

# C. A. SMITH SENDS LETTER

**Sends Strong Appeal for Coos Bay Harbor Improvement to General Bixby.**

The following is a letter from C. A. Smith, which he gave to the committee which will meet General Bixby in Portland:

GENERAL BIXBY,  
Chief of U. S. Marine Engineers,  
Portland, Oregon.

DEAR SIR:

Being unable to meet you in person I take the liberty to write you the serious condition of the harbor of Coos Bay, as I understand it. The improvements made by the government some 18 years ago at an expense of \$700,000 or \$800,000 and the surprising results above all expectations is without doubt familiar to you. If the whole of the appropriation which I understand was made at that time had been used in this work building the outer wall of concrete or building it wider and higher by dumping ordinary rock, as was done, and extending it out several hundred feet farther, I am satisfied we would not have had occasion to be continually troubling our members in congress and your office in regard to the dangerous conditions which we believe have been increasing and just this fall considerably worse and more dangerous than ever before. Five years ago we built a steamer to be used in the transportation of our lumber between here and California points with a capacity of two and a quarter million feet, hoping that the time would come in the near future when we would be enabled to load down to the full draft of 19.6 or 20 feet. The most we have dared to load is 1,500,000 feet, giving a draft of about 17.6. We have just launched another similar steamer. This week our two steamers, one carrying passengers, were detained in the bay three days on account of the shoal bar, the stormy sea breaking over the same too seriously to permit the steamers to cross out. The probable cause in my judgment, of the shoaling up of the bar and the narrowing up of the channel, which is now but about half as wide as a few years ago, is in my judgment caused by the wearing away of the outer end of the jetty, so that now a very large portion thereof is under water, even at extremely low tide, making it not only much less efficient, but dangerous. Having here, as is the fact, as you may know, the greatest opportunity for a good safe harbor made available for the least money between San Francisco and Columbia river if not Puget sound, with the almost inexhaustible resources of timber and coal and the wonderful agricultural possibilities, where the steamers of the Pacific should come for their supply of coal and interchange of traffic with the rail of the east and where the locomotives from the east come for this same coal and for this same interchange of traffic with the vessels of the Pacific, it does seem too bad that year after year is being permitted to pass by without the necessary improvements which can be secured at so comparatively a small expense. This is not a parallel case of the dozens of small bays suitable for summer harbors, or small inlets at the mouth of rivers which never can be made into safe commodious harbors.

Here we have, as I understand it, about 25 square miles of water area, the greater portion of which is absolutely land-locked. This which area or as much of it as might be made available for harbor purposes by the utilization of the suction pump, there being as I understand it, but one single rocky obstruction above the mouth. It is the present increasing dangerous condition that I especially wish to call your attention to and ask you if possible to order immediate investigations so that if possible some immediate relief could be secured and also plans be made if possible for the more extensive and permanent improvements. Permit me to add that the striking of the bar is a very common occurrence with our vessels as with many other vessels, having made it advisable for us to adopt the rule of putting our vessels upon dry dock not less than twice a year.

Yours very truly,  
C. A. SMITH.

# PLAYED FAST COQUILLE GAME

**Marshfield and County Seat High Schools in Hard Contest Saturday.**

What proved to be the cleanest and hardest fought football game of the season was played at Coquille Saturday between Marshfield and the High School of that city. Neither team was able to score.

The game began by Captain Stutsman kicking off to the Coquille players who were unable to advance more than a few yards. Coquille was unable to make consistent yardage except on the forward pass, their attempts at line plunges and end runs often being blocked and the runners thrown for loss.

Marshfield made more yardage than her opponents, but whenever scoring distance was reached, Coquille strengthened and held forward and often by good kicking would send the ball down the field only to have it brought back by the line plunges of the Marshfield backs.

The first half ended with the ball near the center of the field. The second half began the same as the first and in conditions almost the same. Coquille resorting to the forward pass which in a few instances were successful but during the third quarter Marshfield solved the system of attack and blocked nearly all attempts at that style of play.

Once Marshfield got within the opponents' ten yard line, but the touchdown was not forthcoming and the Coquille fullback punted out of danger. Twice luck played prominent parts in the game.

Isaacson had a clear field for several yards when he slipped and fell, Captain Stutsman, also, who had the whole side of the field clear and in attempting to start, fell to his knees, and before he was able to recover, was covered by a Coquille man.

The field was a sod but after a few minutes' play became so slick that a sure footing could not be found which accounts for no more substantial gains by Marshfield, while Coquille were unable to circle the ends at any period of play.

