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MOTHERS' PENSION LAW.

MISSOURI and Illinois now are enjoying the "Mothers' Pension" law.

Madison has a fund of \$5,000 set aside to be used for caring for children who otherwise would be sent to institutions.

A Portland daily says editorially: "This is how the law works in Chicago: When a young widow with three babies was at the surrendering point, after a two years' struggle to keep her home together, some friends had her application for a mother's pension."

The Springfield Republican in an editorial tells the following of the practical workings of the Missouri law:

"A printed list of questions has been prepared by the Kansas City judge and each applicant for a widow's pension must fill out these questions, and file her answer with the court. After the answers have been received, an officer of the juvenile court makes an investigation of the applicant's circumstances in order to see that the money is not paid to the widow to enable her to live in idleness, but rather to 'help along' for the good of the child, so that the child shall not have to leave school to work and help support the family."

We feel that all our judges will welcome this humanitarian law, under its administration, they will not be obliged to vivisect families as in the past, for no other cause than poverty.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Chas Thomas went to Marshfield yesterday on business.

It is announced that outside parties are figuring on opening a fine cafe in the Palace building.

The North Bend Mothers' and Teachers' Club will meet Friday afternoon at the Central School building.

J. P. Morris is planning to organize a company to handle the sales of Coos Bay property and may possibly handle some of the Kinney properties.

City Attorney J. G. Mullen of North Bend was honored by election as a member of the executive committee of the Coos County bar association at Myrtle Point this week.

AMONG THE SICK.

Harry Winkler is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

J. W. Bennett was able to be at his office today after being laid up for a few days.

Mrs. Needman of North Bend, who was taken to Mercy hospital yesterday is reported doing fairly well.

Miss Ruth Walruth was taken to Mercy hospital yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis, from which she has been suffering for some time.

SARAH BERNHARDT and her all-star company at the Grand Theater Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening.

PARCEL POST BRINGS BACON

Residents of Florence Use the New Service to Secure Food Supplies.

The following dispatch from Florence will be of interest on Coos Bay, because yesterday P. S. Dow sent a shipment of ten pounds of popcorn by parcel post there, and also because the tug Roberts with the schooner Coquille, both laden with general merchandise, are lying here awaiting favorable weather to get into the Sluslaw.

"While parcel post may not be an unmixed blessing, still, until the railroad gets here it will prove a great convenience to the people of this section who have been used to paying a minimum charge of 65 cents on all parcels sent by Stage from Eugene. The unusually long storms at sea, causing long delays at other ports for the steamers Anvil and Rustler, have allowed the supply of bacon laid in by merchants here to become exhausted.

"Now, Mr. Kyle, postmaster and also proprietor of the largest mercantile establishment here, in common with the rest of mankind, enjoys his slice of bacon for breakfast, and when parcel post became effective he had been existing without that commodity for over a month. He at once ordered a ten pound slab shipped him by his wholesaler in Portland, and received it by return mail, the charges being 46 cents. That bacon tasted good."

FOUGHT BANDIT WITH UMBRELLA

Aged Man Near Medford Succeeds in Battling Off Thugs.

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 16.—Opposing his umbrella to revolvers and bullets of four highwaymen who attacked him Sunday evening on his way home from the depot with the day's receipts upon him, Station Agent Leonard of Phoenix, aged 70, made a gallant and successful fight though struck over the head repeatedly with revolvers, blinded by the blood from his wounds, and his umbrella shot to pieces by a bullet.

A few minutes previously, the same men held up Rev. J. K. Baillie, on his way to church, but the approach of citizens frightened them off, while the minister was arguing with them the absurdity of trying to rob a country parson.

CAUGHT AT ROSEBURG. Thief Admits Robbing Post Offices in Southern Oregon.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 16.—Admitting that he committed no less than eight daring robberies, including postoffices at Medford, Gold Hill, Talent and Rogue River, a man gives his name as J. Allison was arrested in the lobby of the McAllen hotel at noon today by Postoffice Inspector S. H. Morse and Marshal B. Penton.

