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PLAN TO MAKE BETTER ROADS

pt. W. F. Miller to Consult S. P. Officials Relative to Improvement.

W. F. Miller, superintendent of local railway and other interests of the Southern Pacific, will leave on the next Breakwater for Portland and San Francisco to confer with officials of the company concerning improvements in the local properties this year. Mr. Miller prepared plans and estimates for much improvement. The principal improvements will be in repairs to the local railway. It is expected to rebalast most of the ties and put in 30,000 or 40,000 ties so that the roadbed will be in good condition for handling heavy trains which the Smith-Beaver Company will run over it here next July, from their logging camp beyond Myrtle Point. A number of trestles will be rebuilt, in fact a couple near Beaver Hill have been rebuilt this winter. Some trestles may be eliminated by changing the road bed in some places. The company has been considering the building of a large warehouse, dock, etc., somewhere near the Beaver Hill coal bunkers where the railroad dock is located. Whether they will do anything on the work this year is not known. The coal bunkers have been out of commission for some time and the warehouse plans do not interfere with their present location. They probably will be repaired or built.

PASTOR QUILTS IN NORTH BEND

Rev. D. A. McLeod Resigns the Pastorate of Presbyterian Church There.

Rev. D. A. McLeod resigned as pastor of the North Bend Presbyterian church last Sunday, at which time he preached his farewell sermon. He left the first of the week for Bandon, where he will serve as pastor for an indefinite time. Rev. Mr. McLeod is decided as to where his future work will be. He may engage in private business at Prosper. No successor to him has been selected by the North Bend congregation.

"DRYS" GIVE DRINKS FREE.

Chehalis County Saloon Is Forced to Close Doors Before Election. CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 2.—A party comes from McCleary, the home of the Chehalis Fir Door Company, that the "drys" won out before the election which voted prohibition in the unincorporated portion of Chehalis county. For some time a saloon was run out a mile from McCleary, where Chehalis Fir Door Company is located. This didn't suit Mr. McCleary very well, so he applied for and was granted a saloon license. He then opened a "thirst" emporium at McCleary. Instead, however, of entering the business for gain, booze was either given away or sold at cost, according to reports, and the other place for many days closed its doors. Mr. McCleary ordered his saloon closed and informed the county commissioners whenever anyone applied for a license the commissioners were to tell the applicant the exact condition: That if he should open a saloon Mr. McCleary would reopen his and give him away. The plan worked admirably until election, when the voters decided that the unincorporated part of the county should go dry, and now it is necessary for Mr. McCleary to carry any more over the matter.

HEATER BLOWS UP.

Observation Car on Oregon Electric Wrecked to Extent of \$3000. EUGENE, Jan. 2.—Observation car Sacalewa on the Oregon Electric was badly damaged and three persons slightly injured when the boiler of the heater blew up shortly before noon as the limited train was nearing Eugene. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The car was damaged to the extent of \$3000. The whole front of the car was smashed and the windows were broken. Walter Grant and another passenger were injured by being blown, and J. P. Barber, the driver, was scalded by escaping steam besides being cut by the boiler.

Have your job printing done at the Times office.

FIRE CAUSE IS NOT CERTAIN

Think Spark Fell on Bed—The Poor Water Pressure Handicapped Firemen.

The cause of the fire which destroyed the A. J. Stephan home on South Fourth street and damaged the Home Hotel building adjoining, has not yet been definitely established. Fire Chief Keating thinks that it probably originated from a heating stove in the front room. The bed was only a few feet from the stove and one of the smaller children had been playing there. That a spark from the stove set fire to the bed is the belief. Fire Chief Keating has been looking into the delay in turning in the alarm yesterday. He finds that Hal Stutsman, engineer at the city hall, happened to be out to breakfast when the telephone girl tried to notify him. No one answered the phone and finally someone else was secured to sound the gong. The delay in sounding the siren alarm at the Smith mill was caused by the absence of the engineers from the fire room, the mill being shut down on account of the holiday vacation. Finally the telephone central girl notified the office at the Smith mill and one of the employees there went over and sounded the alarm. Before the fire engine was got out yesterday, an endeavor was made to fight the fire with the pressure from the mains. But there was no pressure, the water being barely forced out through the end of the hose. Fire Chief Keating says it was practically worthless but as soon as the fire engine was hooked on, the department was able to subdue the flames.

