

GEORGE STAUFF PASSES AWAY

Member of Original Baltimore Company and Pioneer of Coos County.

Word has been received here of the death of George Stauff, one of the pioneer residents of Coos Bay and Coos county, who succumbed at the Odd Fellows hospital in Portland, after a long illness. Mr. Stauff was a member of Sunset Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Stauff formerly resided on North Front street, Marshfield, for many years. He was a carpenter by trade. During later years, Mrs. Stauff became an invalid and they made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Sinclair of Coquille. He was an uncle of Mrs. Tom Hall and Charles Stauff of Marshfield.

Mr. Stauff was one of the Baltimore company which came to the Coquille valley with Dr. Herrmann. After a few years on a homestead he went to Roseburg, and later returned to Empire, where he followed his occupation as a contracting carpenter. He built the first regular school house in Empire in 1846 and a year later he moved to Marshfield, opening the first regular hotel in this city. In 1849, he and Wm. Richards built the Marshfield brewery, but he withdrew from that business after a few months and resumed the business of contracting. In 1875 he built a brewery at Uter City, a once flourishing village on Isthmus Inlet, which is now only a historical name. Mr. Stauff and his wife were born in the Duchy of Hesse, Darmstadt, and came to America in 1842.

Seven children were born to them—Mrs. Walter Sinclair of Coquille, George Henry Stauff, John Frederick, Louis, Emma and Herbert, the latter three having died when quite young.

Mrs. Stauff is now with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Sinclair at Coquille. John Stauff, another son, resides at Coquille, but for the past few months has been employed at the pulp mill in Marshfield. The other surviving son, George H. Stauff resides at Seattle, but has been at Coquille for some time.

The funeral will probably be held tomorrow at the Odd Fellows Home in Portland.

Mr. Stauff was 82 years old and first came to Coos county just 52 years ago.

I. Lando, who knew Mr. Stauff well, stated today that Mr. Stauff had probably been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge longer than any other man in Oregon. He was initiated by Baltimore Lodge No. 1, in 1857, and later transferred to Sunset Lodge of Oregon.

NORTH INLET.

(Special to The Times.) Mr. West, while slashing timber on the Chas. Johnson ranch, had the misfortune to have a leg broken. He was taken to Mercy hospital in North Bend.

Next Sunday the weekly meeting will be held in Mr. W. J. Haved's new house, and will be conducted by Rev. G. LeRoy Hall.

W. O. Hamilton is home, and is suffering with a lame back and a bad cold.

Work on the new road to Ten Mile is suspended for a week.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Remaining in the Marshfield, Oregon, Postoffice for the week ending Dec. 24, 1912. Persons calling for the same will please say advertised and pay one cent for each letter called for.

T. E. Brown, Fred Bissett, Frank Biggs, George Dwyer, Albert Finstrom, J. A. Foster, Mrs. Geo. Goodson, C. A. Hunter, Miss Hazel Johnson, Miss Lillian Johnson, Miranda Lane, Elmer Lanegan, Frank Leroy, W. B. Marsoe, Mach, Nelson, Mrs. F. Nelson, Charles Palmer, Raffaele Poletic, W. S. Pater, W. W. Warner.

W. B. CURTIS, Postmaster.

COST OF CHRISTMAS.

About \$20,000,000 Expended in Chicago Celebration. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Chicago's Christmas this year, it is estimated, cost about \$20,000,000, making it the most prosperous in the history of the city. For gifts, including toys, it is figured that \$15,000,000 was spent. Dinners, wines, liquors and tobacco added about \$1,500,000 while the remainder was made up in gifts of employers to their employees.

Merchants declare that prosperity appeared to be general, nearly everyone having money and spending it without complaint, regardless of the fact that prices were generally higher than they were a year ago.

SELECTIONS FOR LIEU LAND FILED

INDICATE THE PURPOSE OF THE HILL ROAD TO BUILD THROUGH THE STATE OF OREGON.

VALE, Ore., Dec. 26.—The Northern Pacific Railroad company, a Hill road, has recently filed for record in the Malheur county clerk's office at Vale, a deed of great importance, covering six full pages of the record. This deed is for lieu land selections in seven counties in Oregon by the government to the Northern Pacific Railroad company. The land thus selected by the Northern Pacific extends through several parts of the state of Oregon. In studying a map of Oregon it is found that these lieu lands now owned in Oregon by the Northern Pacific stretch from the Dead Ox Flat along the Snake river, north of Ontario, and follow up the Malheur river. One selection of this land is right at the point called "The Narrows," at the Harney lakes in Harney county, and one selection is at Klamath Falls.

