

HERE'S TO HOME. FOR THERE'S NO TOWN LIKE THE OLD TOWN, AFTER ALL

# Coos Bay Times

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**SOMEONE HAS SAID:**  
"A store's advertising space in a newspaper, compared with the space used by other stores, should define its comparative importance in the community! Does your store's advertising space do that?"

**YOUR ADS CARRYING**  
Your store-news, should appear as regularly as does this newspaper. If a newspaper omitted an issue now and then—even for so weighty a reason as fearing that it might rain—it would not be a good newspaper.

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## EVERY HOUR ADDS TO DEATH TOLL IN CANADA'S FOREST FIRE

Men, Women and Children Thinly Clad Flock to Civilization.

SCARS MARK THEIR FIGHT WITH FLAMES

Railways Are Carrying Refugees Free to Their Destination.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

COLBALT, July 15.—Every hour adds to the host of those dead, injured and destitute of the Porcupine district where the property loss was more than two million dollars. Men, women and children thinly clad, bearing marks of an awful fight against the flames and smothering smoke are still flocking into larger towns in this vicinity and at North Bay. The railroads are carrying the refugees free to their destinations. Hundreds of people of the Porcupine district are awaiting special trains out. About ten thousand already have left.

Conditions Improve.

BAY CITY, July 15.—Forest fire conditions are reported as greatly improved in Northern Michigan today. No additional loss of life and property is reported.

(By Associated Press.)  
ALPENA, July 15.—Heavy rains this afternoon at Ausable is expected to be general throughout the forest fire districts of Northern Michigan before tonight.

## SMEATON WILL GO TO BAYPOINT.

Manager of Smith Mill Promoted to the General Management.

Mr. J. V. Smeaton for sometime past manager of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Co.'s mill, has been promoted to general management of the entire business with headquarters at Bay Point, California. He will have general supervision of the entire business under direction of Mr. C. A. Smith.

The many friends that Mr. Smeaton and his estimable family have made during their residence here, will learn this good news with pleasure but the congratulations will be coupled with regrets that the promotion means the removal of the family from Marshfield. Preparations have already begun for removal to Berkeley, California, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Smeaton is now at Bay Point in conference with Mr. C. A. Smith. The new order will take effect the first of the month. While Mr. Smeaton's headquarters will be at Bay Point he will probably spend one-third of his time on Coos Bay.

DATE SET FOR TRIAL ALLEGED DYNAMITERS

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—Judge Bordwell today set the trial of the McNamara brothers for October 10th.

## SURVIVOR OF MONITOR DIES

One of Crew Which Manned the Great Civil War Craft, Dies.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAWTELL, Cal., July 15.—Michael Mooney said to be one of the two survivors of the crew that manned the Monitor when that crew was vanquished by the Merrimac, died here last night aged 74 years, at the National Soldiers' Home.

## BLACK HAND AGENT KILLED

Italian Barber Lights Cigar as Signal For Victim to Pay—Is Killed.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

JEANETTE, Pa., July 15.—George Labarto, a wholesale fruit merchant, shot and killed Venice Cilliano, an Italian barber, today and immediately thereafter Mrs. Labarto turned over to the police eight blackhand letters demanding money of Labarto upon pain of death. Cilliano entered Labarto's store and stood lighting a cigar when Labarto opened fire. The lighting of the cigar was a prearranged signal for Labarto to pay Cilliano \$2,000. This signal was explained to Labarto in a letter he received after his barns were burned down and several horses destroyed.

## TELEGRAMS URGE TAFT

Letters and Telegrams From All Parts of Country Uphold Wiley.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Letters and telegrams expressing confidence in Wiley and urging the President to consider most carefully the charges made against him by the personnel board of the department and endorsed by Attorney General Wickersham, are pouring into the White House today from all over the country. Many of the messages are from commercial organizations.

Wiley Charges Agreed Upon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—In the congressional investigation the charges against Wiley were agreed on today by the majority of the members of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture.

AUTHORITIES ARE KILLED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BURNSIDE, Ky., July 15.—Justice A. J. Beatty and Constable W. A. Heath were shot to death in court here last night. James Ellis, former deputy sheriff, is under arrest and charged with the deed.

