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Holiday Announcement!

Just prior to the enjoyments and merrymaking of Christmas time comes a period of perplexity familiar to all buyers of gifts. The selection of just the right and desirable present for each one who is to be remembered is oftentimes a burdensome task. Feeling confident that we can be of the greatest assistance in overcoming these difficulties and can smooth the way for the Christmas buyer in the matter of selection, we are pleased to invite your attention to our holiday stock for 1911—a revelation in pleasing and appropriate gifts.

Whatever earnest effort and experience can do to provide our patrons with the latest and best has been done, and we are confident our efforts will not fail to give pleasure and the best of satisfaction.

The time of every Holiday Shopper will indeed be well spent in looking through our bright, fresh selections of up-to-date gifts. Timely hints and valuable suggestions will be made to you by the goods themselves, the fitness and desirability of many articles will recommend them as most appropriate and satisfactory for those you wish to remember.

At the present moment it is probable that you have a list of people in mind who should receive gifts from you, and the anxious question of the hour is WHAT to get them.

Come and see our varied line of really desirable gifts and the problem will immediately be changed to the simpler question of WHICH to get them.

We acknowledge a more than common pride in our Holiday display this season, caused by the excellence of the goods represented, and the variety and range afforded for perfect satisfaction in the selection of anything from an inexpensive little remembrance to a solid and substantial gift.

OUR SALE OF LADIES' SUITS, COATS AND WRAPS STILL CONTINUES, AFFORDING A SUBSTANTIAL SAVING ON STRICTLY HIGH CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE GARMENTS.

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS FROM THIS DATE UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. YOU MAY CHOOSE YOUR GIFTS NOW AND HAVE THEM SET ASIDE FOR DELIVERY ANY TIME BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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BUSINESS MEN'S TRIBUTE TO MR. C. A. SMITH.

THAT WAS a very graceful and felicitous compliment the business men of Marshfield paid Mr. C. A. Smith on Thursday when a score of them made a personal call at his office to give expression to their acknowledgment and appreciation of the splendid work he has done and is doing for the development of Coos Bay.

Primarily a private enterprise the business of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company is of such magnitude and far-reaching effect that it is in reality a quasi-public institution in the benefits conferred on this community. The expression of appreciation from the prominent men of the city could not but be pleasing to the man who is the directing genius of this great industry.

The heartiness and spontaneity with which the idea was conceived and given utterance gave it added value as an outpouring of genuine good will from the representative men of the community.

It is always gratifying to know that our efforts are appreciated and little acts like this are as roses along life's rugged road.

It was an occasion for mutual congratulations, Mr. C. A. Smith for having so thoroughly deserved so fine a tribute and the business men of Marshfield for the kindly thought and grateful hearts which prompted so felicitous an acknowledgment.

Imported French PERFUMERY—Pleasant odors for XMAS—RED CROSS Drug Store.

We have lots of pictures. Prices lower than ever before—Walker Studio.

THERMOS BOTTLES, chafing DISHES and Percolators for Xmas. RED CROSS Drug Store.

SOCIAL HOP SATURDAY night at I. O. O. F. hall. Tickets 50c.

Libby COAL. The kind YOU have ALWAYS USED. PHONE 72 Pacific Livery & Transfer Co.

TUNNEL SITE LAND SOUGHT

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9. — The Guard says: "The Pacific Great Western Railway company began suit in the circuit court against Maurice Moore and wife to condemn a piece of land at the west portal of the proposed tunnel in order to get more land on which to make the heavy cut that is necessary at that point. The company already has a deed to a right-of-way fifty feet wide there, but owing to the depth of the proposed cut, to make the proper slope, a little more land is necessary. The company also seeks to condemn a small piece of land further west on which to dump the dirt which will come from this heavy cut, as there is no other place to put it."

"The surveys of the Pacific Great Western and Southern Pacific conflict at that point and if both roads are to be built there, promises to be a big legal battle for possession of the site of the west portal of the tunnel. It is understood that the Southern Pacific company owns no right-of-way west of the tunnel site, but the right-of-way agents and officials of the company seem to know what they are doing and it is possible they may spring a surprise of some sort or another in that connection in the near future."

"Attorney Chas. A. Hardy, representing George Perry, the contractor who recently secured a judgment against the Lane County Asset Company for over \$5,000 for grading work done for the company, is preparing papers in a suit to be filed against the Asset company and J. L. Buell, Southern Pacific right-of-way agent, to set aside the transaction wherein the Asset company sold to Mr. Buell its interest in the 30 acres of land at Powell's or Christener's Pass, west of the city, Attorney Hardy, it is understood, will allege fraud and that the transfer was illegal for the reason that the stockholders of the Asset company were not given notice of the proposed action and for other reasons."

FINE HAND-PAINTED CHINA, cut-glass and silver ware—RED CROSS Drug Store.

Pictures at prices that will please you—Walker Studio.

PLAY TONIGHT AT NORTH BEND

Tonight a game of basket ball will be played between Marshfield and North Bend at North Bend. Altho both teams will play hard to win it will merely be an exhibit on game. The Myrtle Point-North Bend game was called off on account of sickness among two or three of the Myrtle Point players.

In the last game with North Bend, the Marshfield boys were handicapped because the North Bend basketball floor was fenced off on the boundary lines.

Instead of practicing the last two night this week, the High school boys have been laying a new floor in the tabernacle while a couple of carpenters are engaged in arranging the seats in such a way that all persons on the side lines will be able to witness the game. The screens for the baskets will also be made more solid.

Manager Harrington is arranging to have a basket ball game between the "fats" and the "leams" as a preliminary to the High school game with Bandon, the 15th. If the players can be secured for this preliminary a list of their names with their respective positions will be printed in The Times in some subsequent article on High School athletics.

