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NEW PLAN TO IMPROVE HARBOR OPPOSITE MARSHFIELD

Will be Discussed at Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Rooms Tuesday Evening.

ENGINEER LEEFE HAS PREPARED BLUE PRINTS

Plans to Make Channel 550 Feet Wide in Front of Marshfield.

Plans for enlarging the harbor in front of Marshfield are to be discussed at a meeting which will be held tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The plans for the prospect have been drawn by Engineer Leefe and will be exhibited at the meeting. The plan is to do additional dredging so that the channel, extending from the Libby coal bunkers to the foot of Commercial avenue, will be 550 feet wide and will have a depth of 20 feet at mean low tide. The width of vessels drawing 22 and 24 feet and of length up to 100 feet, turning around in the harbor in front of Marshfield. The improvement contemplated is regarded as a highly important one. It is expected that the sale of the dredging will pay the expenses. At the meeting tomorrow night the matter of financing the project will be taken up and the plan will be presented to the government for approval.

WAYS WE ARE ON THE DECLINE

Prominent German Baron Gives His Views After Making Visit to United States.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, July 15.—The United States has reached its period of decline is announced by Baron H. von Barnekow, a widely traveled German, who contributes to the "Reichsbote," a Berlin newspaper, an article summarizing impressions he gained on the latest of his many visits to America. Articles of this nature are not frequent in the German press, but ordinarily they are written with such manifest animus that they deserve notice. Baron von Barnekow, on the contrary, writes in a matter of fact way, without a trace of anti-American feeling, and appears generally glad to be able to see some of the things that the decline may be arrested.

That this decline has begun, writes the baron, must be observed by any person who visits America after the absence of a few years. The change for the worse has been very gradual. The scenes that have attended the Republican nomination are one indication of the change, which is marked by a hitherto unknown indifference, a tendency to let things take their course; by an unhealthy and excessive self-appreciation and a general coarsening of morals. All these says Baron von Barnekow, are products of the last few years. The moral coarsening worked down from the top, from the newly rich. Another indication of decay is the alleged fact that the American intolerance of the drone, the gentleman of leisure, is beginning to disappear. Suggested as a probable contributing cause of the decline is the fact that the birthrate among the old American families is falling off, while it remains high among the South European immigrants. The old families of the New England States and of the South have yet been less affected by the demoralizing tendency of present American affairs than the people of any other section.

It is, however, in the farmers of the United States that Baron von Barnekow sees a possibility of arresting the downward movement. As he says, they have not been touched by the moral decline. The farmers in the country, he declares, represent today throughout the republic the dependable, conservative element, in which an upright Christianity and a high standard of family life have been preserved; they represent the most industrious and the most conservative portion of the whole population of the country. An especial word of praise is spoken for the German-American farmers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING. A meeting will be held Tuesday evening, July 16, at 8 o'clock at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of acting upon the proposed plan of widening and deepening the harbor in front of Marshfield.

FINDS SHOALS IN LOWER BAY

Captain of Steamer Breakwater Says Five Months' Dredging is Needed.

"It will require four or five months' steady work by the Dredge Oregon to put the channel in the lower bay in proper shape," remarked Capt. Macgenn of the Steamship Breakwater today. "This morning the Breakwater struck six or seven times on shoals coming up the Bay and once came nearly sticking fast although we were in supposedly the best part of the channel all the time. The Breakwater was only drawing about thirteen-foot six and about twelve-foot six forward so you see the shoals were pretty bad. Of course we came in at low water but it has been claimed there was about eighteen feet of water. "The channel should be dredged out good and wide in the lower bay in order to prevent it shoaling frequently. The bottom of the bay is all sand, shifting easily because there is no mud or shells there to retain. The lower bay should be done properly this time and not just skimming over like it was before. I think that about five months' steady work by the Dredge Oregon would put it in good shape. "Steps should be taken at once to have this work done as soon as possible because the present condition is a menace to vessels plying in and out of here as well as giving the harbor a black-eye."

REV. WESTWOOD RETURNS HERE

Was Conspicuous Figure at Time Major Kinney Promoted Rapid Transit Co.

Rev. A. H. Westwood, who became quite widely known here, has returned to Coos Bay. Mr. Westwood will be remembered as having been known as the former minister to John D. Rockefeller. He came here two years ago and was associated with Major L. D. Kinney at the time the latter was promoting the Coos Bay Rapid Transit company. Mr. Westwood was at that time quite a conspicuous character in the affairs of the Rapid Transit company. After the company affairs went to pieces, Mr. Westwood remained on Coos Bay for some time. During the latter part of his stay he stayed in retirement and when last heard of he had quietly left the community. It is not known whether or not his present visit here has any bearing on his former business affairs in this locality.

