

GORST TELLS OF HIS TRIP

Aviator Christofferson Making Great Hit with San Francisco Flights.

V. C. Gorst, who with his partner, Mr. King, returned a few days ago from Los Angeles and San Francisco, reports that San Francisco is greatly enthused over the hydroplane exhibitions by Silas Christofferson, the Portland aviator, who made the flights here under the auspices of the Coos Bay Times. The San Francisco papers are printing first page stories and pictures of the aviator. It was the first hydroplane exhibition given at San Francisco.

Just before leaving San Francisco, Mr. Gorst says he was on one Redondo eating supper. He heard a whirring and instantly realized it was a flying machine. He hastened to the deck and saw Christofferson flying above him, the aviator evidently having recognized the vessel, flew near it.

Mr. Gorst placed an order with Glen Martin of Los Angeles for a three passenger hydroplane which will reach here shortly. He says that in California, they charge the passengers from \$25 to \$100 for much shorter flights than Christofferson gave here for \$15. Mr. Gorst while cranking an auto severely injured his knee and had to go on crutches for awhile.

San Francisco papers report that one day last week, Christofferson's engines went back on him and he and a photographer had to wade ashore. However, he is taking up many passengers, many of whom are notable. A San Francisco dispatch concerning one of his flights says:

"It's the most exhilarating sport in the world," said Senor Carlos Sanjimes, consul general of the republic of Bolivia, here, following a trip over San Francisco Bay in a hydroplane with Silas Christofferson, the Portland aviator. "I felt safer in the air than with the average chauffeur in an automobile."

CHICKEN CASE PROBE ENDED

No Indictments Returned in Disappearance of Mrs. O'Donnell's Fowls.

COQUILLE, Dec. 16.—Before adjourning last week, the Coos county grand jury returned not a true bill in the O'Donnell chicken disappearance case from Marshfield. There was so much conflicting testimony before the grand jury that the matter was simply dismissed. Mrs. O'Donnell, when her home at Bunker Hill burned, took about 50 chickens to Marshfield and had them kept near the corner of Central and Second streets. One night most of them disappeared and she charged a number of well known Coos Bay men with "stealing them" and having a big chicken dinner.

The grand jury continued the investigation of the troubles between Hills Short and Harry Wilkins at Ten Mile until the April term.

A number of matters were taken up by the grand jury, but few indictments were returned. Frank Cameron, who was held for peddling booze on South Slough was about the only one held.

However, the grand jury is planning a big session at the April term when additional evidence will probably be brought in in a number of matters that were reported for investigation.

Divorce Cases Up.
Of the several divorce cases up last week, the Epperson case from Marshfield and the Machado case from Myrtle Point were about the latest that have been heard in a long time. Mrs. Epperson was denied a divorce. C. L. Reigard appearing for Mr. Epperson and making a hard fight against it. In one case evidence was brought in about a statutory charge which Epperson had filed against his wife and a man named Hill before Justice Stanley at Coquille.

Minnie P. McCurdy was granted a decree from Wm. J. McCurdy.

John L. Moore was granted a divorce from Dulsie L. Moore.

WHEAT \$1.75 PER 100 AT HAINES.

PLAN TO MAKE BETTER ROADS

Cooperation Proposed Between Coos and Douglas Counties—Talk Bonds.

Reports by Messrs. Morrison and Savage to the Coos County Good Roads association here last Friday night showed that about \$204.30 had been spent in the recent campaign, which was about \$68.60 more than was raised. However, there is a balance of about \$30 in the old association's treasury which will be secured, leaving the association a little over \$30 in debt, most to the Coquille papers for printing.

Edgar McDaniel reported that he had sold sufficient membership cards in North Bend to more than pay for the special election job work he did for the association.

J. C. Savage said that there were more members on the south side of the county than the north but Mayor Morrison thought this was due to lack of work in Marshfield and lack of opportunity to let local men join.

J. C. Savage advocated a campaign to organize good roads associations in all the counties so that at the next election it would be possible to carry a good roads law that would permit the counties to issue bonds and go ahead with the projects.

For Immediate Work.
Hugh McLain said that it was all right to prepare for the future, but that Coos county wanted something done immediately. He said that he felt sure the Coos county court would furnish a couple of portable sawmills, which would improve the canyon on the Myrtle Point road. If Douglas county would agree to put its portion of the road in shape. He said that the road is now a disgrace to a civilized community.

