeaton, Geo. Cook.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Randolph crossed in to Coos Bay this morning.

Reports from Bandon are that the Fifield, Arcata, Elizabeth and Advance have been barbound there the last few days as a result of the extremely rough weather. The Washcalore arrived at Bandon this morning.

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TWO ALLEGED FORGERS ARE CAPTURED IN BANDON BY SHERIFF

COUNTY LEVY IS 18 MILLS

Commissioners Fix Tax Rate For Ensuing Year—\$120,000 for Roads.

Judge John F. Hall has returned from Coquille where the annual session of the county court has just concluded. A vast amount of business was up. The commissioners have not fully decided about a steel bridge across the Coquille at Coquille, but it is practically certain nothing can be done this year. It is difficult to get a desirable or convenient site for the bridge unless the Coquille city council takes action on it.

The county tax levy for the ensuing year was fixed at eighteen mills. The road levy was fixed at 7.7 mills which will raise about \$120,000. This is about \$2,500 less than was raised last year, but as the Myrtle Point and South Inlet bridges were built last year, the county will have more for general roadwork this season. The taxes to be raised are apportioned as follows, the assessed valuation of the county being \$15,710,585.00.

Salary of officers	\$25,000.00
Circuit court expenses	\$7,000.00
Justice and juvenile court	
Stationery, lights, fuel, etc.	4,500.00
County infirmary, indigent soldiers, etc.	\$500.00
Roads, bridges and ferries	120,000.00
Interest on outstanding warrants	5,000.00
Rebate on taxes	3,000.00
Incidental expenses, courthouse, etc.	18,000.00
Establishing corners	50.00
School tax, \$7 per capita on 5,678 pupils	39,746.00
State tax	30,675.00
School library tax, 10 cents per capita for 5,678 pupils	567.80
Indigent soldiers	1,571.78
Bounty on wild animals	3,500.00
Elections and registration	2,000.00
Cruising timber of county	10,000.00
The assessed valuation of Coos county is \$15,710,585.00.	

ARAGO COMES IN AWAY LATE

Schooner Concerning Whose Safety Apprehension Was Felt Arrives Today.

The schooner Arago, thirty-six days out from San Pedro for Coos Bay, concerning whose safety considerable anxiety was felt, arrived in this morning. She was towed in by the Columbia.

The Arago was coming up light and was carried far out of her course by contrary winds and owing to the severe storms, Capt. Versonovitch did not care to work in too close until the weather moderated. She belongs to the Simpson Lumber company.

GRANT LICENSE.

Wednesday evening of this week the council granted A. W. Gatlin a saloon license, Gatlin having bought Hal Baxter out. Gatlin tended bar for Baxter about a year ago.—Coquille Herald.

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Robert Crawford, Wanted Here For Offense, Found With Pal There.

PASSED ANOTHER BAD CHECK ON BANDON STORE

Third Member of Alleged Gang Escapes Down Coast But May Be Caught.

Robert Crawford, the forger wanted here for passing a bogus check for \$28.32 on Alton Sengstacken at the Hub Clothing and Shoe company, was captured in Bandon late yesterday together with a pal giving the name of Moore. A third pal escaped. Sheriff Gage and the Bandon officers. It is believed that they are part of an organized gang of crooks. They had passed a second check for \$32 on Manager J. T. Sullivan of the Hub Clothing and Shoe company's store in Bandon before caught.

Crawford at Bandon was going under the name of Williams and it is likely that he has a long trail of aliases where he worked before coming here.

The check he passed in Marshfield was on a Flanagan & Bennett Bank check and was purported to have been made out by the Gardiner Lumber Company. While the indorsement on the back is similar to the writing on the face of the check, it was evidently written with the left hand, showing that Crawford or whatever his name may be has had previous experience in the game.

When caught, Crawford and his pal were figuring on taking the steamer Elizabeth from Bandon for San Francisco. The third member of the gang is supposed to have gone overland down the coast. Sheriff Gage has notified the officers in that direction and hopes to capture him. The third member is alleged to have taken all the surplus coin.

How many other bad checks were passed is not known but probably will be within a day or two.

That Crawford and his pal were caught was probably due to the prompt work of Marshal Carter and A. J. Mendel of The Hub. They sent word to Bandon and the other Coquille towns and this enabled Sheriff Gage to locate them.

Mr. Mendel says that he will see the offenders get the limit.

Marshal Carter went to Coquille today to attend the preliminary hearing.

A. J. Mendel, owner of The Hub stores, says he will prosecute the men to the limit.

MRS. LITTLE DEAD.

Bandon Woman Passes Away While Visiting in Washington.

The Bandon Recorder says: "S. S. Little received a telegram from Arlington, Washington, Sunday evening stating that his wife, Mrs. Hathe Little, had died that day. No particulars were received, but it is evident that the death was very sudden, as Mr. Little received a letter from her Sunday evening which was written on Wednesday previous, at which time she was well, excepting a slight cold. Mrs. Little was well-known here, having come here January 1st, 1910, at which time she and Mr. Little were married. She went back to Arlington, her former home, about December 1st, to look after the interests of her property, having quite large holdings in and near Arlington. Deceased was about 62 years old and was also an aunt of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kopf of the Recorder office. The remains will be laid to rest at Arlington. Mr. Little did not go, owing to the fact that it would take nearly a week to get there and the funeral could not be held so long."

New home SEWING MACHINES and Needles at MILNER'S.