STILL HAVING MUCH TROUBLE

Western Union Wires Have Been Down Frequently the Last Few Days.

The wires of the Western Union Telegraph company between this city and Roseburg have been in bad condition for several days. Yesterday the wires were down and this morning there was little prospect of any messages being received today. The trouble is due to the fact that the road builders in the mountains are blasting stumps and the explosions have caused the breaking of the wires.

For several days past on account of the wire troubles The Times has been able to receive only a portion of the Associated Press reports.

LORIMER UNSEATED. United States Senate Decides That His Election Was Corrupt. Senator Lorimer of Illinois was unseated by the United States Senate Saturday deciding that his election was based upon corruption. The vote to eject Senator Lorimer was 55 to 28. The news of the action of the Senate did not reach The Times on account of the failure of the telegraph lines.

WILL PRODUCE THEIR OWN MEAT

Smith-Powers Company Will Have Large Cattle Ranch in Neighborhood of Eckley.

The Smith-Powers Logging company has purchased the big Guerin ranch at Eckley, one of the finest stock ranches in southwestern Oregon, and some additional property there. It is understood to be the intention of the Smith-Powers company to use these ranches and additional land holdings of the C. A. Smith company near them for one of the biggest cattle and stock ranches in this section of the state. The company is planning to start with a herd of eighthundred to one thousand head of cattle. The company is now planning to

raise all its own beef. It is claimed that beef cattle have become so scarce in this section as to make the prices almost prohibitive for supplying the camps and boarding houses of the Smith-Powers and Smith companies. It requires about two critters a day to furnish meat for the camps, boarding houses and vessels of the companies. With a herd of 800 or 1,000 animals, it is expected the big ranch will be able to possibly furnish some of the butter or milk used by the companies. The section around Eckley is especially well adapted for stock raising and grazing and for this reason was selected by Mr. Powers as the location for the new branch of their industries.

WILL RETAIN THEIR HOLDINGS

Owners of Coos Bay Townsite Will Not Put Land on Market Now.

The stockholders of the Coos Bay Townsite company held a meeting in this city and elected the following members of the board of directors: B. N. Johnson, of Fergus Falls, Minn.; O. C. Sether, of Glendale, Ore.; and Dr. A. F. Sether, of Roseburg. The directors left this afternoon for Roseburg where a directors' meeting and the annual election of the officers will be held. Mr. Sether in speaking of the company says that for the present the stockholders had no intention of putting their Coos Bay holdings on the market. The company owns about 450 acres of land on the flats and in front of Cooston on the east side of the bay.

MOOSE GATHER AT CHARLESTON

Hold Picnic Which is Attended by Large Crowd—Everyone Has a Good Time.

The members of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose gave a picnic at Charleston Bay yesterday. There was a large attendance and everyone had a fine time, the affair being more like a big family reunion than a public picnic. There were 109 persons in attendance not counting the children. It was a perfect day and there was no wind, making the beach an ideal place for an outing. The party was taken to Charleston Bay by the Steamer Alert which was chartered for the occasion. A social committee composed of W. H. Dindinger, M. S. Crossen and V. O. Pratt had charge of entertaining the people and saw that everyone had a good time.

MANY ARRIVE ON BREAKWATER

Ninety-Eight Incoming Passengers including Many Elks From Portland.

