

COOS BAY TIMES

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NEXT—THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

AFTER a struggle lasting over twenty years, and after lagging behind most European countries by from thirty to fifty years, we have secured the beginning of a parcel post. The express monopoly has been able successfully to block this obviously beneficial and necessary function of the government for so long that its inauguration is accompanied by formal ceremonies on the part of the postmaster general and the several postmasters as if in celebration of some momentous victory, which it is.

The postal savings banks and the parcel post being accomplished facts, there remains the next step—postal telegraph and telephones. Most of the leading nations of Europe have already adopted the government-owned and operated telegraph and telephone services, with the result that their people enjoy cheap rates, efficient service, and all the advantages brought about by co-operation with the postoffice service, of which the telegraph and telephone are the natural supplements.

On January 14, 1912—just a year ago—Postmaster General Hitchcock recommended the acquisition by the government of the telegraph companies. He said:

"The people have a right to a protected service that only the government can give, to the use of wires without the delays that special interests now secure at times and to lower rates now necessary and possible."

Just the other day John Wamaker, former postmaster general, made a powerful plea for federal phones.

There is no sound argument against the government ownership and operation of these public services. Competition in this field—whatever it may do in other fields—certainly results in efficiency. Any person who has lived in a town with two telephone companies knows this. It is to be hoped that public opinion, strengthened by the successful launching of the postal savings banks and the parcel post, will speedily force action on the question of government acquisition of the telegraphs and telephones, to be operated at cost for service and not for profit, by the government instead of private monopoly.

ARREST GEN. SICKLES.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Upon application of the state authorities the supreme court today issued an order for the arrest of General Sickles of the New York Monuments Commission, who is alleged to have failed to account for \$23,476 of the commission's funds.

The alleged shortage in the monument fund was made known several weeks ago. Loyal friends of the general said it was due to an error in the bookkeeping and would be straightened out in time. General Sickles' financial condition has been embarrassing for some time. Several weeks ago his wife, from whom he had been separated for twenty-five years, pawned her jewels to forestall the sheriff. Her act did not bring about a reconciliation and subsequent judgments were obtained against the general.

WE MAKE NO CLAIMS EXCEPT WHAT WE LIVE UP TO.

Our laundry is conducted on a business basis in which the interests of the patrons, the employees and owners are looked after to the best advantage for all concerned. The public is invited to visit our laundry and see the conditions under which their work is done by our able employees. We do not claim publicly to have our employees work only eight hours a day, and then work them longer. Like some laundries do. We want to be square with the public, our patrons and our employees and ourselves.

COOS BAY STEAM LAUNDRY.

NO FRAUD IN TIMBER DEAL

U. S. Attorney McCourt Makes Statement About Charges Against C. A. Smith.

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—A Portland paper says: Declaring that evidence at hand does not lead him to believe C. A. Smith, millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis and San Francisco, is scheming to defraud investors in his \$4,500,000 bond issue, United States District Attorney McCourt has replied to Attorney Horace Stevens, who made the charge.

Stevens recently charged Smith with criminal misuse of the United States mails in connection with advertising the bond issue, which is secured by approximately 181,611 acres of timber lands in Oregon and California. Thousands of acres of the land claimed by Smith in Oregon, Stevens asserts, does not belong to Smith or any of his subsidiary companies, and on this ground he charges fraud.

In a written reply Mr. McCourt reviews the charges and concludes that there is not, in his opinion, any necessity for Smith to devise a scheme to defraud, and that the security offered is sufficient to protect the bondholders.

Even if evidence of fraud were ample enough to warrant proceedings, continues Mr. McCourt's letter, the case would be out of the jurisdiction of the federal officers of the district, because the circular on which the charge is based was mailed to San Francisco from Chicago and was not received in Oregon.

AMONG THE SICK.

Mrs. F. A. Hazard and her mother, Mrs. Mary McKnight, are just recovering from severe stages of the grippe.

Mrs. Carl W. Evertsen, who has been quite ill of la grippe is reported improving.

Arthur Reynolds, who recently underwent an operation at Mercy hospital for appendicitis, has recovered sufficiently to be brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. Perry Dodson, in South Marshfield, where he is reported recuperating.

J. Jacobs, who was seriously hurt in an accident at the North Bend Manufacturing company last week, is reported slowly improving at his home on Montana street, North Bend.

Mrs. John Blasca, who returned recently with her husband from a trip to California, is reported as being quite ill.

ARE IN NEW QUARTERS.

Harmon Tailoring Co. Now Located in Coke Building.

The Harmon Tailoring Co. have opened new quarters at 206 Coke building where they have on display a complete new line of samples of foreign and domestic cloths for tailor-made suits for men and women. They embrace all the latest colorings and weaves in the world's best suitings. Call in or drop a card and we will have a representative call on you.