FIFIELD NOT DAMAGED. Report of Damage to Steamer in Storm Is Overdrawn.

The Fifield arrived in port Monday all O. K., after her mishap going to Ft. Stevens on the last trip. She lost about 75,000 feet of her deck load, which was caused by taking a big "green" sea, which washed clear over the vessel, causing the damage.

RANGER SETS WINDBREAK. Forester at Florence to Protect the Seeds for Pine Forest.

Florence, Or., Jan. 16.—C. H. Young, forest ranger, says the planting of willow cuttings in the sandhills along the ocean beach will be continued during the coming spring in this locality. It is Mr. Young's present plan to obtain some 25,000 willow cuttings at once and to bury them part way in the sand to heal up until the middle of March. They then will be planted along the sand dunes, to form a wind break for a variety of pine which thrives wherever the sand can be kept from drifting over the seed, or the seed kept from blowing away until the growth has begun.

BURY STONER HERE TODAY

Wife Telegraphs Funeral Expenses—Seattle Story of His Actions Given.

A. Stoner, the man who committed suicide last Saturday at a local lodging house following the trouble he became involved in while on a spree here, was buried today by Coroner Wilson. Last night Mr. Wilson received a telegram conveying money for the funeral from Mrs. Stoner. She did not say anything else in the message.

Efforts to trace Stoner's reputed lodge membership have failed. Messages were sent to towns in Arizona where it was said that he belonged to the Knights of Pythias, but he was not a member there. Mrs. Stoner has not answered messages sent to her concerning his lodge membership.

It was reported around town that Stoner had \$800 in cash with him when he came here and that he spent it here and at Bandon. However, this is now questioned as Stoner only had \$400 in cash when he left Seattle. Two young men who came down on the Breakwater with him about December 1 are reputed to have said that he had \$800, but he only had a few dollars when he was found dead.

A Seattle dispatch gives the following particulars: "A. Stoner, who committed suicide in Marshfield, was a barber who had operated in Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and Alaska. He was one of the first in the Klondike rush and is reputed to have made a good stake."

"He arrived in Seattle from Alaska with his wife and six-year-old daughter, September 26. "Two months ago he left Seattle, telling his wife he was going back to Alaska and to look for another location and that when he found one he would wire. No word came until today, when a dispatch told of suicide in Oregon. When he left he had \$400 and his barber equipment, valued at \$100."

"His wife is now living with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Hewitt, 959 Twentieth avenue, Seattle."

The funeral services were conducted at Wilson's chapel at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. H. I. Rutledge officiating. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer in a story about Stoner's death says that he was 49 years old and was born in Michigan and that he was reputed to have made several small stakes in Alaska. It stated that Mrs. Stoner said that he had \$400 and his kit of barber tools when he left two months ago and that she had not heard from him since he left until she received the telegram announcing his death.

A FEW RECORDS YET TO BE BEATEN

The largest trees in the world are the giant redwoods of California. One of these, in Tulare county, has at the base a circumference of 108 feet, and at a point 12 feet from the ground a circumference of 76 feet.

The largest desert in the world is the Sahara. This barren waste has a length of 3000 miles and an average width of 900 miles. Rain falls there at intervals of five, ten and twenty years. It is blistering hot in summer and in winter the temperature frequently falls to zero.

The largest cave is the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. This consists of a succession of irregular chambers, certain of which are traversed by the Echo River.

The highest active volcano is Popocatepetl, near Puebla, Mexico. It is 17,550 feet above sea level and has a crater 2000 feet wide.

The longest railway tunnel aside from the New York subway, is that of St. Gothard. It is 26 1/2 feet wide and 19 feet from floor to roof and 9 1/4 miles long.

The Chinese Wall is the greatest on earth. It was completed in 104 B. C., as a protection against the Tartars. The wall passes over mountains and valleys and across rivers. It is 1500 miles long, 20 feet high, 25 feet thick at base, and 15 feet at its top.

The greatest pyramid is that of Cheops of the Gizeh group. It contains 89,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, is 451 feet high, and the total weight of its stone has been estimated as over 6,000,000 tons.