Try The Times Want Ads.

## LET US TALK IT OVER

THERE are many desirable and substantial reasons why the city council should refuse the application for a water works franchise which is to come up before that body for action next Tuesday evening.

First—The term of fifty years for which the grant is asked is too long. Everywhere the length of life of franchises granted by cities is being shortened until 20 and 25 years is now about the average term and 30 and 35 years is considered long. In this day of rapid advancement and development there is no reason for Marshfield strangling herself with a grant of a franchise for fifty years.

Second—One of the provisions of the proposed franchise is that there shall be an immediate increase in the water rates to consumers. The modern tendency of public utility corporations is to lower rates and not to increase them. Certainly the present Marshfield rates are not ruinous ones. The present company has managed to exist, and develop a property that is now about to be sold for \$150,000. The franchise also demands that the city install a large number of new hydrants at an annual rental that will increase the revenues of the water company and incidentally come out of the taxpayers pockets.

Third—There is no compensation or concession suggested for a franchise that is confessedly very valuable. Mr. Nolan admits this much when he states he will not close the deal unless this franchise goes with it. It is true that Mr. Nolan promises some improvements in the plant and service. That is, however, only an improvement of his own property. It is not more than the city has a right to demand of the present owners. There is no quid pro quo in such a suggestion. Everywhere these franchises are coming to be recognized as valuable. Even in country villages with only ordinary prospects these grants are guarded carefully. Marshfield anticipates some big things in twenty years. A waterworks franchise for fifty years is far too valuable to be given away. Another consideration is that Marshfield may desire to cooperate with North Bend and other cities on the Bay in the installation of a municipal waterworks system. To be tied down with a 50 years franchise would be decidedly embarrassing.

Fourth—In the section providing that the city may take over the plant in twenty years there are no provisions as to prices or terms. The increased value of a fifty years' franchise which will still have thirty years to run may cut a big figure at the end of 20 years even if the city desires to take it over then. Mr. Nolan mentions this provision as a valuable concession. What is it, however, but bargaining for a thing we are giving away.

This franchise should not be granted.

Then what? Marshfield and North Bend should immediately set about on a plan of purchase and the installation of a municipal system for both cities. Messrs. Flanagan & Bennett are largely and substantially interested in this community. They are familiar with its resources and advantages. They have contributed to its development and the community has in turn treated them well. The interests of the community and Messrs. Flanagan & Bennett are not antagonistic. They are mutual.

The present owners of the water works system should be able to provide a plan by which the city could purchase the plant and thus protect their interests and the interests of the people who are their neighbors and friends as well.

Marshfield and North Bend require a municipal water works system. Now is the time to get it. Think it over!

## WILL VOTE ON RECIPROCITY BILL

Leaders of Opposite Factions Reach a Temporary Understanding and Will Cast Ballots on Political Problem at Early Date.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—

An agreement to vote on the Canadian reciprocity bill July 22 was reached by leaders of the two factions of the Senate this afternoon. The following dates were agreed upon: Vote on House wool revision July 27, free list, August 1; reappointment, August 3; statehood, August 7. The adjournment of Congress is expected immediately following the statehood vote.

## DIAMONDS ARE STOLEN

\$25,000 Worth Precious Gems Taken—Thief Soon Captured.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., July 15.—A robber entered the B. L. Gates Jewelry Store today and compelled the clerk to give him a tray holding \$25,000 worth of diamonds which he pocketed and fled down the street. He was captured and the diamonds recovered.

The robber was captured by H. L. Stenger, a merchant who held him until the policeman arrived. The robber gave the name of Barnes. The police believe he is an experienced hand.

SEE RELEASED ON BAIL.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 15.—Evelyn Arthur See was convicted yesterday for the abduction of Mildred Bridges and was admitted on bail of five thousand dollars today.

## WHEAT DROPS THREE CENTS

Receipts of New Crop of Wheat Heaviest Ever Known.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 15.—A break of more than three cents a bushel in July wheat today resulted from the fact that the movement of the newly harvested grain to the market was the heaviest ever known at this time of the year. Because of the big drop in quotations many stop and loss orders were executed.