Senator I. S. Smith said the county was handicapped by legislation and pointed out that the Willamette valley residents were very conservative and that it would be difficult to get them to vote for any bond issue measure. He said that Coos county should work with Multnomah and other progressive counties in getting something done. He said he had in mind a law to provide that auto licenses should be paid to the county clerks and the income from them be used in the road fund. He also spoke in favor of a liberal appropriation by the state for an exhibit at the San Francisco exposition. He said that he wanted expressions on the proposed \$500,000 appropriation, which he would have to vote on in the senate. He said that Coos county, having the largest number of resources, would probably derive the greatest benefits from the showing the state makes at San Francisco.

Cost of Roads.
Dr. Bartle proposed that the county go ahead with the good roads work under the two per cent bonding law enacted. He said that just as soon as the legislature makes it available, he thought the county should make the most of it. He said that two per cent would raise \$400,000 and this with the \$130,000 or more coming in annually would enable the county to build upwards of forty miles of road. This would embrace the 29 miles from Myrtle Point to the Douglas county line and the road from Coos Bay to Shore Acres. Then from time to time the county could raise additional funds and build more roads. He also suggested that the districts most benefited make special tax levies and do the most possible.

He made a motion that the Douglas county court be asked if they would make a good road out of its part of the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway if Coos county did out of its share. This carried.

Mayor Straw suggested that the mountain part of the road be plank with four-inch plank, saying it would be less expensive than the permanent roadway and consequently more could be built. He favored getting an estimate on the cost in both Coos and Douglas counties and then letting the work in one big contract, and thus get it done more cheaply.

Prisoners to Work.
Mayor Morrison suggested that Coos and Douglas counties unite in a request to Governor West to have a large number of state prisoners put on the work on the canyon part of the Myrtle Point road in Douglas county. He said that he thought the Douglas county commissioners could be induced to cooperate if they were approached in the right way. They are now surveying the road through Camas valley with a view to improving. He said Binger Herman had also expressed himself in favor of it.

FINE CONCERT BY THE BAND

Masonic Opera House Crowded For Entertainment—Benefit for Library.

The Masonic opera house was pretty well filled yesterday afternoon, despite the inclement weather for the special concert by the Coos Bay Concert Band. The concert was one of the best that the band has given and the various numbers were enthusiastically applauded.

It was announced that the band would give a benefit concert a week from next Sunday at the Masonic opera house as a benefit for the Marshfield Public Library. An admission of 25 cents will be charged. A fine program is being arranged by Director Fenton.

Director Fenton, after repeated requests, gave the descriptive fantasia "Winter." This beautiful selection described a sleighing party going to a dance, their arrival, the dance, a breakdown and the return, and was made very realistic by an imitation snow storm.

Another number worth special mention was "Home, Sweet Home" as it might be played in different countries.

Victor Graham made his first appearance as a baritone soloist.

ANDERSON IS BETTER.
Latest reports from the hospital at Bandon say that Roll Anderson, the sole survivor of the Sooley-Anderson logging wreck, is getting along as nicely as could be expected. The burns in some places, especially on his lower limbs, were very deep and will take some weeks to heal.—Coquille Sentinel.

CURRY NOT DRY YET.
Owing to an error of some of the county officials the Dairyville saloons were summarily closed soon after election, but within a week were running "full blast." They will close permanently at the beginning of the year.—Gold Beach Globe.

It was suggested that Coos, Curry and Douglas counties unite in an effort to have the government spend its \$10,000 in Oregon on the Myrtle Point road.

Messrs. Morrison, Savage and Kelly were appointed a committee to draft a resolution notifying the county court in Coos county that the association favored improving the trunk highways first and also to notify the Douglas county commissioners that Coos county would improve its portion if Douglas would do the same.

The question about specifying any particular road to be improved was discussed at length. Some thought that unless care was exercised, jealousy between the communities might defeat the movement. It was suggested that Bandon would be pleased if they were assured that the 12 miles of road from there to Curry county would be improved, while the balance of the county might agree on fixing up the Myrtle Point road if Douglas county would repair its share of it.

I. S. Smith and Mayor Morrison urged that a definite program be outlined, that Douglas county's attitude be ascertained, that plans and estimates of the cost be obtained when the time is ripe and that a campaign of education be carried on.

A resolution urging Senator Smith and Representatives Burton and Peirce to do all they can to hasten necessary legislative action was adopted.

Senator Smith, Mayor Straw and Hugh McLain were appointed a committee to hustle new members of the Coos County Good Roads association on Coos Bay.

It was decided that no further meetings be held until the legislature passes an act enabling the county to take advantage of the two per cent bonding law.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account in the matter of the estate of John Hilbaka, deceased; that the County Court has set Monday, the third day of February, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the Court House in Coquille City, Coos county, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

FRED HOLM,
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