It is found that these lieu selections give the Northern Pacific strips of land extending from near Jordan Valley, through the Big Bend country along the Snake river, opposite Parma, on past Nysa and Ontario, to Dead Ox Flat. And it is found that the Northern Pacific lieu land selections run in strips from Vale up the Willow river past Brogan and extend in a northwesterly direction up through the Burnt river district, and then around in the vicinity of Prineville and in to the Deschutes river.

By still further studying the map, it is seen that these lieu land selections made by the Northern Pacific extend in strips from near the junction of the Columbia and Deschutes rivers, and on up the Deschutes river to Bend, which is at the present time, the terminal of the Hill road built up the Deschutes river, into the interior of Oregon.

From Bend it is found these lieu selections extend in a southwesterly direction almost to the California line—Lane, Douglas and Jackson counties.

From near Prineville these lieu selections extend in a southwesterly direction across the Cascade mountains, down the Mackenzie river to Dead Coos Bay. And there are lieu selections made by the Northern Pacific at points south of Coos Bay along the Pacific coast right down to the California line.

Links in Right-of-Way. These lands run in narrow strips, in parcels ranging from 40 acres upwards, and comprise in all, nearly 15,000 acres that are the property of the Northern Pacific Railroad company one of the great roads in the Hill system. There is no doubt much of this land will form links in rights-of-way through Oregon for the Hill road. This action on the part of the Northern Pacific in selecting these lieu lands in Oregon, granted to this railroad company by the government, is regarded as a great step on the part of Hill toward the invasion of Harman territory throughout Oregon and in California.

P. & I. N. Extension Through Oregon. The general direction, for instance, of these Northern Pacific selections from Dead Ox Flat along the Malheur river, The Narrows and Klamath Falls, seems to be a strong confirmation of the general belief that Hill will come on down the P. & I. N., and extend his road through to Klamath Falls and on to San Francisco; that his present Deschutes road will be extended south of Bend to the California line, connecting up at some point with the line going into San Francisco; and that Hill will put his road through to Coos Bay.

Authority For Selecting Lieu Land. The great deed filed for record in the county clerk's office at Vale showed that it had been previously filed in six other counties in Oregon. The deed in the following shows the railroad's authority for making these lieu land selections.

Under act of congress, approved July 2, 1864, entitled, "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound, by the northern route," there was granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad company, its successors and assigns, "every alternative section of public lands (not mineralized) designated by odd numbers, to amount of 20 alternate sections per mile on each side of said railroad line, as said company may adopt, whenever the United States has full title, not reserved, sold, granted or otherwise appropriated, at the time the line of said road (Northern Pacific) is definitely fixed, and a plat thereof filed in the office of the commissioner of the general land office, and 'Whereas, By the act of congress of July 1, 1898, (fourteen years ago) authority is given the Northern Pacific Railroad company, under certain conditions, to relinquish to the United States certain lands within either the granted or the indemnity limits of its grant, and to select in lieu thereof 'an equality quantity of public lands,

OPEN BUSINESS COLLEGE HERE

A. E. Stossmeister of Astoria Makes Arrangements for School in Marshfield.

A. E. Stossmeister of Astoria, who has been here the past week investigating the possibilities of a business college in Marshfield, announced today that he had decided to open one here. He has leased the second story of the Wolcott building on North Front street, formerly occupied by the Eagles' hall, as temporary quarters and states that he has made tentative arrangements with Henry Sengstacken for the erection of a building for the school later. He expects to open the school here about January 20 and will start with a corps of three teachers besides himself.

Mr. Stossmeister formerly conducted a business college at Minot, N. D., and has two institutions at present, one at Livingston, Mont., and the other at Astoria. The one here is to be another one in his chain of schools, but he states that he expects to make Coos Bay his home and headquarters.

He states that the business college will be made complete and in addition to the regular work a night school will be conducted. He states that the isolation of Coos Bay, making it difficult for students to go away to school and the large population in this section, practically insures the success of a school here. He has been in conference with Supt. Tiedgen and a number of other Marshfield men and brings letters of recommendation from many in towns where his schools are located.

free from adverse claim, or not occupied by actual settlers at the time such selections, situated within any state or territory into which such railroad grant extends, it is provided that 'patent shall issue for the land so selected as though it had been originally granted.'