The highest lighthouse is the Bartholdi statue of Liberty in New York harbor, which is 151 feet, besides a pedestal of 155 feet.

The largest bell is the great bell at Moscow, which is 86 feet in circumference at the bottom, over 21 feet high, and 23 inches thick at the top. Its weight has been computed at 217 tons. It has never been hung.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE FRIDAY

First of Series in Coos County Will Be Held Tomorrow Night in the Towns.

The first of the Coos County High School debates will be held Friday evening, debates being held at Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon.

In Marshfield, the debate will be held at the High School auditorium, and admittance will be free. The Marshfield affirmative team will meet the Coquille negative team here. Leslie and Chester Isaacson constitute the Marshfield affirmative team.

The judges will be Myrtle Point and North Bend men.

The Marshfield negative team, consisting of Messrs. Swartz and Rabskopf, will go to Myrtle Point, Professor Morris accompanying them.

In view of the fact that there is to be a debate Friday evening in each town in Coos County, the following extract from a bulletin of the University of Wisconsin will be of interest to many:

"The distinction between 'argument' and 'presentation' made in the instruction to the judges is purely academic. However, it is important and necessary."

"A debate is not a declamatory contest; neither is it a dry, uninteresting statement of quotations, facts, and figures. A good scholastic debate is a strong, effective presentation of clear cut logical thought, upon the platform with opponents who have equal opportunities. A judge should carefully weigh both excellence in thinking and excellence in speaking; he should award his decision to the team which shows the most effective combination of the two in vital give-and-take discussion. In the following sections an attempt is made to set forth general tests to determine excellence in thinking an excellence in speaking as they should be found in a good debate."

"Finally, it would be a grave mistake to give equal credit to thinking and to speaking as they have been distinguished. It is a truism of public speech that what is said is much more important than how it is said. To attempt definite numerical relation, indicating value to be ascribed to speaking and to thinking, is unsafe. Sometimes in public speech, the thinking is so worthless that for an intelligent audience the speech is wasted time; even more frequently the technique of a speaker is so bad, that the audience is able to absorb little of this thought. The best, therefore, that a judge can do is to evaluate first structure, substance, logic, evidence—awarding roughly 75 per cent credit to the thought; next to evaluate the technique of presentation, allowing 25 per cent weight to the delivery. Skillful thinking is worth far more than skillful speaking. Above all, judges should remember that a school debate is a means, not an end. The debaters are learners. No great importance as to the merits of the question hangs upon the decision. The merits of debating—the best presentation of the truth in a living vital discussion—this is the supreme test of excellence."

The Coos county high school debates will be held Friday night. The question for debate is: "Resolved, that immigration should be further restricted by an educational test."

The Bandon affirmative team which will appear at home is composed of Ernest Watkins and Pearl Crane. The Bandon negative team which goes to Coquille is Kate Chaburn and Jack Kronenberg.

North Bend Debate. The North Bend affirmative team will debate Myrtle Point at North Bend. The team consists of Misses Norma Chase and Ruby Watkins. The negative team will go to Bandon and consists of George Dewey and Lyle Chapelle.

PORT OF UMPQUA. New Effort Made to Organize to Improve River.

The Roseburg Review says: "Petitions asking for another election on the question of establishing a Port of Umpqua have been filed with the County Court by the residents of Gardiner, Elkton and Scottsburg. The County Court will act on the matter at its next regular session in February."

RETURN TO BANDON.

J. Howard Johnston and wife returned on the Brooklyn Sunday from San Francisco, where they had been for the last three months and will remain here again permanently. Mr. Johnston will represent several wholesale houses as their salesman in this section, covering Coos and Curry counties and probably some to the north.—Bandon Recorder.

A woman's mind is so much quicker than a man's that while he is trying to discover the color of her eyes she is already trying to decide on the color scheme of the wedding decorations.

LODGES HAVE FINE SESSION

W. O. W. and Women of Woodcraft Unite in Installation of Officers.

The Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft united in a joint installation of officers and a big banquet at their hall last evening. The session was one of the most enjoyable that they have ever held and was participated in by about sixty.

