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BESSIE DOLLAR REACHES HERE

Big Lumber Carrier Arrives in
From San Francisco
Early Today.

The Bessie Dollar, the big lumber
carrier of the Dollar Steamship Com-
pany, arrived in here early this morn-
ing to take on about 3,000,000 feet
of lumber at the Smith mill for Chi-
na. She left San Francisco
about 5 o'clock Tuesday evening and
arrived off the Coos Bay bar about
6 o'clock last evening. Owing to
the darkness and rough weather,
Capt. B. W. Olson of the Nann Smith
piloted her up the coast, decided
not to cross in until this morning.
The trip up the coast, in over the bar,
and up the Bay to the Smith mill was
made without a single untoward in-
cident.

The docks were lined with Coos
Bay people eager to see the largest
vessel that has ever entered Coos
Bay. She is slightly longer than the
Dollar, the large vessel which
landed here last spring. Blasts
from the Smith mill whistle greeted
her.

Melville Dollar, of the Dollar
Steamship company, and his wife,
Mrs. E. E. Johnson of Coquille and
H. Powers of Marshfield were in-
coming passengers on her.

Brings Lumber Here

Part of the cargo which the Bessie
Dollar will take from here to China
will be shipped in on other vessels
from Eureka and Crescent City.
The latter will be redwood for a spe-
cial order, a vessel being chartered
to bring about 300,000 feet of it
for shipment. Besides this,
the Bessie Dollar took on about 100-
000 railroad ties at San Francisco,
her last trip from China, the
Bessie Dollar brought 10,000 tons of
lumber. When loaded to capacity
with dead freight, she draws about
21 feet of water. With 3,000,000
feet of lumber aboard, it is expected
that she will draw about 21 feet
of water. The 10,000 ton cargo
from the Orient was unloaded from
San Francisco in eight days. It is
expected that it will take about ten
days to load her at the Smith mill.

She is in charge of Capt. Graham,
new master. He came from Eng-
land on the Dollar company's newest
and largest vessel, the Robert Dollar,
being first officer. She carries a
crew of about forty Chinese and ten
white Americans, the latter being
engineers, engineers, etc. She sails
under the British flag.

Capt. Olson will remain in port to
load her out when she sails. It
will not be known for a few days
whether she will proceed direct to
the Orient from here.

Melville Dollar who came here
with the vessel is quite well known
in the Bay through two or three
previous visits and is being warmly
welcomed by the many friends he
made on those occasions.

PORT TAX IS WANTED HELD

W. Bennett Requests Sheriff
to Hold Back His Por-
tion of it.

J. W. Bennett by long distance
telephone today notified Sheriff
Bennett's office today to withhold that
portion of the taxes paid by him for
the Port of Coos Bay. Whether the
request will be sufficient to
prevent the turning over of the tax
money to the Port Commission is not
known.

Mr. Bennett's request was on the
taxes of Flanagan & Bennett, J. W.
Bennett, the Bennett Trust Company
and the California Coal & Lumber
Company.

Mr. Bennett had remitted the tax-
es in full and why the sudden de-
cision to withhold is a mystery.
There has been no public announce-
ment of the decision of the Oregon
Supreme Court in the last case at-
tacking the validity of the commis-
sion, although the decision is shortly
expected.

Today was the last day on which
taxes could be paid, the 3 per cent
state secured and there was a big
rush at the sheriff's office in Co-
quille.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ladies' Aid Society of Swedish
Lutheran church will hold a BA-
NQUET and SOCIAL at the church
prior to SATURDAY Evening, March
16th.

DR. MINGUS ON WATERWORKS

Tells About Clear Lake and
Answers J. W. Bennett's
Attack on Local Men.