Committee to Go.

The special committee appointed by Mayor Straw and the council to investigate fire apparatus to determine the needs of Marshfield, will leave Saturday morning via Gardiner and Drain. The first stop will probably be made at Eugene, which has recently installed new apparatus. Those on the committee are Fire Chief Keating, City Attorney Goss and Councilman F. E. Allen. They plan to go by special rig from Scottsburg. Hugh McLain, who is going to Salem, will go with them in the special rig.

Finds Some Money.

In searching through the ruins this morning, Mr. Stephan reports that he recovered \$35 of the money lost in the fire. He is hopeful of recovering more.

BRINGS FORGER BACK TO COOS

Arthur Johnson, Alias Harry Williams, Arrested at Camas Valley.

ROSEBURG, Jan. 2.—Arthur Johnson, or Harry Williams, as he is known in Coos county, left for Coquille this week in custody of an officer, where he will be tried on a charge of forgery. Johnson was picked up near Camas Valley on Sunday and was held here pending the arrival of a Coos county officer. Johnson says he was drunk during the few days preceding his departure for Roseburg, and consequently does not know whether he forged the checks bearing his signature. Johnson is alleged to have passed a number of worthless checks at Coquille, later leaving town in the direction of Roseburg. When taken in custody, Johnson had 30 cents in his pockets. He denies the charge and says he is willing to return to Coos county and face his accusers. When arrested he was sleeping in a barn near Camas Valley. He gives his occupation as that of a coal miner.

LOGANBERRY MEN MAKE MONEY

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 31.—The loganberry is creating more interest in the Northwest at the present time, perhaps, than any other horticultural activity," said Prof. C. I. Lewis in discussing the new courses to be offered in the winter short courses, which open Jan. 9 for a four weeks' term. "The interest in loganberry culture is due to the fact that for the past two years the loganberry men have been making lots of money," he continued. "They have been making as high as from \$200 to \$250 an acre profit in a number of cases. This berry seems to have unlimited possibilities provided it is handled in the proper way and proper organization is effected." The new course will deal with the growing of the berry and the handling of the crop by canning, by evaporating, and by the manufacture of loganberry juice.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTICE.

The annual business meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday evening, January 3, at 8 o'clock. Besides the election of officers, other important business will be transacted.

NOTICE.

Owing to the advance of coal at the mine, Beaver Hill will be \$6.00 per ton on and after January 1. HUGH McLAIN.

RELIEF GIVEN FIRE VICTIMS

Response to Appeal for Assistance for Stephan and Archambeau Families.

There was a ready response to the appeal for assistance for the Stephan and Archambeau families, who were hard hit by the fire on South Fourth street, yesterday afternoon. The Times started the fund yesterday afternoon with a contribution of \$5.00 in cash, and Herman Hillier, who was one of the parties suggesting it, followed and has been circulating the list and receiving contributions at his store at Front and Central.

In addition to the cash contributions, many have responded with clothing and similar contributions that will come in handy for the Stephan family which lost all their belongings.

While Mrs. Archambeau's loss was not so great, it came at a very inopportune time, and will leave her in straightened financial circumstances. Today, an effort is being made to find a home by Mr. Stephan, which can be fitted up. The family is being kindly cared for at the home of E. J. Hansen.

Among those who have contributed clothing etc. today are: Mrs. M. R. Smith, Mrs. A. B. Gidley, E. Pale, and Justice Penneck.