We have also added a line of fancy calendars and the famous Hardenburg's leather and metal specialties for advertising purposes. Business men should see this line.

LICENSES TO WED.

County Clerk Watson issued the following marriage licenses during the week:

E. Watson and Helena Fleischmann.

Claude O. Adams and Mary Grayce McIntosh.

Thomas John Harrison and Emma Phoebe Campbell.

John P. Wallies and Letchie Cooper.—Coquille Herald.

ARE IMPRESSED WITH COUNTRY

J. Brodie and Party of North Dakota Leave—With Clarkson and Cox.

J. F. Brodie, a prominent coal mine operator of Dickinson, N. D., accompanied by R. H. Kennedy, J. S. Quinliven and E. A. Hugues, also of Dickinson, J. S. Clarkson of Portland and R. P. Cox of Portland, and the latter's timber cruisers, left here today on the Breakwater for their homes, after a trip through Coos and Curry counties. They have been looking over some big propositions in this section and will probably become interested here and may move here. Although they saw the country at its worst and made the trip during one of the worst storms that southwestern Oregon has known in years, they are greatly impressed with the future prospects and the world of opportunities for development.

Messrs. Brodie and Clarkson are old time friends and the latter is a great booster for this section of Oregon. He insists that it has greater opportunities and prospects than any other section of the United States and is endeavoring to interest a number of his friends here. Mr. Clarkson has for many years been associated in business with the Porter Bros., the leading railroad contractors of the Pacific Northwest, who are now building the Coos Bay-Eugene line into Marshfield.

The party arrived here last week and made the trip down the Coast to Gold Beach, inspecting the famous Port Orford cedar belt en route. On their return they spent a day or so here inspecting the local timber and logging camps. A. H. Powers took them to the Smith-Powers camps, showing them some of the greatest logging operations on the coast, and later took them through the C. A. Smith mills, the most modern lumber plants in the world.

Mr. Brodie was particularly impressed with the new mine which the C. A. Smith company is having opened by Supt. Hennessey on Isthmus Inlet. Mr. Brodie is a big coal mining operator and he pronounced the local coal field as shown by the Smith-Powers-Hennessey mine to be equal to the famous coal fields of the east. He declares that it is the opening of a coal business that will be a revelation to even the most ardent believers in the local coal fields.

"It is equal to the famous Hoeking valley mines of Ohio, remarked Mr. Brodie in talking about it with friends last night.

In discussing the impression made by this section, one of the party today said:

"The whole country has been a revelation to me. Coos and Curry counties are full of wonderful opportunities, the timber and coal being vast and then the possibilities of the cleared off lands. An acre of the cleared off lands will support a cow, and the ranchers are netting \$100 a year on each cow. Then there is but one drawback. And that is the country roads. They are the worst I ever saw. The idea of a country like this that is really entitled by its natural resources to boulevards having roads that would be a disgrace anywhere. I suppose that it takes people to get them and the 19,000 people in Coos county and 2500 people in Curry county require time to accomplish these things."

Mr. Cox has big timber holdings in Curry county, having recently sold his holdings near Tillamook in the \$5,000,000 timber deal there. He and his cruisers aided Mr. Clarkson in looking over this section.

If you have anything to sell, rent

TO GO AHEAD WITH CHURCH

Vestrymen of Episcopal Congregation Decide in Favor of Building.

At a meeting of the vestrymen of Emmanuel Episcopal church on Thursday evening the question of building the new Episcopal church for Marshfield was thoroughly discussed by those present. A new church building has long been talked of by the congregation, the present structure, while located in a very beautiful site, is found to be inadequate in every way. The vestrymen thought that this is a most opportune time to begin active operations, as the coming spring will bring in many new people. The design as submitted is a handsome one and has the hearty approval of Bishop Scadding, who looked over the matter while here last autumn. It was decided to build on the present location, the rectory being removed to the further end of the lot and the old church taken away.

Rev. Browning, the rector, made a report of those who have kindly pledged for this purpose and those who have made promises to help, and with this assurance it was thought best to take immediate steps towards building the church.

Those present at the meeting were J. M. Upton, Mair Dano, Bennett Swanton, L. K. Ballinger, William Ledward, C. E. Nicholson and the rector.

FATHER LANE NEW BISHOP

Albany Priest Goes to Eugene to Succeed Father Moran; Fr. Munro Unchanged.

That the Rev. Father A. R. Munro is not going to be changed from Marshfield, as rumor had it that he might, was the gratifying news that friends received yesterday. The report had it that he would probably be sent to Eugene to succeed the Rev. Father J. A. Moran, formerly of Marshfield, who was transferred to Albany.