Editor Times:—

Something seems to be hurting J.
W. Bennett very much; some one or
some element is not working in har-
mony with his selfish and personal
interest and from the tone of his re-
marks he is charging it mostly to the
Coos Bay Water and Power Company
of which I am president. I must
confess the stockholders of the
company did not seek Mr. Bennett's
advice when it filed on the Clear Lake
water supply for the reason that they
were able in their own opinion to get
better advice from other sources. Our
operations have been a thorn in Mr.
Bennett's side ever since we began
work on the system and he has made
some attempts to put obstacles in our
way by scripping some practically
worthless land bordering on Clear
Lake, Edna Lake and Pot Lake, how-
ever this stalling process did not have
the desired effect nor did it impair
our rights. The stockholders of the
Coos Bay Water and Power Company
have conducted their business in good
faith and have not and will not ask
any favors from any one. We have
expected and so desired that these
rights might be of some public ben-
efit and we are willing that the public
shall profit by whatever efforts we
have made to preserve for them this
water supply. If the public does
not desire it, there is no offense; the
few dollars we have spent in main-
taining the rights is of no conse-
quence to us but that \$4,500 evident-
ly looks awful big to Joe. And here
is the thorn. Joe knows very well
that the Clear Lake water rights are
valuable and for several citizens of
Coos Bay to give those rights to the
public surpasses his understanding; that
is what hurts. If we would
have put a price of \$50,000 on our
rights then we would be better gen-
tlemen. We have not asked the
public to purchase our rights, we
have made no attempts to thrust it
upon them and that hurts Joe also,
but on the other hand I would ask
how much effort has been expended
in annoying the city council with
overtures about Mr. Bennett's water
system?

Now a few words about the prior
rights on the Clear Lake supply out
of which Joe is trying to make some
capital and at the same time discredit
the honest purposes of myself and
corporation associates.

In the Coos Bay Times of March
the fourth I see the following quotion:
"Clear Lake water not for
sale. Warren Reed and Joe Lyon,
who filed on Clear Lake three months
before Marshfield's doctor's applica-
tion was rejected, are both here in
Portland and are determined to keep
the water for Reed'sport." This is
quoted as being an excerpt from a tel-
egram from J. W. Bennett to T. T.
Bennett. It is not clear who is
meant by the Marshfield doctor, but
that is not necessary to prove the
relative position that the filing of War-
ren Reed and Joe Lyon on the Clear
Lake water has to other filings on the
same supply and at the same time
show that Mr. Bennett has not made
substantial inquiry into the matter.

In a statement made on March 9th,
J. W. Bennett is credited with the fol-
lowing: "Joseph Lyons filed on Clear
Lake, July, 1910; the application was
approved May 9, 1911. He got per-
mit No. 634 on application No. 1346
to apply these stored waters to the
beneficial use of municipal and indus-
trial manufactory, etc." The Rec-
ords of the County Clerk of Douglas
County, Oregon, will show that the
Coos Bay Water and Power company,
a corporation, located at Marshfield,
Oregon, did in January, 1907, file on
the Clear Lake water supply and that
subsequently in January, 1909, made
a second filing for the purpose of
changing the point of diversion and
at the time of the last filing there
were no other filings of record in the
County Clerk's office prior to that
time. These are matters of record
which any one can verify by writing
to the County Clerk of Douglas Coun-
ty, the County in which Clear Lake
is situated. Within six months from
the time of the last filing the Coos
Bay Water and Power company be-
gan work on clearing for a pipe line
and also began work on driving a
tunnel which work has been pursued
continuously ever since, the actual
work of construction being necessary
for holding the water rights. Our
maps showing distances and course
of pipe line as well as their destina-
tion are on file in County Clerk's
office in both Douglas and Coos Coun-
ty and we have no desire to conceal
anything from one who seeks legiti-
mate information relative to this
matter. Joe Bennett would have
the public believe that the Coos Bay
Water and Power Company is trying
to sell the city of Marshfield a "gold
brick." Granting our holdings are
worthless, I do not think the mem-
bers of the City Council are such a set
of jackasses that there is any danger

NOTED COOS BAY PIONEER DIED

B. F. Ross, Resident of Coos
County Since 1853, Passes
Away at Home Early Today.

B. F. Ross, one of the best-known
and most highly respected pioneers
of this section and one of the three
oldest living residents of Coos Bay,
died this morning at his home on
Catching Inlet. Death came after a
few days illness of complications due
to his advanced age.

News of his death came as a great
shock to the many friends of the
venerable old man. While most of
them knew of his illness, all hoped
that he would again recover.

With him at the time of his death



B. F. ROSS.

was his venerable wife and their
only child, George Ross.

Mr. Ross had been quite active
despite his advanced years until a short
time ago.

Mrs. Esther M. Lockhart and A.
G. Aiken are the other two oldest
living residents of Coos Bay.

The funeral will be held at the
Coos River cemetery Sunday at 1
o'clock, the services being conducted
by Rev. G. LeRoy Hall. The steamer
Alert will leave Marshfield at 12
o'clock with the funeral party. The
Wah-ta-Wasoo will make a special
trip from Catching Inlet with the
funeral party from that section.