Upto noon today, the following cash contributions had been received:

- Coos Bay Times \$5.00
Herman Hillier 2.00
A. J. Matson, Jr. 1.00
Cash 1.00
D. J. Rees 1.00
Hugh Sneddon 1.00
Alvin Smith 1.00
J. Juth 1.00
C. A. Howard 1.00
Watt Short .50
Tom Madden 1.00
S. A. Webb .50
C. H. Walter .50
G. S. Chatterton 1.00
Cash 1.00
T. Howard 1.50
Club Cigar Store 2.50
Ray Campbell .50
Messenger Service .50
Palace Restaurant 2.00
Davis and Ashman 2.00
Cash .50
R. F. Bush 1.00
A. Dominick .50
R. Starr .50
Guy Lattin 1.00
Nutwood 1.00
Cash .50
A. Storgard 2.00
A. J. Stephan 5.00
Mr. Stephan's friends say that the statement that the family has been in straightened circumstances was erroneous as Mr. Stephan has been working as a longshoreman and in addition to caring for his family had stored a winter supply of flour, vegetable, etc., in his home which were also destroyed by the fire.

CHEAPER FOOD CRUSADE REACHES PACIFIC COAST.

Women to Buy Means of Life Direct from Farmer and Save Profit of Middleman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The California branch of the Housewives league, a national organization, announced today a plan to lower the cost of living. By taking advantage of the new parcels post system, which went into effect January 1, the league would have housewives buy their eggs and garden truck from the farm, thus eliminating the profit of the middleman.

Lists of farmers and gardeners in all parts of the state have been compiled. These men have assured the league that they are willing to ship their products by parcels post. Any housewife who desires to trade with them may procure from the league's officers the names and addresses of the farmers in her district.

WILL 13TH BE HOODOO?

Washington Legislators to Meet on Jan. 13, 1913, in 13th Session. OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—The members of the Washington legislature are wondering if the 13th session, which begins here on the 13th day of January, 1913, will be the subject of the "13" hoodoo. The usual conglomeration of unlucky numbers is considered an exceedingly peculiar coincidence and is causing no little comment among legislators who have important measures to come before the session.

CUTS DOWN EXPENSES.

Ashland Reduces Tax Levy from 21 to 14 Mills. ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Municipal estimates for 1913 have been pruned considerably, resulting in a levy of 14 mills for city purposes. The general fund will benefit to the extent of 5 1/2 mills; bond and interest, 5 1/2 mills; street, library, fire department and park commission needs will, collectively, make up the rest. The levy last year was 21 mills. The school tax will be 8 mills, a trifle less than last year. State, county and municipal levies will approximate 30 mills, quite a reduction from last year's requirements, which represented the high water mark in municipal taxation.

BOATS LEAVE THIS MORNING

Bar Smoother After Storm Subsides and Vessels Cross Out Today.

After being storm bound here since the latter part of last week, all of the vessels in the lower Bay got out to sea this morning.

The Breakwater, bound for Portland, was the first to cross out, leaving at 7:50 a. m. The Redondo, Speedwell and Nann Smith, all bound for San Francisco, crossed out soon after 8 o'clock.

The bar was smoother this morning than it has been for several days and no trouble is reported from any of the vessels.

Owing to the delay, the Breakwater will not get out of here again until next Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The Homer has been delayed in loading and will probably be unable to sail until Saturday. She is bound for San Francisco.

The G. C. Lindauer did not get out today but probably will tomorrow.

WIRE STILL DOWN TODAY

Telegraph and Telephone Co. Has Not Established Service to Roseburg.

Coos Bay is still without wire service to the outside world. The Western Union has not been able to get its line between here and Roseburg in working order yet but Manager Schetter was hopeful of restoring service late today.

The Coos Bay Home Telephone Company has repaired most of the damage to its lines, but the Bell Telephone company, which owns the line between Myrtle Point and Roseburg has not yet restored it to working order. Just when it will be uncertain.

Telegrams by Mail.

The parcels post came into play this morning in giving Coos Bay telegraph service. The wire has been down between here and Roseburg since Saturday and so the operator at Roseburg took a bunch of messages for Coos Bay people and forwarded them by parcels post to Marshfield. They were distributed this forenoon.

