

**MUCH TALK OF ANNIVERSARY  
VOTING PROBE IS NOTED ONE**

**Grand Jury Investigation of Nuptials of Ernest Varney and Marshfield City Election Causes Comment.**

Just what the Coos County Grand Jury is doing about the alleged irregularities in the Marshfield city election last week is the cause of much speculation around Marshfield today. Rumors concerning various witnesses being called were afloat.

Generally, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist is being commended for taking the matter up and these expressions were coupled with statements that he should make it complete. The general view of it appears to be that a thorough investigation of the matter will settle for all time to come and that it will put an end to rumors that might be detrimental to some parties unless they were exonerated by the grand jury.

Among those who are to have been summoned to Coquille in connection with the election are Wes. Noah, W. F. Denning of Cape Arago Light House, Justice Pennock who was one of the judges of election, R. A. Cople, Frank Smith of the Coos River Hatchery, A. W. McKay and others. Sheriff W. W. Gage came over at noon from Coquille and whether he has other summons in this connection could not be ascertained.

**CLEARING WAY  
FOR PORT WORK**

**Another Case Hindering Harbor Development Decided in Port's Favor.**

Another one of the cases that has been hindering the Port of Coos Bay Commission in its effort to improve the Coos Bay harbor has just been decided in favor of the Port. It was the Hale case, a suit begun in the federal court on practically the same grounds as were decided by the Oregon Supreme Court in the case of the Bennett Trust company and the Southern Oregon company vs. the Port of Coos Bay.

This leaves only one case of the litigation following J. W. Bennett's suits holding up the harbor work undecided. The remaining suit is the one involving the legality of the election notices. It was begun by the State, in accordance with the ruling of the Oregon Supreme Court, and in the circuit court was decided in favor of the Port Commission. The state was not going to carry it up but J. W. Bennett in behalf of some of his clients said that he would pay the expense of the appeal. As a result of Mr. Bennett's action, the case is being appealed.

C. R. Smith, head of the Southern Oregon company and Menasha Woodware company, is quoted as stating that he or his companies would no longer be a party to any new litigation that would hold back the improvement of the harbor here. He is also quoted as having made a proposition to the Port of Coos Bay to immediately drop the pending litigation, started under the name of the Southern Oregon company before he acquired it, providing the Port would pay the balance of J. W. Bennett's attorney fees in that case. It is understood this balance was something like \$700. The commission is understood to be opposed to paying out money for this purpose.

However, the Port Commission is endeavoring to clear the way for the sale of the \$300,000 bond issue so that the harbor work can be rushed. It is expected that the \$200,000 appropriated for the main channel of the Bay will be expended under the direction of the government as now planned, accomplish much more than the proposed channel 500 feet wide and 20 feet deep from the Smith Mill to the bar.

an arm of Coos Bay, does not constitute a separate integer for a drainage basin. The drainage basin of Coos Bay comprises all its arms and inlets, including South Slough and its tributaries, as well as Coos river and its tributaries, and all other sloughs and their tributaries entering Coos Bay.

Judge Wolverton enumerated nearly a dozen sloughs opening from Coos Bay, nearly all of them navigable for miles from the bay, the court holds, and he was unable to draw any distinction as to South Slough. The court said the state law gives the port power to improve the bay in all its parts, down to the sea.

The case of Straw vs Harris, the leading case of the Oregon supreme court in port litigation, was cited as being along the same line, when it was held that Ten Mile Creek was not improperly included in the Port of Coos Bay.

**Local Overflow**

**No Trace Found**—So far no trace has been found of Jas. Evans, the Eastside boat builder who mysteriously disappeared from his home Sunday night. The belief that he simply left the country to escape creditors is growing stronger.

**Garrison Case**—It was reported around town today that the Garrison murder case at Coquille would not be taken up until Friday. Marshal Carter who has been serving subpoenas in the case stated that District Attorney Brown had notified him to have witnesses for the trial in Coquille Thursday and consequently he did not believe it had been postponed again.

**WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.**

**"FIRST LADY" WAS CHEF.**

**Wife of John Adams Cooked White House Christmas Dinner.**

The first Christmas dinner at the White House was in 1800, when the wife of President John Adams, who prided herself on being a model New England housekeeper, served in the capacity of chef.

Under her directions old colored "mammies," clad in bright calico frocks, long white aprons and bright colored kerchiefs on their heads, flitted hither and thither before the roaring blazes on the hearths as they prepared the food for President Adams and his Yuletide guests.

The mansion was but dimly lighted compared with the present illuminations by numerous candles and lamps. Instead of steam radiators, heat was furnished by great wood fires on the broad hearths, which roared and crackled and sent showers of sparks up the ample chimneys.

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**Local Overflow**

**Coos Bay Camp No. 8408 Hold Annual Election Last Night.**

The annual election of officers of Coos Bay Camp, No. 8408, Modern Woodmen of America, was held last evening following the initiation of four candidates. The following officers were elected:

Past Consul—J. O. Jund.  
Venerable Consul—Chas. LaChapelle.  
Advisor—W. E. Smith.  
Banker—Geo. N. Bolt.  
Clerk—D. A. Jones.  
Escort—R. R. Chapin.  
Watchman—Edmund Willetts.  
Sentry—E. E. Doloh.