Sketch of His Life.

In early days of Coos Bay when
the Indians were more numerous
than the whites and there was more
or less danger to the pioneers, Mr.
Ross was off bloodshed several
times. For a number of years he
was the mediator between the whites
and the Indians. His tales of his
dealings with the Indians were most
interesting.

Benjamin Franklin Ross was truly
a pioneer of Coos County, being one

of the first twenty-five white men
who settled here and he had the dis-
tinction of building the first house
in Empire. He was born November
23, 1827, in Spencer County, Indi-
ana, and was the son of a Kentuck-
ian. His father, Evan Ross, settled
with his family in Indiana at a very
early date. There he engaged in
farming and there his marriage to
Catherine Ashby took place. He re-
moved to Iowa in 1844 and his death
occurred about a year later. His
wife came to Coos County in 1882,
making her home with her children
until she died in 1891. There were
in this family fourteen children.

Benjamin F. Ross after leaving the
district school learned the trade of
a plasterer which he followed until
1850. He then started across the
plains with ox teams, having little
trouble with the Indians who stole
some of his stock but who did him
no serious injury. After being on
the road six months, Mr. Ross ar-
rived in Lane County, taking up a
donation claim on which he never
proved up. Instead, he went to Eu-
reka, Cal., and engaged in prospect-
ing in the mines at Shasta mines and
then at Scott's River mines and later
in Weaverville. He left the latter
place in March, 1852, going to Jack-
son County, Oregon, where he fol-
lowed mining for one year. In Au-
gust, 1853, he located in Coos Coun-
ty. Here he first engaged in the hotel
business and later in the butcher
business at Coal Banks. In 1857 he
took up the homestead claim of 170
acres where he made his home the
balance of his life. This land is sit-
uated on Ross Inlet which was named
for Mr. Ross.

In 1856, he enlisted in Capt. Har-
ris' company and served three months
in the Rogue River Indian war,
guarding the frontier. In 1861, he
joined a company of regulars under
Major Carney and was with them
about one month, having several
skirmishes with the Indians and giv-
ing good service as a soldier.

In 1864, Mr. Ross was joined in
marriage with Miss Rhoda E. Bone-
brake, a native of Iowa, born in
1842. They are survived by one
child—Geo. R. Ross, who resides on
the old homestead.

Politics held quite an interest for
Mr. Ross who frequently served as
judge of election and also as deputy
sheriff for several years. In 1878,
he was elected county commissioner,
being re-elected in 1882 and again
in 1888. He was independent in his
political opinions. Mr. Ross was an
active worker in the United Brethren
church in which he was a class leader.

NEW STORY OF GARRISON CASE

Claim Coos County Murderer
Expressed Certainty of Be-
ing Reprieved by West.

SALEM, Ore., March 15.—What is
considered as distinctly a reason why
capital punishment should be re-
tained in Oregon has developed in
the case of Frank Garrison, sen-
tenced to be hanged from Coos Coun-
ty and one of the men granted a re-
prieve until Friday, December 13,
when it will be known whether the
voters of the state decide to aban-
don or retain capital punishment.

It has leaked out that at his sec-
ond trial in Coos County, Garrison
was asked whether he would prefer
to plead guilty to murder in the sec-
ond degree and take life imprison-
ment, or take chances on murder in
the first degree and a possibility of
hanging; he declared himself in fa-
vor of taking a chance with the jury.
"If I am tried and sentenced to be
hanged for murder, Governor West
will not let me hang, so I will only
get life sentence anyway. On top of
that if I am tried by the jury I have
a chance of getting even less than life
imprisonment," Garrison is reported
as saying to his attorneys.

DR. GRAY, PAINLESS DENTAL
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for one week.

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BREAKWATER IN EARLY TODAY

Steamer Arrived From Port-
land This Morning With
Large List.

The Breakwater arrived in early
today from Portland after a fairly
good trip down the coast. It was a
little rough yesterday and last night.
She had a large passenger list and
a good cargo of miscellaneous freight.
The Breakwater will sail at 8
o'clock Saturday morning for Port-
land.