Later, by the provisions of the act approved May 17, 1906, the provisions of the act of July 1, 1898, were extended "to include any bona fide settlement or entry made subsequent to January 1, 1898, and prior to May 31, 1905, in accordance with the erroneous decisions of the land department respecting the withdrawal on general route of the Northern Pacific between Wal-lula, Wash., and Portland, Ore."

The deed filed for record here then goes on and describes the lieu lands selected in Oregon and granted by the government to the Northern Pacific Railroad company.

Every move made by Hill in Oregon and Idaho will be watched with increasing interest by the people throughout the Northwest. It is confidently believed that more definite information concerning Hill's railroad plans in these two states will become known within the next twelve months.

INCREASE IN OREGON VALUE

Coos County Assessment Is Slightly Less Than Last Year—Other Counties.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—Not including the assessments that are made by the state board of tax commissioners, the assessed valuation of the state is nearly \$9,000,000 greater this year than it was last year. The total this year in the state is \$793,095,181, and last year it was \$784,118,857.

The greatest increase was in Multnomah county, where over \$8,000,000 was added to the tax rolls this year. In a few of the counties there was a decrease in valuation.

The complete summary as compiled by the state tax commission, showing the valuations in 1911 and 1912, included:

County	1911	1912
Coos	\$19,455,615	\$19,326,929
Curry	3,997,881	4,162,699
Douglas	26,875,580	27,052,145
Multnomah	295,333,620	303,993,165

AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS

One of the working principles of the Boy Scouts is "to help other people at all times." The Boy Scouts of Marshfield had an opportunity this Christmas of carrying this out in a small way, adopting the role of Santa Claus. A large number of them brought a present of a box of candy or some toy, which were carried around on Christmas Day to children of the town. The Boy Scout wants everyone to feel that he is his friend, and this friendship he is to show even to the dumb animals, it being their rule to alleviate pain and suffering whenever possible.

Troop A, composing the older Boy Scouts, is on a "hike" today near Empire. Those of this troop who are prepared to take their first examination in Scoutcraft for the Tenderfoot degree tomorrow morning from 10 to 12, and at the same time on Saturday morning at 565 Market Avenue.

LIFELINE IS LAUNCHED HERE

Rev. Hall's New Colporter Craft Put in Water on Christmas Day.

"The Lifeline," the new colporter boat for this district, was launched at the W. H. Cavanaugh shipyards at Eastside yesterday afternoon. Only a few were present, Rev. G. LeRoy Hall, who will have charge of it, having decided to have the formal ceremonies attached to the craft take place at its dedication, instead of at the launching.

"The Lifeline" was christened by Miss Frances E. Hall, the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hall, who broke a bottle of Coos Bay water, tied with ribbons and holly, over the prow as the boat glided into the water. The only other services was a short prayer by Rev. Hall.

Immediately after the launching, the boat was given a trial trip to the bunkers and return by W. H. Cavanaugh, the builder, and found to run perfectly. The finishing work will be done at North Bend and following its completion, the official dedication of the vessel will take place.

Dr. Wm. Sadler, author of "The Cause and Cure of Colds," says that common colds should be taken seriously, especially when they "hang on." Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable household medicine for coughs and colds equally effective for children and grown persons. Take it when you feel a cold coming on. It will avert danger of serious results and cure quickly. No harmful drugs. For sale by Lockhart-Parsons Drug Co., the Busy Corner.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, John D. McNeil, as Executor of the Estate of Carrie Nasburg, deceased, will, under and by virtue of an order duly made by the Honorable John F. Hall, as Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos, on the 8th day of December, 1911, and entered in the journal of said court on said day, in the matter of the petition of the said John D. McNeil, as such executor for an order of sale of the real property of said estate, which said real property is hereinafter particularly described, offer the said real property for sale, at private sale, to the best bidder therefor, or for either of the said pieces or parcels of real property, on the 27th day of December, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or on any day thereafter, the said executor hereby reserving the right to reject any or all bids or offers for the said real property or for either of the said pieces or parcels thereof, the terms of said sale being one-half cash at the time of sale and the balance, or one-half payable within one year from the date of the confirmation of said sale or sales by the said County Court. The said real property is described as follows, to-wit:

The lots numbered four (4) and five (5) in the block numbered twenty-seven (27) in the town of Marshfield, Coos County and State of Oregon, according to the plat thereof prepared by E. B. Clement and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon; and

The lots numbered ten (10) and eleven (11) in the block numbered nine (9), of Azalea Park Addition to the town of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Coos and State of Oregon.

Dated at Marshfield, Oregon, this 26th day of November, 1912.

JOHN D. McNEIL,

Executor of the Estate of Carrie Nasburg, deceased.

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