For Marshfield, every man played a strong game, Kruse being the best ground gainer, while Walters on the line brought down many a punce which was not often stopped for a loss. Stutsman, Isaacson, Clarke and Kruse, form a backfield hard to best, their ability in all departments of the game being well known by the opponents. To say that Marshfield's ends were never circled is all that is necessary to say of Johnson and Jensen, who also blocked forward passes.

For Coquille, Captain Leslie at fullback, was the prominent star though Dunham at end and Mast as quarter, made many good plays, and especially accepting passes, and Mast, particularly, in his running back of punts, twice bringing the ball back almost the complete distance of the punt.

The best of good feeling existed and the ruling of the officials were well taken by both teams. Mr. Walker of Coquille, acting as referee, showed fully he was master of the game and his decisions and rulings were unbiased in every instance. Mr. Oerding, also of Coquille, acted as umpire and his work was above question.

Marshfield's next game is with Myrtle Point on the home grounds, this coming Friday and a fine game is expected as the visitors expect to win by a good score.

The Marshfield lineup Saturday was Lyons, c; Leece, r; Johnson, A. r; Walters, g; Curtis, l; Johnson, G. r; Jensen, l; Stutsman, q; Kruse, r; Isaacson, l; Clarke, forward.

**Play Thanksgiving.**  
Iris Elrod is now trying to arrange a game between the Marshfield Independent football team and the Coquille Independents to be played here Thanksgiving day.

**SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL GAMES.**  
Washington University 9; O. A. C. 3.  
Berkeley 3; Stanford 3.  
Whitman 30; Washington State College 0.  
Princeton 42; New York City 0.  
Harvard 9; Vanderbilt 3.  
Yale 10; Brown 0.

# BALLOT WAS MADE UP RIGHT

**Omission of Measure Was at Direction of Secretary of State.**

The omission of one of measures from the Coos County ballot, bearing the numbers 316 and 317, was at the direction of the Oregon Secretary of State and consequently will have no effect on the election, according to County Clerk James Watson. In a letter to The Times, Mr. Watson has the following to say:

"In the Coos Bay Times of the issue dated November 7, 1912, I see an item headed 'Mistake in the Coos County Ballot.' In this, that the numbers 316 and 317 are left off the ballot. On the Certificate from the Secretary of State to the County Clerks, these numbers are left off, for what reason I do not know. These missing numbers were noticed by me as they appear on the official pamphlet and further on the abstracts for making the official canvass these numbers have been ruled off. So you may observe that it was intentional with the Secretary of State."

# LOGGING ROAD WORK PUSHED

**Weather Does Not Interfere With Contractor Working at Myrtle Point.**

Construction on the Smith-Powers Logging Company road is being pushed and will continue to be through the winter. Myrtle Point is quite lively and material and equipment is arriving frequently for the contractor. Regarding the road building the Myrtle Point Enterprise says:

The weather is not interfering to any great extent with the construction work on the Smith-Powers logging railroad. Burns is working every day on his grading contract. Another train load of piling was brought here Sunday and is being hauled to the bridge sites this week. It is reported that Fred and Hugh McLain have taken the contract for the building of several of these bridges. Engine No. 1 was brought over from the Bay Monday and will be used in the yard here in the hauling of the material for the extension and to pull the gravel cars up from the gravel bar to which the track is now being laid. A bunch of about 50 horses and mules was brought in over the middle fork road from Roseburg the forepart of the week to be used in the hauling and grading.

# HOPED TO SAVE LIFE.

**Medicine for Sick Woman Taken Over Hard Trip.**

Sending medicine over a road in a frightful condition for travel, was necessary to save the life of Mrs. Laird of Laird's Station on the Coos Bay wagon road. She was very ill of pneumonia and a doctor prescribed for her, but it was necessary to have certain medicines at once if there was any hope of saving her. It was impossible to secure anyone to go so. A boat was chartered and the medicine sent to Sumner in time to catch the mail stage before it left that place. It was the only chance of getting the medicine to Laird's Station in time to relieve the sick woman but it reached there all right. At last reports, Mrs. Laird was very ill, but there was hopes of her recovering.

# U'REN FOR GOVERNOR.

**Report That Single Tax Advocate Will Enter Field.**

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—W. S. U'Ren (reputed father of the Australian ballot, referendum, recall, single tax in domestic application, announces that he will be a candidate for governor to succeed Governor West two years hence. His platform will include single tax, abolition of the senate, and other measures defeated in this week's election. U'Ren is prominent throughout the country, and his announcement is expected to create state-wide comment.

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