The Breakwater arrived in early this morning with ninety-eight passengers and a small cargo of freight. A large number of Elks who have been attending the Elks' convention returned this trip. Following is the passenger list: Edith Hildenbrand, J. W. Hildenbrand, Mrs. Hildenbrand, F. V. Cotterlin, Mrs. F. V. Cotterlin, Mrs. Ida Conrad, H. J. Mohr, L. B. Fuller, T. A. McDowell, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Wm. Bernitt, Dr. Endicott, Mrs. J. S. Lyons, J. D. Goss, E. D. McArthur, Dan Maloney, Otto Edlund, Ed Strang, W. K. Turnbull, W. H. Hubbard, Travis Marshall, Paul Ritchey, J. A. Taylor, T. H. Cook, Mrs. Geo. E. Edwards, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mrs. James Olson, John Kayes, Jack C. Conlogue, James Olson, Mrs. S. A. Marshall, Miss Alice Small, Miss Jessie Gray, Wm. Ekblad, W. F. Miller, Mrs. Miller, F. E. Hague and wife, J. W. Miller, Chas. Gilbert, Katherine Hoben, Margaret Barchers, Dr. M. A. Leach and wife, Dr. Maloney and wife, Mrs. Bessie Lawler, Mrs. Burmeister, W. C. Guss, Dr. Burmeister, Louis Ostericher, Dick Earl, R. Jansen, R. O. Sturdevant, Jack Lawler, A. S. Hammond, R. H. Westwood, Ed Dolan, A. A. Mintony, Geo. McGreany, E. E. Buser, Frank Smith, John Carlson, Victor Carlson, W. Nicholson, L. O. Dahl, Florence Lawler, Lulu Miller, Millie Mitchell, A. C. Kinley, C. R. Rudin, W. H. Jacobson, A. Stovell, C. S. Chapin, R. H. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Hubbard, Mrs. J. S. Jeyes, R. B. Davis, J. G. Inglehart, H. L. Moose, D. W. Garman, G. W. Ferry, Chas. Seafus, J. W. Adams, H. F. Brown, Pete Pannavich, M. F. Rupe, James Powell, J. T. Rupe, John Nelson, John Spear, Chas. Ritchell, Frank Bennett, Wm. Jahde and Chas. Ritchell, Jr.

RAILROAD MAN IN THE CITY

Representative of Northern Pacific Rides Here on Horseback.

J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific railway with headquarters at St. Paul, and R. H. Jenkins, of Portland, are spending a few days on Coos Bay. They are merely on an outing trip, Mr. Woodworth deciding this would be a good place to spend part of a ten days' vacation. They rode horseback from Portland down the Willamette Valley, thence down the Umpqua to Coos Bay, arriving here Saturday. They will return on the Breakwater tomorrow.

"I am just on a little vacation trip," stated Mr. Woodworth today, when questioned about his presence on Coos Bay. "I had ten days to take a little outing and decided on the horseback trip. I was formerly general agent of the O. R. & N. at Portland and Mr. Jenkins was then in the railroad service with me. He is now in business for himself at Portland and decided to join me in the horseback jaunt.

"No, I do not know anything about the plans of the Hill lines for extensions in Oregon. That is all handled at Portland and I do not wish to talk about it."

Mr. Woodworth expressed surprise that there was not more agricultural development in this section. He said that even in the Willamette Valley, there seemed to be too many stores of almost all lines of business in the towns and not enough actual producers.

Owing to the many rumors that have been afloat about the Hill systems planning excursions to southwestern Oregon and possibly the Coos Bay country, many are inclined to attach significance to the overland trip of Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Jenkins here. However, they maintain absolutely otherwise.

Today H. J. McKeown and J. Albert Matson took Messrs. Jenkins and Woodworth to mussel reef and Shore Acre for a little outing and tomorrow morning, A. H. Powers will take them out for an inspection of the mill and the camps.

A century ago when American shipping enjoyed the advantage of discriminating duties, we were carrying in American ships 92 per cent of our commerce; today we are carrying only 8 per cent—which is reason enough that something should be done and immediately.

CREDITORS OF COURTNEY MILL BRING SUIT TO RECOVER \$42,000

S. P. TO BUILD DOUBLE TRACK

Let Contract for Fifteen Miles to Connect Reno With California.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—The contract for the construction of 15 miles of second track on the Southern Pacific, which will connect the towns of Truckee, Call, and Reno, Nev., has just been awarded to the Utah Construction company. This is the latest part of the construction of a second track on the Harriman lines between Omaha and San Francisco. Already hundreds of men are employed in clearing away underbrush along this stretch of 15 miles. Camps, military in appearance, line the track and few people traveling over the line realize just what a stupendous job this 15-mile stretch will be.

A large part of the proposed double tracking of the Southern Pacific has already been completed. Between Sacramento and Colfax the second track is already in operation. The laying of the second track from Benicia to Sacramento, a distance of 58 miles, is completed with the exception of eight miles between Webster and Washington. This stretch of eight miles involves the raising of the roadbed across the Yolo Basin and the rebuilding of approximately two miles of bridges.

The creditors of the Courtney Mill company have begun action to recover \$42,000 from Messrs. Ayre and Phelps of Portland, bondsmen for W. T. Matthews, receiver for the defunct concern. The action was up for hearing last week in circuit court at Portland, J. D. Goss representing the creditors. The creditors of the Courtney company charge Receiver W. T. Matthews with malfeasance, alleging that he allowed the property to deteriorate and in fact that much of it became practically worthless from lack of attention. Messrs. Ayre and Phelps in their answer to the action claim that they are not responsible, a "steering committee" consisting of Messrs. Ayre and Mills were appointed at a meeting of the creditors to act with the Receiver and determine how the property should be handled. In view of this, they hold that if anyone was responsible for the deterioration of the property, it was the creditors, being bound by the action of their representatives on the "steering committee."