Pictures of the High School football team are being made by Mr. Stadden. Considering the time the plate was exposed in taking the picture, it is an exceptionally good one. An enlarged and framed picture of the "1910 Coos County Champions" and of the 1911 Coos County Champions will be presented to the school by the team. The manager and some of the players of the team have been thinking about sending the picture of the 1911 champions to the Seaside people to have it put in the next foot ball guide. The Athletic Association of the High School will give a dance the evening of the 27th of December. This will be strictly invitational and is expected to be a great success. The committee appointed to act as general managers of the dance consists of Leslie Isaacson, chairman, George Johnson and Lee Byerly.

The Norwegian Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society will hold its annual Christmas auction sale Saturday evening, Dec. 9, in the church hall. Refreshments will be served.

COUNCIL HAS QUIET SESSION

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Inspector Tribbey could not grant a permit for the repair unless the plumbing of the entire building was put in anew. Mr. Ross explained that E. W. Wright, the new owner of the property, hoped to tear out the old building soon and put up a new one and consequently did not feel like going to the expense of putting in a whole new job of plumbing in the old structure. Finally the council agreed that he should be permitted to temporarily repair the work.

Fill Is Ordered.
The council declared its intention to construct two bulkheads along North Front street north from the present bulkhead north to the city limits. This will permit the filling of Front street. This step was taken in order to enable the council to have the street filled by the dredge Oregon. If the property owners have one bulkhead built and the flat filled, it will obviate the cost of the two bulkheads.

The council also declared its intention to fill the section south of Nob Hill to and including Central avenue and also the intersecting streets as far west as Sixth street.

Pave North Front Street.
The old question of the city paying for the fill on North Front street and the abutting private property came up. The dredge started in on that fill before the council could through the "red tape" necessary to levy an assessment for it. The cost, considering the improvement, is slight, the city only paying for the labor necessary in handling the pipeline. Most of the property owners have paid privately for the work, but a few are holding back. Owing to a mistake relative to the time and expense, the city did not properly estimate the cost and may be out \$100 or so on the work.

When some additional bills came in last evening for labor, Councilman Cople raised the question of the city paying for work done on private property. He said that he thought that it had been agreed once that this should not be done

again. Guy Lattin, who had charge of the work, stated that it had required six days longer than was anticipated and that it was his understanding the city would take care of the entire North Front street project, looking to the property owners to pay the city back.

Mayor Straw said that the matter had been an emergency job and he felt that if the city could not go ahead in such cases relying on the honesty of citizens to make good, he wanted to move out. Anyway, he said the improvement would enhance the value of the property so that the additional taxes from it would recompense the city. He said that the city should pay the bill and he believed it would all be collected back. He also suggested that steps be taken to have a sewer built on the street and arrangements made for paving it.

Councilman Powers concurred with this and urged that Messrs. Lawhorne and Gidley hasten the collection as much as possible.

Then a motion ordering plans for sewerage the new street was adopted. The city engineer was also instructed to prepare plans and specifications for hard surface paving for the street from the present hard surface paving to the Cold Storage plant and from there to Hemlock street. Mayor Straw wanted it made two separate projects so that if the property owners on the north part object too strong, the whole street will not be held up.

Routine Business.
Councilman Ferguson asked that an arc light be ordered installed at the intersection of North Broadway and Front street. It was referred to the light committee.

Another bill for the Paul Crooks smallpox case came in. The councilmen thought they had disposed of all of them sometime ago. First, they paid Dr. Ingram for what they thought were all the expenses of the case and after Dr. Ingram left, a number of other bills came in. They paid these and now R. J. Walkath has presented a bill for a bed and bedding furnished Crooks. The council decided not to pay it.

The city recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for cleaning the streets for six months. During the discussion, Contractor Nelme was criticized for sweeping the streets so early in the evening without sprinkling them on dry days. He was also criticized for not cleaning all of the streets as regularly as his contract called for.

Councilman Powers suggested that the city buy a team to do the

work and also to haul the fire engine to fires. Nothing definite was done about this beyond referring it to the Fire and Water committee and while they are looking into the matter, it was decided to award a private contract for the street cleaning again.

The council also decided to permit Mrs. Sleep to pay an assessment for street improvements without imposing the usual fifteen per cent penalty. She started to fight the assessment in the courts, lost the suit and the property was sold and now she wants to redeem it.

The council adjourned to meet Friday evening, December 29, when saloon licenses will be issued for the next six months.

LARGE VESSEL TO LOAD HERE

M. S. Dollar to Take 2,000,000 Feet of Lumber for Shanghai.

The M. S. Dollar, one of the largest of the Dollar Steamship company's fleet, is expected here in a couple of weeks to load at the C. A. Smith mill for Shanghai, China. The vessel is of practically the same dimensions as the Hazel Dollar, which took on part of her cargo here last spring for China. The M. S. Dollar carries about 3,000,000 feet of lumber and will take on about 2,000,000 at the Smith mill.

This is the second of a number of cargoes of lumber for China which the Smith company will deliver, it is understood. The company has been endeavoring to build up a foreign trade for the lumber and the opening of it will not only be a big thing for them but for all of Coos Bay.

The Hazel Dollar, which met with so many vicissitudes after leaving Coos Bay last spring, is now homeward bound to San Francisco. Although badly damaged on a reef off the coast of Japan, she took her cargo to Hankow and then returned to Shanghai where temporary repairs were made to enable her to return to the United States where permanent repairs will be made.

Xmas presents for papa, mama and the children at RED CROSS DRUG STORE.