SUGGESTS A WATER DISTRICT

Citizen Has an Idea for Securing Coos Bay Water Supply.

Editor Coos Bay Times:

Please allow the following suggestion to be printed in your valuable columns. I do not believe in general municipal ownership, but the water supply should be owned by the people. The water in Pony Slough is not to be considered in either volume or purity. We have school districts, irrigation districts, port districts, and ecclesiastical districts, now let us have a water district, if it is new.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce could put itself on record in the best shape ever by calling a meeting of the people. Appoint a committee of three good men, send them to Brewster valley, file on all the water and on the watershed from the summit down. Proceed to condemn the lands on the watershed and the right of way for the main ditch, take the water out at the proper place and commence selling it the first mile you go. Outline your water district large enough for all time to come.

THE INSTIGATOR.

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT PLAN

Southern Pacific Asks for Statement from Port of Coos Bay Projects.

The Port of Coos Bay is in receipt of the following self explanatory letter from C. J. Mills, assistant to President Sproule of the Southern Pacific:

"In view of the anticipated ocean going traffic which it is generally expected will materialize as a result of the operation of Panama Canal, the ability of the various ports reached by this Company to accommodate vessels of the type that would naturally engage in this trade is a matter of importance that should not be overlooked. While the great transportation companies, viewing all ports with equal consideration must rest very largely in the Commission charged with that responsibility, and the shipping facilities of Coos Bay must be equal to those of other Pacific Coast ports in order to attract the maximum volume of transaction to be made possible, and which can be assured by the proper improvement of your natural advantages. The magnitude of exchange in commodities at Coos Bay, as between ocean and land carriers, will depend largely upon the extent of efficiency attained at that point.

"I believe you understand and appreciate that the Port of Coos Bay has a very important part to perform in this connection and will not place this burden of development upon the rail carriers.

"We should be very glad to hear from your honorable body concerning any contemplated improvements at Coos Bay and the time likely to be consumed in their completion."

ANDERSON WILL FIGHT.

A Portland paper says: "Bud Anderson will fight before the Oakland Wheelman's Club at Oakland, Cal., meeting either Red Watson or the winner of the Burns-Murphy mill at San Francisco on January 15 in a 10-round bout. Such is the word that Dick Donald, manager of the Vancouver lightweight, brings back from San Francisco."

BABY WEIGHS 17 OUNCES

Girl Born to Illinois Woman Wears Mother's Wedding Ring on Leg. AURORA, Ill., Jan. 2.—A 17-ounce girl was born in the city hospital here. The child is perfectly formed and apparently is strong.

Mrs. Eva Root, of Aurora, is the mother. Her wedding ring can be slipped on one of the child's legs.

Jetty Work Unfinished.

Coos Bay lies 180 miles south of the mouth of the Columbia, and next to Humboldt Bay is the principal harbor between the river and San Francisco. A survey made in June, 1905, showed the least depth on the bar to be 19 feet, but today it is said 17 feet is the best water and it falls to 14 feet, with no pronounced channel available. Though the original project called for two jetties the south jetty was never built. That on the north side gave the desired depth 29 feet, but the outer end has been bent down by storms. As to existing conditions Captain Macgenn prepared the following report bearing on recent activities to obtain help.

Business Men Unite in Appeal to Council to Sustain Organization.

Fred Wilson and Harry Bradford today are out with petitions to the Marshfield city council asking that the appropriation of \$150 per month for the support of the Coos Bay Concert Band be continued for another year. The petitions will probably be presented to the council at its meeting next Monday night.

This afternoon they reported that they had secured the signatures of many of the largest taxpayers and of most of the business houses they had seen.