The creditors represented by Mr. Goss contend that they never heard of the appointment of any "steering committee" or of any meeting being called for taking such an action. The Courtney mill company was a "high finance" institution that was built on Isthmus Inlet. The mill although completed never saw a stick of timber, Mr. Courtney having been overwhelmed by financial difficulties before the property reached the operating stage. What was realized out of the property in the receivership proceedings went to satisfy mortgages, the other creditors not receiving a cent.

DIES AT HOME OF HER SISTER

Mrs. Catherine Chapman Passes Away at North Bend.

Mrs. Catherine Chapman of Portland died today at the home of her sister, Mrs. George D. Mandigo, in North Bend. She had been here on a visit for the past three weeks. A general breakdown of health was the cause. Frederick A. Kribbs, the well known timberman of Portland, is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Chapman, and was called here on account of her illness. The body will be taken to Portland for burial. Mrs. Chapman was a widow and leaves no children. She is survived by several brothers and sisters. She was about 45 years of age.

SAYS PLACE IS JUST STARTING

O. C. Sether, of Glendale, Enthusiastic About This Locality.

O. C. Sether, of Glendale, who has been in the city to look after business matter, is enthusiastic about the future of Coos-Bay. He says that this locality has just begun to do things. Mr. Sether is one of the big farmers of Oregon, having a ranch of 1200 acres near Glendale. The place is equipped in the most modern way and Mr. Sether's sons who are regular attendants at the agricultural college and who assist him with the farm, are excellent authorities on modern methods of farming in Oregon.

The chief crop of the big Sether farm is alfalfa. Mr. Sether has a large tract of land under irrigation and he expects to go into the hog raising business extensively. He says that on certain kinds of land in Coos County alfalfa could be raised successfully. Mr. Sether suggests that tracts which are sloping so they had good drainage and located where they could be irrigated would be suitable for alfalfa growing. He suggests that on account of the many streams of water in this locality the matter of irrigation would be inexpensive.

The pen is mightier than the sword but when it comes to turning out original humor there's nothin' like a good pair of shears.

Allege That W. T. Matthews, the Receiver, Was Guilty of Malfeasance.

BONDSMEN ARE MADE DEFENDANTS IN CASE

Claimed That Property Was Allowed to Deteriorate and Become Worthless.

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WOULD REVISE GAME LAWS

State Commissions Plan Thorough Revision and Ask People for Suggestions.

The State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners have undertaken a thorough revision of the present system of the game laws. The idea is to present a code for adoption at the next Legislature, which will give more complete protection to fish and game, and correct numerous errors in the present system of laws.

The Commission desires in making up this new game code to get a thorough expression of public opinion before the code is presented to the Legislature. For this reason the members of the Commission ask that residents in different parts of the State, especially farmers, fruitgrowers, as well as sportsmen send in any suggestions so that the Commission may act upon them. Suggestions are also sought from the grangers, commercial bodies, rod and gun clubs and other organizations, in order to get a game code suitable for different parts of the State.

All communications and suggestions should be sent to Mr. J. F. Hughes, secretary of the Fish and Game Commission, Salem, Oregon. At present there are a number of questions under discussion that will be of interest to sportsmen in different parts of the State, such as the question of bounties on predatory animals. The Commission is in favor of a more rigid effort to exterminate cougar and wolves. The question has been agitated in certain parts of the state to reduce the non-resident hunting and fishing license to the same price as the resident license. Many sportsmen are also in favor of reducing the limits on deer and other game.

OBJECT TO SUNDAY EVENT

Myrtle Point Races Called off on Account of Public Opinion. The races to have been run at Myrtle Point Sunday were called off on account of adverse opinion to racing on Sunday. The events have been postponed until July 29.

The most sincere tribute to the interestingness of women is the fact that so many men make their livings writing about them.

NO ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Union Has No Wire Today and Times Gets No Report.

The Times did not receive any Associated Press today as the Western Union Wires have been down all day and up to the time of going to press this afternoon.

Customs inspectors at San Francisco seized a large number of tons of opium the other day at that port on the S. S. Mongolia and the master has been fined \$1,100 for allowing the same to be aboard.

After all, women might not be so peculiar if men did not expect it of them.