

COOS BAY TIMES

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A PERMANENT HIGHWAY.

THE building of a permanent highway from Coos Bay to Roseburg is something which has long been discussed, but which now appears to be a matter for immediate consideration. It is understood that in Marshfield a number of business men are endeavoring to launch a movement of that kind and the spirit of good roads has spread throughout the county. In any of the Coquille valley cities the feeling among the most progressive will be found to be the same. They want a first-class roadway to the interior, whatever the cost may be. Mayor Morrison of Coquille is starting a movement to bring together the people of the valley cities and then come to Coos Bay and ask the cooperation of Marshfield and North Bend in the matter of deciding upon a route. The sum of \$200,000 a year is being expended in the county on road work, but this does not appear to be enough to make a good road to Roseburg and as a matter of fact with the other work needed throughout the county the usual sum spent annually is not sufficient to build the sort of road that is needed. To build a permanent road that would be passable for autos at all seasons of the year, from Coos Bay to Roseburg, would require quite a large sum of money, but the expenditure would soon be repaid by the traffic to this locality. During the summer there are thousands of persons who travel through the state in autos and the only reason they do not come to Coos county to enjoy the summer climate of the coast is because of the roads. In winter time the roads are sometimes out of the question, even for a stage. A permanent road to the interior would mean as much to Coos county in actual money return as the building of a railroad to this point. If a railroad is built the auto road would be needed even more to take care of the traffic of incoming people. After the railroad is finished the highway would be needed for auto tourists more than ever, because the railroad will bring the beauties and comforts of the locality before the public. If the railroad never comes, Coos county must have an overland outlet. We have good steamer service, but many do not want to travel by water, and home-seeker, investor, or tourist from the east must be at either Portland or San Francisco in order to take advantage of the steamer trip, and usually such persons are looking over the entire state. A permanent and safe highway over the mountains from Roseburg to Coos Bay would be the most famous auto trip in the United States. It would afford the enjoyment of natural scenic beauty unexcelled by that which is seen by crossing the Alps. It would bring thousands of persons to this county to develop the entire community. A permanent roadway is an investment which would be repaid and returned with interest in dollars to the people of Coos county. It is an investment which has been overlooked and neglected and which carries with it the execution of the most important development project confronting the entire county today. Whatever route may be chosen it should be with a view of reaching all the cities in the county so that the benefit may be general. It is moreover a plan which is within the power of the people to accomplish.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

It was surely a poor man who said he'd rather do the right thing in poverty than the wrong thing in wealth.

It makes us wonder that some Marshfield men we know are not crushed under the weight of their own dignity.

My friend Ren Smith is just rolling in joyousness these beautiful autumn days. Three members of his family have been married within the last three weeks. I do not know anyone who is more deserving of friends or who has more of them than Ren Smith. He has some relatives, too, and now he is going to have more of them. Good luck, Ren!

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS: Bridge seems to be the popular pastime in North Bend.

One of Marshfield's old bachelors says it takes more than a porous plaster to relieve the pain generated by observing a 200-pound girl trying to act cute.

Many a man has been left a fortune who didn't get it. The lawyers saw it first.

Some Coos Bay men are born poor, some achieve poverty and others meet up with a frenzied railway promoter.

At 26 a New York man has died of "old age." He must have exceeded the speed limit at least seven days in the week.

A girl's idea of a fast young man is one who tries to flirt with her; if he doesn't she dubs him slow.

Occasionally a man wants to kiss a girl against her will, but more often she is willing.

And many a decided blonde made a late decision.

BREAKWATER ARRIVES TODAY

HAS LARGE CARGO OF FREIGHT AND MANY PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

