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MARSHFIELD, OREGON FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1912-EVENING EDITION

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ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE VERDICT IN BANDON SHOOTING

Corener's Investigation of Mc-Duffie Tragedy Ends This Afternoon.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION MAY BE MADE OF CASE

Many Rumors Concerning Tragedy in Circulation-Woman Recovering.

sty late this afternoon brought in a wrdiet of attempted murder and suidde. The verdict followed the exsmination of many witnesses

There was considerable talk here after the coroner's verdict was remened that the investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Bert McDuffle and the killing of McDuffle yesterday merning would not end with this ver-dict. However, this was largely talk and did not come from an official

Mrs. McDuffle is reported getting along nicely today and unless unexpected complications set in, she will quickly recover.

McDuffie's funeral has not been arunged for yet.

Mrs. McDuffle owns a large farm pear Bandon and differences over the scome from it are said to have been esponsible for some of the clashes in the family. A couple of years ago the instituted suit for a divorce but they made up and this was dropped. Mrs. A. R. Clinton of Coquille is sister of Mrs. McDuffle.

lew Rumor About Southern Pacific and Hill Systems Compromising.

stification of them could be ob-

One of them was a new version of ig to the C. A. Smith company, it legally done has not been determined. a a compromise whereby the Hill seple turned over the Pacific Great western and North Coast Line proj-ets to the Southern Pacific. The Ell people, the story goes, are to and the local line to Roseburg. there it will connect with the Oreon Electric and later extend it to Eastern Oregon, where it will con-set up with the Hill lines in that

BANDON WOMAN DEAD

W. P. Holman Succumbs to a stroke of Paralysis Special to The Times)

BANDON, Or., March 29,-Mrs. P. Holman who suffered a stroke paralysis yesterday died today. was sixty years old and came twenty-six years ago from Dala Polk county, Oregon. ved by a husband, two daughes and three sons, one of the sons city city marshal of Bandon.

leamship Sails This Morning for Humboldt Bay-Returns Monday.

The Alliance salled this morning Eureka. She had a good cargo miscellaneous freight, consider-e of it being destined for reshiptat Eureka for San Francisco. The Alliance is scheduled to return ne early Monday and 10:30 for Portland. tarly Monday and sail Monday oken ber regular ten-day schedule. She is now Among those salling on the Allio this morning were: E. Linder, C. Black, Mrs. A. A.

iin, Merlin Cotterlin, R. S. Fred Johnson and wife, Mrs. D. burg, W. K. Yott.

014-fashioned Mexican Pitnoche at STAFFORDS Saturday and

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Time.)

the interstate and foreign commerce committee. The measure practically would restore matters to the statutes existing before the passage of the commerce court act in June, 1900. The law would be changed, however, to authorize the courts to grant tem-porary injunctions restraining the operations of the commission's or-ders "only in cases where the court entertains grave doubts concerning the validity of the order and is of the opinion that irreparable injury would ensue if the suspension was

not granted.

Another change vests in the Inter state Commerce Commission exclu- dates, sive authority over all litigation to which it is a party, relieving the Department of Justice of responsibility. A minority report opposing the contention that the commerce court is useless and expensive will probably be presented.

promises to be largely attended. The first matter of importance is the devising of means of raising funds to keep the Oregon busy on the projects Some new railroad rumors were adopted by the Port Commission affeat here today and caused con-iderable speculation. No official will also be to the channel but will also be of great benefit by filling in the low property.

Some have suggested that all the big property owners in the port disthe report about C. A. Smith nego-tialing for the local line of the feathern Pacific. It was to the ef-lect that instead of the local line go-whether this can be accomplished or

> of the government work here, bas been suggested as the man to act as trustee if this plan can be carried

Everyone is urging that the special election for reorganizing the port be called at the earliest possible date in order that the harm done by the knocking out of the port commission may be kept as near the minimum as possible. With very few exceptions, the Port of Coos Bay reached here the people of the entire section are indignant over the situation and want it remedied as soon as possible. The tug Robarts is in from the Sinslaw.

from San Francisco.

o'clock in the morning for Portland, shown that the result "probably" tied up at the dock at North Bend Capt. Magee of Empire will have court adopts the rule that the elecinto service.

Chief Engineer Jensen of the Estabrook Steamship Company arrived here this week from San Francisco to inspect the construction of the new vessel which is being built for the company at North Bend.