The Rev. Father F. J. Springer of North Bend is in receipt of word that Rev. Father Lane of Albany will go to Eugene to succeed the Rev. Father Moran. According to rumors in Catholic circles, this will mean that a new Catholic diocese will be established in Oregon to embrace Southern Oregon and that the Rev. Father Lane will probably be elevated to the bishopric.

Father Lane has been at Albany several years and was formerly stationed in Southern Oregon and was also at Astoria for a time. He is one of the best known priests in Oregon.

One of his first duties at Eugene will be to supervise the construction of a \$12,000 parochial residence, indicating that this is preparatory to his appointment as bishop of the new diocese.

LONG LEASE ON LEID BAKERY

Leid & Barnidge Make Five Year Contract for Carl Johnson Building.

William J. Barnidge, an expert and experienced bakery and delicatessen man, recently connected with Davenport's famous restaurant in Spokane, has purchased an interest in the Leid bakery, which will hereafter be known as Leid & Barnidge's bakery.

The new firm has also closed a five years' lease on the Carl Johnson building on Second street and plan some important improvements and alterations and additions to their present quarters. The entire place is to be remodelled with a new front and the bakery and delicatessen will probably occupy both store rooms.

Mr. Barnidge has been connected with Davenport's restaurant in Spokane and is a practical and experienced man in this line of work.

MYRTLE POINT ROAD.

A movement is on foot to grade and rock the road from the city to the cemetery, which is now practically impassible. The property owners outside of the city limits have subscribed about \$250; also, in addition to a liberal cash donation, Ben McMullen has offered to give the rock free of charge to surface the entire road.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

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FORM LIBRARY IN NORTH BEND

Organization Perfected—Mrs. L. J. Simpson Elected President.

The North Bend Library committee met Friday afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms and effected a permanent organization with the following officers:

President—Mrs. C. S. Winsor.

First vice president—Mrs. L. J. Simpson.

Second vice president—Mrs. Geo. Mandigo.

Secretary—Mrs. Herbert Armstrong.

Assistant secretary—Mrs. Kate Rood.

Treasurer—Mrs. Geo. Hazer. The membership fee was fixed at \$2.00 per year and 19 members enrolled.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—Mrs. Geo. Mandigo, chairman; Mrs. I. B. Bartle, secretary; Mrs. Geo. Hazer, treasurer. This committee is to be enlarged.

Publicity—Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, chairman; Mrs. L. J. Simpson, Mrs. Geo. Hazer.

Ways and Means—Mrs. C. M. Ryler, chairman; Mrs. L. J. Stimpson, Mrs. H. Armstrong.

Rooms and Furnishings—Mrs. I. B. Bartle, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Laird, Mrs. Wernich.

Membership cards are to be printed and circulated during the next few days and it is hoped that a large membership will be secured. Rooms have been taken in the Myers building and steps will be taken to bring in a traveling library from the State Library commission. Several persons have promised donations of books and periodicals. Among these is a large contribution from the Mothers and Teachers' Club. The school library of nearly 1000 volumes may also be moved into the new library.

NORTH BEND NEWS

It is expected that the San Ramon, the new lumber schooner for the Dodge Lumber Co. will be ready for launching at the Kruse and Banks yards February 1. No plans have been made for any ceremonies yet and the date has not been definitely fixed. Whether any officials of the company except Inspector Greenough will be present has not been stated. The big new vessel which is being built for the Nelson Lumber Company will not be ready to launch until about July. She has not been named yet.

Mrs. J. Cornelius has returned to her home at Coquille after a pleasant visit at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Culbertson in North Bend.

There will be a holy communion service and sermon in the Episcopal church tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

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Important Announcement

To the People of Coos Bay: The Union Storage Co. wish to announce that they have opened an establishment at 382 Front street where they are prepared to receive and store furniture and household goods of every description. In addition to a general storage business they have expert packers to pack and ship and also to repair furniture. They also insure furniture and goods stored with them and arrangements may be made for cleaning carpets, etc.

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UNION STORAGE CO. Phone 196. W. A. HEARD, Mgr. Leave Orders at Going & Harvey's, 382 Front St. MARSHFIELD.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. COOS—A. McKnight, Mrs. Minn.; L. Thompson, Ten Felix, Isthmus; Mrs. R. S. Portland. BLANCO—C. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Tappendorf, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Conrad, H. E. Baker, Ashland. LLOYD—Carne Hertinger, Roberts, Coquille; Dr. C. R. son, Florence. CHANDLER—Wm. Candille, R. E. Powder, Geo. E. Lowver, Myrtle Point, N. Shickley, Bandon; P. L. San Francisco; W. J. Coquille.

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