The steamer Breakwater arrived in Coos Bay from Portland this forenoon. She had an especially large cargo of freight and brought the following passengers: Miss Ethel Timmons, R. P. Harrison, J. B. E. Bourne, Mrs. Williams, Erma Williams, W. H. McCrew, Mrs. McCrew, Bennett Swanton, Mr. Hammel, Miss Denzel, A. H. Potter, Gene Ross, H. Jennings, R. S. Hall, Mrs. Ellefson, R. D. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, H. Bell, F. Morgan, C. E. Walsh, Ruth Golden, Mrs. F. A. Golden, J. F. Williams, A. Walsh, P. Flood, H. Hedges, Miss M. Marion, Susie Howard, C. Kline, H. Gulberson, H. H. Horton, Mrs. E. C. Hurd, Clare Hurd, Charley Hurd, J. G. Turner, Mrs. Turner, W. Farmer, C. Jones, O. Bjortland, T. N. Morrison, M. Cole, J. Strom, T. Phillips, F. Piphorn, A. Barrados, D. Tripp, H. Gorman, Mrs. Gorman, C. Ewino, A. Hallog, A. Fletcher, C. Flake, J. C. Terry, Mrs. Terry, Geo. Terry, Helen Terry, Della Terry, C. M. Terry, E. Bloomer, C. R. Pointer, E. Crandall, A. Peterson, Mrs. M. P. Hasar, C. F. Horse, Mrs. I. N. Wells, M. R. Calhoun, R. Tiller, C. Both.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The Alliance leaves Portland for Coos Bay at 6 o'clock this evening. She is due here Wednesday. The Washington, Alvent, Excelsior, Hardy, Nann Smith and Redondo crossed out today and the steamer Breakwater and tug Darling arrived in Coos Bay today.

TROUBLE WITH WIRES.

Times Gets Only a Part of Associated Press Report Today. The Western Union had trouble with the wires today and in consequence only a part of the Associated Press report came to The Times today.

FAVORED THE HARBOR.

Capt. Macgenn Says That Capt. Robert on Former Occasion Liked Coos Bay. Capt. Macgenn of the steamer Breakwater is a friend of Capt. Roberts, the government engineer who conducted the public hearing on the bridge question. Capt. Macgenn was with Capt. Robert two years ago when the latter came here to remove the machinery from the old government works. At that time Capt. Robert said he thought this was a harbor of excellent prospects. Capt. Macgenn says: "He told me then that if he ever had it in his power he would do all he could for the harbor." Capt. Robert and his father left for Portland, via Myrtle Point.

AMONG THE SICK.

Frank Grant of the Smith-Powers Logging Company, is spending a few days in town while recuperating from a severe attack of rheumatism. Jimmy Marsden, the little son of Jack Marsden, who recently underwent an operation at Mercy hospital, was able to leave the hospital Saturday, his father coming up from South Slough to bring the lad to Marshfield, where he will stay with relatives for a time.

NEW EXCHANGE IS INSTALLED

Telephone Company Makes a Change at Myrtle Point, Increasing Capacity.

(Special to The Times.) MYRTLE POINT, Ore., Sept. 20.—The Coos Bay Home Telephone company made a change of its location of offices in this city. It was done so quietly and without disturbance of business that anyone looking after the telephone office might have thought it had gone out of business. The exchange was moved from the old quarters to a building opposite Joe Schilling's hotel on the main street. The new location admitted of an enlargement of the office and is in a more convenient place for the public.

The change from the old exchange to the new was made when persons using the phone did not know the difference. Everything was put in readiness and then the connections were switched over. In the new exchange there is one new board and two of the old boards which gives a capacity of 125 lines or from 200 to 300 parties. There is another board which will be added in the future which will give a capacity of about 400 telephones. The exchange is a first class one in every respect. The enlargement of the exchange and the installation of the new offices was made because of the increase in business at Myrtle Point and expectation of a future increase in that locality.

Myrtle Point is well connected up with other points by the telephone. There is a direct trunk line from Myrtle Point through Coquille to Marshfield. There are two other lines from Myrtle Point to Coquille, a line from Marshfield to Bandon, two lines from Marshfield to Coquille, a line from Coquille to Bandon and from the latter place to a line all the way down the coast to Gold Beach. This arrangement gives different connections in case anyone of the lines is down.

The outside business goes through Myrtle Point. From this place to Roseburg there is an iron wire and two pairs of copper wires. The arrangement of the latter is such that it makes an additional line known as the "phantom" line, making in all four lines to Roseburg.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

MR. COCHRAN, an experienced clothing man, has taken a position in Magnes & Matson's store, taking charge of the men's furnishing department. He arrived here a few days ago from San Francisco.

R. P. Smith Trial.—R. P. Smith was to be tried for his sanity in the county court today.

Good Pictures.—The motion picture of the Coming of Columbus, which was shown at the Masonic Opera House Saturday night, was a fine picture and was enjoyed by a large audience.

Fair This Week.—The county fair at Myrtle Point will open Wednesday and continue until the end of the week. A. E. Adelsperger states that extensive preparations are being made and that the fair will be a big thing for the county. There will be some fine exhibits and large crowds are expected from this city.

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