The Washington sailed this morning for San Francisco with a big cargo of general freight but a rather small passenger list. Among those sailing from Marshfield on her were Miss Williams, Mrs. Catterlin and Merlin Catterlin.

Capt. Masters of Sumner expects to soon have the rebuilding of the Millicoma completed so that he can her on the Sumner run in place of the Curlew which was recently run down and destroyed by the tug Columbia. He may change the

Negotiations are on for the sale of the natty gasoline schooner Anvil to Mexican interests, but Captain Veysey, managing the yessel, said that reports to the effect she had been sold for service in that territory are premature. The Anvil is lying the city levce where she was berthed after being withdrawn from the Portland-Bandon run in the fall, says the that errors were committed in

Sunday at STAFFORDS.

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., March 29.—The eroner's jury in the McDuffle tragery late this afternoon brought in a

Commerce tonight for the purpose of discussing means of facilitating the reorganization of the Port of Coos Bay and also for devising means of retaining the dredge Oregon have

F. E. Leefe, the engineer in charge

· ALONG THE WATERFRONT ·

The Redondo is due in tomorrow

The Breakwater will sail at The tug Columbia, which has been for some time, will soon be put back into service. It is expected that command of her.

name of the boat to the Sumner.

Oregonian.

Special Candy Sale Saturday and

Ambassador Wilson Sent Guns and Ammunition to be Used for Protection of Americans neutrality proclamation in case of a shipment of arms which left New York yesterday. It is understood the (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Mexican government would not as-sess duties from European nations for use of their subjects. Time.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29 .-Acting Secretary of State Wilson to-The proposition of arming Ameriday confirmed the report from Mex-ico City that all dependable Americans meets with the approbation of President Madero, who admitted it is cans were to be armed for their own a necessary precaution against the defense and other foreign govern-

rough element in Mexico City which ments will take like safe-guards. It would not hesitat was announced that Ambassador of the despatch of Wilson will distribute to Americans from the capital. would not hesitate to take advantage of the despatch of government troops

Marshfield Delegation Had Publisher Gives Sources of In-Fine Time There Last Evening.

A score of the members of the Marshfield Aerie of Eagles returned today from Bandon where last night they initiated a large class of candi-Following the initiation, a social session was enjoyed. All the Eagles were loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them at the city-by-the-sea. It is expected that the Bandon

members of the Eagles will soon take steps to organize an Aerie there.

steps to organize an Aerie there.

The following are the candidates who were initiated last night:

J. W. Ackman, Chas. Conrad, J. R. Burnett, J. A. Foster, George L. Hewitt, C. E. Gardiner, Chas. Perkins, Clarence Myers, J. C. Page, C. S. McCulloch, Ben Campbell, J. A. Anselmo, Harvey Campbell, Sam Galt, Wm. A. McKay, Wm. A. Tenbrook and J. F. Wendling.

Among the members of the Marshfield Aerie who were in attendance last night were:

J. Ostrow, R. E. Pinegor, Paul Bet-tis, Chas. Ouimette, Will Rhodes, Wm. Christenson, Robert Ingersoll, Earl Winner, Russ Nasburg and G. W. Dungan.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Pres-byterian church will hold a COOKED the ore properties as acquired under the Hill lease as they were an "in-surance against competition." FOOD SALE at Perry & Nicholson's

PORT DECISION

Oregon Supreme Court Changed Attitude on Elections -Opinion.

The full text of the decision of the Oregon supreme court knocking out yesterday and is attracting considerable attention.

Lawyers who have looked the opinion of Justice Moore over are perplexed because the decision is contrary to the rule laid down previously by the supreme court. In a previdecision, the supreme court adopted the rule sustaining the results of elections except where it was would have been different if the technical provisions of the law governing it had been literally complied In the Coos Bay case, with. tion is void because it was not proven that the result could not have

possibly" been different, So far, it has not been ascertained were unsnimous in

knocking out the port of Coos Bay. The decision is a lengthy one, several type-written pages being devoted to showing that quo warranto proecedings, under which the case was instituted, are not, in Oregon, subject to trial by jury. Had the case been one to be tried before a jury, the findings of fact by the lower court would not have been subject to review by the higher court. Holding that it was not a jury case, the snoreme court went into all the records it had of it. However, there was considerable oral testimony taken at the hearing in the lower court, which was by stipulation, heard by Judge Coke without a jury that was not of record. This testimony as to the fluctuating of the voting

population on the Bay. Aside from the discussion of the o warranto proceedings, the opinon is as follows:

Considering the cast at bar on its merits plaintiff's counsel argues ceiving, over objection and exception, testimony tending to show that the

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formation Concerning Steel Trust.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Time.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29— When Frank A. Munsey, the magazine publisher, placed a valuation of \$782,000,000 on the property of the United States Steel Corporation in an article published in June, 1908, he did so after consulting officials of the corporation and having had access to its books. He made the declaration today as a witness before the Stanley investigation committee. "I also based my estimate," said Munsey, "on talks with other men interested in the steel business and with Charles M. Schwab, John W. Gates and others who were not then in the steel corporation.

In the article Munsey said the ore holdings were worth 60 cents a ton. On this figure he based the value of the ore properties leased by the corporation from J. J. Hill. He was asked about his estimate of \$105,-000,000 as the value of the ore holdings of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company. That valuation was figured at 15 cents a ton, he said, and also was based on terms of the Hill lease. Munsey reluctantly said George F. Baker was the director of the steel corporation quoted in the article as saying he would not sell

STATEMENT BY J. W. BENNET

Explains Attitude on Port Commission and Tells What Should Be Done.

Editor Times:-To wipe out the past and look to the future for the organization and maintenance of the Port of Coos Bay, formulated and managed on ed and managed for patronage or zens. personal motives is, I believe, the duty of every one who has the interest of Coos Bay at heart.

A Port Commission operated on conservative business lines will do more to advance the interests of Coos Bay than one can conceive and if the power vested in a commission is used improperly, it can do propa tionately as much harm when badly managed as it can do good if properly managed. But I am not going at this time to criticise the past, that has been aired enough in the newspapers, and what I say here will not be with the view of stirring up the whether the supreme court judges past whatever, as I have no ill feelin the matter whatsoever. ing in the matter whatsoever. I proceed without first seeking you in could not keep provoked with anyone long if I wanted to, neither am I unselfishness and also fecuring perpuffed up or elated by the decision, In fact, on the contrary after looking into this question. I was sorry to find it in such a horrible mess and the condition it is in satisfies me all the more that big projects of this character should be handled by business men, free from prejudice, working for the public good and above and desire to use the official position for personal gain, or to reward friends or punish enemies. But let us get down to business, Here is the situation.-The Port

law in its present form unfortunately was a mistake to begin with. It did not have proper consideration or it would not be as it is. In the olden times they gave notice by posting them on the trees, that was before the time of newspapers. Now they usually give notice by publication in the newspapers.

The port law required one hundred and eighty notices to be posted by the clerks and judges appointed

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ARM AMERICAMS IN MEXICO CITY ANTHRACITE FIELD QUIT WORK MONDAY MORNING

MINERS' STRIKE

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay

CLEVELAND, March 29—As a means of preventing a strike in the bituminous coal fields the miners proposed to the operators today to abandon all the original union demands and ask only an increase of five cents a ton over the present scale

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Time.)

fields again conferred today in a fi-nal effort to fix a new two-year wage to meet the miners and resume nanal effort to fix a new two-year wage to meet the miners and resume ne-scale to take effect April 1, and thus gotiations and would welcome any prevent suspension or a probable efforts looking toward an avoidance

Both sides said they would make no concession and they expected before night to be in a position similar to that of the anthracite miners and operators with all negotiations broken off and suspension of work or-dered to begin Sunday night.

MARSHFIELD CITIZEN WRITES HIS VIEWS ON J. W. BENNETT'S ATTITUDE.

that there may be a compliance with bill at noon today. The balloting the "Pure food and drugs act," and that things may be properly labeled, those who might be inclined to be of whether the million miners now quested to be present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting tonight, or centers. at some other convenient and proper assure the people of Coos Bay of the fact that he has fully and completely misrepresented himself in the past and, henceforth, that he and his alsoreformed ally, the progressive and public-spirited Southern Oregon Company, will be found overflowing with love and affection for all of the people of Coos Bay all the time, and that he and the good and generous Southern Oregon Company in their opposition to the improvement of Coos Bay have only been guided by motives of deepest and sincerest interest for the true welfare of our business principles, and not organiz- good, but simple and misguided citi-How lovely, oh how lovely of you,