WIDOW TRYING TO TAKE AWAY CIGARETTES KILLED BY GLASS DOOR.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Because she did not approve of cigarette smoking Mrs. Hortense Koetch, a young widow, met death in an unusual manner. The accident occurred at a holiday party at which Mrs. Koetch was a guest. S. C. Howe, a young man, exhibited a box of cigarettes and announced that he was going outside to smoke. Mrs. Koetch said she did not approve of cigarette smoking and playfully snatched the box, running to another room, with Howe giving chase.

Mrs. Koetch shut the door on Howe, just as he reached it and his shoulder went through the glass. Mrs. Koetch tried to pull the door open and in some manner fell forward against the shattered glass. A sliver of glass pierced her neck, severing the jugular vein and she died instantly.

FUNERAL IS HELD.

The Portland Oregonian says: "Funeral services of George Stauff member Sunset Lodge No. 51, Odd Fellows, of Marshfield, Or., were conducted Sunday afternoon from F. S. Dunning Company's chapel, and the interment was made in Mount Scott Cemetery. Relief committee of Portland Odd Fellows was in charge. Mr. Stauff was 85 years of age and had been a resident of the Odd Fellows' Home of Portland for about six years. His residence had been at Marshfield, Or. Two sons and one daughter survive him.

Apples Drop to 5 Cents Quart.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The food crusade started in today to break the high price of apples. With a carload on hand and "unlimited" supply behind them, they said, they began selling Huddwins at 5 cents a quart. The local retailers had been asking from 12 to 15 cents a quart. The sale was conducted at the Queensboro bridge market at Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the housewives' league of America.

SUSLAW BAR DEPTH.

The Florence West. "When the steamer Robar's went to sea yesterday the shallowest water found on the Suslaw bar was 14 feet in depth."

TELLS ABOUT JETTY NEEDS

Portland Paper Prints Capt. Macgenn's View of Coos Bay Bar Situation.

LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

Dr. J. T. McCormac, formerly president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, in a wire to relatives here today, stated that he would leave Berkeley Thursday with the other members of the Coos Bay delegation for Washington to take up the harbor improvement matters. He stated that C. A. Smith was going east. It is expected that L. J. Simpson would be there to leave with C. A. Smith and Captain Macgenn but he was delayed here by the storm and will not reach San Francisco until tomorrow. Dr. McCormac was expected to go, it is understood, by Captain Macgenn and C. A. Smith to assist the Coos Bay delegation.

The Portland Oregonian Sunday

printed a cut showing the chart of the entrance of Coos Bay, prepared by Capt. Macgenn to explain the recent survey made by engineer Charleston, and the following story of the plans of the Coos Bay delegation to Washington, in addition to a detailed explanation of the chart:

"Armed with a battery of arguments, equipped with munitions in the way of statistics and fired with a desire to prepare for expected Panama Canal business a delegation from Coos Bay cities will leave this week for Washington to spread before Congress the mass of evidence as to why the Coos Bay entrance is entitled to governmental attention in an extensive system of improvement.

"Captain T. J. Macgenn, master of the steamer Breakwater, leads the force, and he has preceded the main body by way of San Francisco to confer with officials of the Southern Pacific on the situation, a move that may draw to the delegation influential support for their mission.

Louis Simpson, Mayor of North Bend, as well as several of the best known residents of Marshfield, will undertake the journey, and they say if they can get the ears of National lawmakers there will be small reason to doubt that an appropriation will be allotted.

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"When Congressman Hawley visited Marshfield recently, I had the honor to be one of the party that accompanied him on the tug Columbia when we went down the bay and out over the Coos Bay bar, in order to explain the necessary improvements and to point out the terrible conditions of the north jetty, which is almost entirely wiped out. Of course you will realize that it would be extremely hard for him to retain all that he had been told about this matter, therefore I am inclosing you a sketch or small chart of the entrance to Coos Bay, showing drift of flood and ebb tide, the damaged condition of the jetty, the small pieces remaining, and the proposed extension and improvements.

"This chart, except the proposed extension and a little alteration in the jetty suggested by myself, is copied from the United States Hydrographic Chart, and is therefore absolutely correct."

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