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**MEMORABLE YULETIDES.**

**Odd Coincidence of Queen Victoria's Sorrows at Christmas Time.**

One of the most extraordinary Christmas days London ever had was that of 1801. The shops had been, as usual, specially prepared and decorated with the object of attracting the buyers when suddenly, on Dec. 22, a thick fog came on. Not until the evening of Dec. 26 did it lift. This particular fog held the record for being the heaviest London had known. Thirty lives were lost and over 200 accidents recorded.

Christmas, 1800, was the coldest England and Scotland had ever experienced. Just three years later Christmas day was marred by news that William Makepeace Thackeray, the great novelist, was dead.

The late Queen Victoria's most memorable Christmas was the most pathetic. It was in less than a fortnight from Dec. 25, 1801, that her husband, the prince consort, passed away. So affected was her majesty that she allowed fifteen years to pass before she celebrated Christmas day in the traditional fashion. Then on Christmas day in 1872 the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII., was so ill that his life was despaired of. But he made a remarkable recovery.

**CHRISTMAS WOOING OF CUPID.**

**Mystic Love Spells With Apples in Foreign Lands.**

Apples enter into many Christmas spells. In Austria on Christmas eve the apple must be cut in halves in the dark and without being touched by the hand. The left hand half is then placed in the bosom of the diviner and the right hand half behind the door of the bedchamber. Then at midnight, should the spell have been fully carried out, the spirit or "astral" of the beloved one appears, standing beside the half which was laid behind the door.

Another charm is to cut an apple in two and count the seeds in each half. If the numbers are even marriage will be soon. If a seed is cut in two there will be trouble in the course of love, and should two seeds be cut there will be early widowhood.

A Sicilian maiden throws the fruit from her window into the street and watches. Should it lie long without being picked up she will be widowed soon after marriage. Should it be picked up by a woman marriage will not be within the coming year, but should it be picked up by a man then she will be wedded before the next year is ended.

**Another Case Hindering Harbor Development Decided in Port's Favor.**

The Portland Journal says: "The Port of Coos Bay, which has been victorious in the state courts in the attacks made upon it, gained a further victory in the United States circuit court when Judge Wolverton sustained a demurrer to the complaint filed against A. H. Hale in a "taxpayer's suit" against the port and the port commission, consisting of Henry Sengstacken, J. C. Gray, W. P. Evans, E. Mings and W. C. Harrie.

The question involved was as to whether or not South Slough, which is an inlet of Coos Bay not far from the sea, is a part of the natural watershed of the bay, or classified as a separate watershed. All other points, Judge Wolverton stated, have been adjudicated in the state courts.

Hale is the owner of land on the watershed immediately tributary to South Slough, and it was contended it would be unjust and illegal to tax him for improvement of the upper bay, in which, it was alleged, he is not interested.

Judge Wolverton resorted to Webster and the Century dictionary for a definition of watershed.

"If we speak of a bay, the term would naturally include the arms and inlets thereof," said the court. "So that the whole bay, together with the streams and their tributaries by which it is fed, would constitute the drainage basin, and the watershed thereof all the territory from which the waters flow into the basin, and consequently into the bay. The same with the estuary. Such I believe to be the intent of the state.

"South Slough therefore being but



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**CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY.**

**Richly Cooked Rice a Popular Dish. Brownies Used to Share It.**

The day before Christmas the holidays really begin. It is customary to have richly cooked rice served with milk or fruit juice for dinner. In the tureen is a blanched almond, and he who gets this receives a present. The practice used to be prevalent among the peasants to set out a dish of this Christmas rice in the barn for the gnomes or brownies, whom they thought would do some good turn for them in payment.

Flowers always make a home look festive, and the custom in Norway is to send these as messengers of love at Christmas.

**The Masqueraders.**

Yes, I believe in Santa Claus, In elves and fairies, too— I've never seen them, but because Of lovely things they do.

Their names are Joy and Tenderness And Good Will Here on Earth. Their mission is to ease distress With happiness and mirth.

And when they dress as fairy folk, In furs and gauze arrayed, They think 'tis just a pleasant joke To come in masquerade.

—John Kendrick Bangs.

**THE MEDICINE MAN.**

Old Uncle Pete with perfect ease acquired each newly found disease.

It seemed to be his chief delight, the only one he had. Of Uncle Pete it was said he was unhappy out of bed; To be a chronic invalid was his absorbing fad.

There was no dope he would not take, the honest cure, also the fake, He swallowed most impartially and smacked his lips for more.

The village druggist made his pile and lived in almost regal style. For Uncle Pete had surely been the makin' of his store.

It brought old Pete a lot of fame because he always got his name And picture in the papers as a well-known public man.

Who had been cured of this or that, and Uncle Pete would come to bat Each day with some new illness as an expert sick man can.

He used to do some protean stunts and have nine ailments all at once.

Until one day the village heard that poor old Pete was dead. He did not die of grim disease. We cannot all go as we please.

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