Among those arriving on the
Breakwater were the following:

T. Brown, A. E. Johnson, D. C.
Barker, Mrs. Barker, C. Malehorn,
G. L. Hansen, Mrs. Hansen Miss P.
Barklow, Miss M. C. Drane, W. Hill,
F. Hill, C. Hill, D. Douglas,
S. S. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson,
R. W. Carr, E. R. Fluckinger, D. Lin-
der, F. E. Linder, J. W. Mulkey, J.
C. Minning, W. E. Steward, Lillie
Pulley, Bob Mardens, F. E. Glazier,
L. M. Stout, R. A. Lane, J. Ellerby,
S. T. Towers, J. Wahl, H. C. Corn,
Buelah Willard, A. Z. Wows, J.
Mills, Mrs. Mills, W. A. Teutsch, E.
C. Van Houton, W. Yorlan, F. Hunt,
Mrs. Vedder, L. Kallos, C. Footare,
E. D. Rudd, May Hoffstatter, Mrs. J.
B. Davis, J. B. Davis, F. Hagelsten,
C. G. Powers, W. S. Gregg, J. O.
Toole, W. R. Winningham, T. G.
Heald, R. Harrison, Mrs. Harrison,
S. B. Nunn, F. Jean, F. J. Crowley,
L. Melvin, J. E. Trayer, Mrs. Morgan,
Mikutus, J. Lyski, G. Garrts.

SUPT. TIEDGEN IS REELECTED

Marshfield School Board Re-
tains Him—Tom Bennett
Wants Golden.

At a meeting of the Marshfield
school board yesterday afternoon,
Supt. F. A. Tiedgen was reelected
for another year and the present
high school faculty was also reelec-
ted. The election of the grade
teachers was postponed until another
meeting.

The reelection of Supt. Tiedgen
was not entirely unanimous. Tom
Bennett appearing and urging that
F. A. Golden be selected and when
this was refused asked that the elec-
tion be postponed until he could cir-
culate petitions in behalf of Mr. Gol-
den. Director John C. Merchant
supported Mr. Golden's claims for
the position but Directors McCormac
and Horton voted in favor of Mr.
Tiedgen and elected him.

The board meeting was held late
in the afternoon in the office of Judge
John F. Hall, clerk of the district.
Directors Horton, McCormac and
Merchant were present. Following
the following allowance of bills and
some routine proceedings, Dr. Mc-
Cormac moved that Supt. Tiedgen be
reelected for a term of twelve
months. M. C. Horton seconded the
motion and then Tom Bennett asked
to be heard in behalf of Mr. Golden.
He urged that Mr. Golden be elected
and that if the board was not will-
ing to elect Mr. Golden now, that the
election of a superintendent be
deferred for awhile until he could
circulate petitions among patrons
of the schools to get an expression
regarding Mr. Golden. He said
that he had the petitions already
printed and would like to present
them.

Dr. McCormac stated that he was
not in favor of waiting, that there
were a number of the High School
teachers who were anxious to learn
whether they were to be reelected
before they were desirous of get-
ting their applications in elsewhere
and that it was time the matter
should be settled. So far as peti-
tions were concerned, he stated that
he had made up his mind it was best
for the schools that Supt. Tiedgen
be retained as their head. He said
that petitions did not always signify
the wish of the people as many sig-
ned them as the easiest way of get-
ting rid of the parties circulating
them. And besides, he declared,
members of the board are in a bet-
ter position to judge the needs and
welfare of the school than outsiders
who were not closely in touch with
them. In addition to this, he de-
clared that the circulation of peti-
tions would tend to stir up partisa-
nship in the schools that would be
very detrimental to them.

When the matter came to a vote,
Director Merchant voted against it,
saying that he felt that he had been
elected to try and get Supt. Golden
reinstated as head of the schools.

Principal A. L. Barker was reelected
at a salary of \$1200 per year and
F. A. Grannis was reelected at a
salary of \$100 per month. Misses
Agnes Carpenter and Esther Silver-
man were reelected at \$90 per month
each.

SPLIT IN DEMOCRACY

Division Results on Free Sugar Bill
in House Today.
(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay
Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—
A split in the democratic ranks re-
sulted today when the house took
up the "free sugar" bill. Democrats
from the cane and beet sugar pro-
ducing states have prepared speech-
es against the measure. They con-
tended the bill meant an end to the
American sugar growing industry.
Chairman Underwood of the ways
and means committee made it
known that it was his intention to
end the general debate and late to-
morrow the measure is expected to
pass. Republicans are prepared
when the debate is ended to ask a
recommitment of the bill to ad-
vance the chance of this carrying, it
was said they were prepared to waive
their condition for a continuation
of the Dutch standard and the pref-
erential feature of certain grades of
sugar.