Following the installation, a sumptuous banquet was served and an informal good time enjoyed. E. W. Ralston presided as toastmaster, and impromptu talks by him, W. U. Douglas, Tom Coke and W. B. Holdiman added to the occasion. Later dancing, songs by Miss Preston and other diversions were enjoyed.

W. B. Holdiman was the installing officer of the W. O. W., and inducted the following into office.

Council Commander—E. W. Ralston. Advisor—C. J. Wilson. Past Consul Commander—W. H. Ferguson.

Banker—J. Lando. Clerk—W. U. Douglas. Escort—Henry Hegdahl.

Watchman—F. E. Sandberg. Manager—F. P. Norton. Sentry—C. W. Viers.

Mrs. I. Lando was the installing officer of the Women of Woodcraft and the following are the new officers installed:

Guardian neighbor—Mrs. Ora McCarty.

Past guardian neighbor—Miss Annie Smith.

Advisor—Mrs. Ida Patterson.

Magician—Alta Duncan.

Attendant—Martha Flanagan.

Clerk—Mrs. Mary Cowan.

Banker—Mrs. Lizzie Helsner.

Inner and Outer guards—Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Addie Rolanson.

Captain of guard—Mrs. Laura Hansen.

CURRY'S FIRST RAILROAD.

Brookings Lumber Company's Logging Line Under way.

GOLD BEACH, Jan. 16.—The first railroad ever built in Curry Co. is now being constructed, a logging road being built by the Brookings company up Chetco river. It has about four miles of road completed and expects to finish it as fast as it can get men. The company has 85 men on the payroll and expects to have 400 by the first of July next.

Have your job printing done at The Times office.

It you have anything to sell, rent, trade, or want help, try a Want Ad.

LEAVE TODAY ON SPEEDWEL

Large Number Sail for San Francisco and San Pedro—Big Outgoing Cargo.

The Speedwel sails late this afternoon for San Francisco and San Pedro with a cargo of planks, lumber and other goods, the bulk of which being taken on at North Bend.

She had a capacity list of 1000 passengers. Among those going on her were the following: F. Burkholder, C. F. Herbert, O. Wolcott, J. B. Latfield, Chas. Evenden, Mrs. Charles Evenden, Mrs. M. F. Laubette, Mrs. M. Yoakam, Mrs. Geo. Perry, Mrs. S. C. Rogers, Mrs. S. C. Rogers, Mrs. E. Pale, Geo. Pale, J. Hinkle, R. W. Lindel, S. P. John Pospisel, W. Larson, Chas. Thrift, Minnie Kardell, A. J. Horn, Mrs. W. R. Kropp, W. Kropp.

Perhaps the reason why "Joy rides" end in a smashup that when a husband takes his wife out for a spin he always gets both hands and all his attention on the machine.

If you have anything to sell, rent, trade, or want help, try a Want Ad.

Have your job printing done at The Times office.

CHILLY?

Never mind the weather. Just step into Stafford's and order a cup of—

HOT COFFEE HOT TEA HOT CHOCOLATE HOT BOULLE

and it will remind you of "good old summer time."

Always something new at

STAFFORD'S

TONIGHT

The Royal

Brother's Requit—Reliance.

Jenkins-Perkins War—Solax.

Two of a Kind—Majestic

Lee & Chandler—Those two comely girls.

Don't Miss Ko-Ko-Nuto, His story for life.

The biggest and best show in the city.

Any Seat, 10c.

LOOK AROUND



and see the \$25.00 and \$30.00 values you can buy for \$10.72 and \$14.91 Etc., then come and see what you can buy regular

\$ 8.50 \$ 9.00 \$10.00 \$12.00 \$13.00 and \$15.00

Suits at the FIXUP

The same price yesterday, today and next week. North Bend. Marshfield.

SPECIAL!

A nice line of Ladies' Mannish Shirt Waists. The new thing in waists. White and colors. Priced at \$1.00 and \$1.50

The Golden Rule First National Bank Bldg. Marshfield