Mister Bennett, and don't let us for-get also to give due credit to your and cheerful payment of taxes and its generous donations for all public enterprises. We now fully realize that your deep and unselfish in-terest (with emphasis on the interest and sometimes a little water rent thrown in) in the welfare of our pro-ple is such that your only motive in opposing their misguided afforts to improve our little harbor was to demonstrate, in primer language utter foolishness of our attempt to mission of your good friend the ba loved Southern Oregon Company All hall to such good and generous friends of the people as you and that good and soul-possessed corporation We now know that in all the efforts and money you and your good friends have spent in your unsallish surpose to save our simple susple from selfish destruction, you have even once thought of the interest (taxes or water rent) of you: nu-offsh self, the good and generous soulful Southern Oregon Company, Ban-Trust Company, (US.) Land Office, or Bennett, Swanton and Bennett's well fur-nisted and well equipped Law Drpartment-banish such a thought. And then, too, you have generously opened our eyes to the fact that when you imported the "Evening Organ" all the way from the wilds, icicles and avalanches of Alaska, properly protected with an Alaskan Grizzly hide (hairy side out) and generously nourished and greased with Sea-Lion blubber and other useful substances, you were wholly actuated by Livery & Transfer Co.

Formal Suspension of Work in Eastern Fields Called This Afternoon.

LARGE NUMBER WILL BE AFFECTED BY IT

Hope of Preventing Labor Struggle Given Up-Others Still Negotiate.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 29—Formal orders for a suspension of all operations in the anthracite mines beginning April 1 were issued by the United Mine Workers of America this afternoon. President White said the suspension was equal to a strike, and five hours work on Saturday instead of eight.

except that the men at the pumps and others necessary to protect the mine property will be kept at work.

The anthracite coal operators are not inclined to reject absolutely the demands for a small increase in CLEVELAND, March 29.—A)though they said that nothing but
disagreement faced them, the operators and miners of the bituminous for one of the leading coal operators, of the strike.

The demand for a 20 per cent increase, however, never would be granted, he said, and as the miners declined to submit a compromise proposition, the consideration of a smaller increase had not come before the operators. Any further overtures will have to come from the

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay

Editor Times:

"Lest we forget," and in order that there may be a compliance with bill at noon today. The balloting those who might be inclined to be on strike should return to work easily lulled into peaceful sleep and pending the decision of the district forgetfulness are respectfully re- courts to be appointed under the government's minimum wage act on the rates of wages in the various

In some cases the result of the balloting will be known this week. occasion, to watch and hear our good and irrepressible Joseph Bennett the colliers in many districts favor kick his old hat into smitherens and resuming work. Full returns favor the balloting will not be officially announced until April 4 and it probably will be after Easter before the miners return to work. The total cost of the strike to the

miners' unions to date has been \$5,-216,250, and the balance left in the union treasury now amounts to only \$4,750,000, most of which is invested in securities which will not bring the full value under a forced sale.

most unselfish and public-loving considerations.

When, then, you shall mount the High Seat, thou good and Holy Joeph, and proceed to kick so many holes in that wretched old but which has been so sadly misrepresentative get also to give due credit to your of and unitting to good friend and financial backer, unselfish motives of its wearer, we, the Southern Oregon Company, who your meak, misguided and lowly peother Southern Oregon Company, who your meak, misguided and lowly peother the Southern Oregon Company, who your meak, misguided and lowly peobless me, God bless my good Southern Oregon Company, God bless Hen-nett's Trust Company and God bless my organ, too.—Amen; monthly statements of account will be sent in due course.

DISILLUSIONED CITIZEN. No Action Yet-Nothing definite has been heard as to what Sheriff Gage and District Attorney Brown propose to do about the requests to prevent the Henderson-O'Brien prizetight here tomorrow night. It is expected that Sheriff Gage will be here tomorrow and it is possible that if the fight is held that a bunch of hose present may be summoned before the grand jury next month.

Special Candy Sale Saturday and Sunday at STAFFORDS.

Our Saturday Special Sale—To-morrow regular 35c 10-quart Galvan-ized Bucket, Saturday only 14c. Something new in Easter Novelties, Many new things just in. People's 5, 10 and 15c Store,

SEED OATS \$43 PER TON at HAINES.

DREDGE MEETING CALLED All parties interested in the retaining of the Dredge "Oregon" on the project as outlined by the Port of Coos Bay Commission, will meet at

the Chamber of Commerce at 8:00

o'clock P. M. Friday, March 29. J. T. McCORMAC, President.

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