Julia Olson, Mrs. F. A. Arnott, E. M.
Rosenthal, J. C. Vener, O. Hansen,
F. Belleu, T. M. Walker, Fred Lee,
D. Douthett, T. Stefanoff, F. De
Clark, R. E. Yott, C. F. Gray, F. A.
Gray, Emma Gregg, A. D. Egerton,
S. R. Allen, H. J. Mosier, Mrs. Bry-
an, D. P. Dunavan, C. D. Lash, A.
Danmeyer, P. Goldenberg, N. Erick-
son, J. Kilaivi, E. Shull, G. Ganara-
dus, F. Kallas, C. Geogoes, J. Mat-
son, W. J. Gregg, F. Hickman, E.
Mikutus, J. Lyski, G. Garrts.

NEW CHAIRMAN IS SELECTED

P. M. Hall-Lewis Heads Coos
County Republican Com-
mittee Now.

At a meeting of the Coos County
republican central committee at Co-
quille yesterday, P. M. Hall-Lewis
was elected chairman to fill the vac-
ancy caused by the removal of C.
B. Selby. Thirteen members of the
committee were in attendance. Aside
from this and the filling of a number
of vacancies, no particular business
was transacted.

There was a slight contest over
the chairmanship. Three candidates
were nominated, P. M. Hall-Lewis,
and C. I. Reigard of Marshfield, and
Senator Chase of Coquille. On the
third ballot, Mr. Hall-Lewis was
elected.

At the meeting a letter from Sena-
tor Chase stating that he would not
be a candidate for renomination on
the republican ticket was read.

It was also announced that J. S.
Barton of Coquille had decided to
become a candidate for state repre-
sentative from Coos County and that
Geo. E. Peoples would probably be-
come a candidate for assessor.

It was decided to raise a fund of
about \$50 for incidental expenses and
to send notaries to the logging camps
to see that the republican voters are
registered.

An entirely new county central
committee will be elected at the pri-
mary election April 19 and they will
have charge of the campaign. The
following were appointed to fill va-
cancies in the precincts named until
the April election:

W. C. Chase, in West Coquille;
R. A. Church, in Lake; P. M. Hall-
Lewis, in Central Marshfield; J. E.
Fitzgerald, at Libby; C. E. Jordan,
at Eastside; T. C. Russell, at Beaver
Hill; D. Clinton, in Missouri; J. D.
Myers, in Lee; E. P. Clinton, at
Parkersburg; Floyd Spres, in West
Myrtle Point; C. H. Nosler, in En-
chanted; M. H. Dement, in Roland.

C. A. Schibrede presided as tem-
porary chairman at yesterday's meet-
ing.

Those in attendance were C. A.
Fehlbrede, J. J. Clinkinbeard, C. E.
Maybee, J. A. Ward, Duncan Fergu-
son, P. M. Hall-Lewis, F. E. Allen,
L. G. Masters, J. S. Barton, W. C.
Chase, C. A. Jamieson, J. W. Clinton
and L. A. Roberts.

WEATHER IS ROUGH TODAY

One of Worst Squalls of Sea-
son Last Night and Today
—Bad Along Coast.

NO PRESS SERVICE.
Owing to the wires being
down all day, The Times is
without its usual Associated
Press news this evening.

Last night and today Coos Bay
has been experiencing one of the
worst squalls of the season. A high
wind accompanied by rain and hail
has made the weather most disagree-
able.

No damage is reported from the
high wind that blew in fitful gusts
last night, at times assuming the pro-
portions of a veritable gale.

The Western Union wire between
here and Roseburg has been out of
commission since yesterday after-
noon. A tree fell across the line near
Laird's and when this was repaired,
the line got crossed with the tele-
phone line. This was remedied and
something else went wrong which
Manager Schetter has been unable to
locate.

It was very stormy off the coast
yesterday and last night, the high
wind and heavy sea making it hard
for the steamers. The Breakwater
was 21 hours making the trip from
the Columbia bar to the Coos Bay
bar, it being one of the roughest
trips she has had in months.

The total precipitation for the last
24 hours on Coos Bay was 1.5
inches.

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