COMBATS SENTENCE.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

OTTAWA, Canada, July 15.—The cabinet commuted to life imprisonment today the sentence of death of the Italian woman Angelina Neapolitano for the murder of her husband at Sault Ste. Marie.

Don't forget the Turkish Baths. PHONE 214-J.

## THIRTY-TWO PASSENGERS DROWN WHEN TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE

## DETECTIVE IS KILLED

Well-Known Officer Is Mysteriously Murdered by Enemies.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 15.—Thomas Schweig, one of the most widely known detectives in Chicago was mysteriously shot and killed early today. The police believe he was a victim of a "gun man" whose enmity the detective incurred. Five men were seen running from the scene of the murder.

## WHITE HOUSE IS VISITED

Harry N. Atwood, Aviator, Drops Into Call on President—Gets Medal.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Taft received the first aerial visitor this afternoon. The President stood on the rear portico of the White House as the aviator Harry N. Atwood of Boston, after circling the Washington monument flew directly into the White House grounds and landed on the lawn. Atwood walked where Taft stood and was presented with a gold medal from the Aero Club of Washington. The aviator reentered the machine and flew to Polo-field Potomac park.

## ALLIANCE IN AND OUT TODAY

Coaster Makes Fast Trip Up From Eureka But Lays Outside.

The steamer Alliance of the North Pacific Steamship Company's fleet, arrived at her wharf shortly after noon from Eureka. She made a fast trip up from Eureka, arriving off the bar at 9 o'clock this morning, but was compelled to anchor outside on account of the heavy fog prevailing. Following are the passengers who departed north at 2 o'clock this afternoon:

M. Martin, Geo. Collins, J. A. Seurlack, J. J. Sullivan, J. J. McCormick, Mrs. M. Cohn, T. F. Bagliss, F. J. Hornl, Chas. Harrus, J. S. Baird, Martin Bonstorf, G. W. Hollister, W. R. Spencer.

WALSH MAY BE PAROLED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 15.—The last indictment preferred against John R. Walsh, a former Chicago banker who is now in the Leavenworth penitentiary, has been quashed and the last obstacle to the parole removed. The parole board meets September 17 and it is said that the Walsh case will be the first to be considered.

THE VERDICT is in favor of LEWIS' ICE CREAM. Why? Cause it's pure.

The Times Want Ads bring results

Fearful Loss of Life Near Port Limon, Costa Rica.

VESSELS MEET IN A STORM; ONE SINKS

Several Members of Crew Perish With the Excursionists.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 15.—A dispatch from Port Limon, Costa Rica, to the Times reports that thirty-two passengers and several members of the crew of the schooner Irma were drowned or crushed to death when the vessel sunk in a collision with another steamer in the estuary of the San Juan river during a storm.

## CAVANAUGH IS WITNESS

Major of Engineer Corps Testifies in Controller Bay Matter.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Major J. D. Cavanaugh of the engineers corps of the Army was a witness of the House Committee inquiring into the Controller Bay affair of Alaska. He declared that Controller Bay was a subject for many objections as a harbor, whereas Katalla Bay which is available for terminals, had excellent harbor facilities. Cavanaugh said that permits to erect wharves at both Controller and Katalla bays was granted to the Alaska Pacific Railway and Terminal Company, the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad Company, and the Bering River Railroad Company. He did not know the names of individuals who made the applications. Cavanaugh was directed to produce the papers. Thus far the railroad had been represented by Richard S. Ryan of the Controller Bay Railroad and Navigation Company who has filed no applications although authorized by the act of Congress March 4, 1911, to construct bridges across rivers and bays to the Alaska mineral and coal fields.

THIRTY DIE EACH DAY OF ACCIDENT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Since a rule of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring reports of accidents involving the loss of one or more lives put into effect, the average telegraphic messages reporting such accidents number thirty each day.

MORE WIRE TROUBLE.

The Western Union went out of commission again today and shut off a portion of The Times' Associated Press report.

MARK TWAIN LEAVES HALF MILLION

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., July 15.—Mark Twain left actual property worth \$471,136.00. The entire estate goes to his surviving daughter, Mrs. Gabrielle.