

RUSH TO PAY ANNUAL TAXES

Coos County Property Owners Availing Themselves of Rebate This Year.

(Special to The Times.)
COQUILLE, March 5.—The annual flow of money into the coffers of Coos county is just beginning to attain unusual proportions. Today, Sheriff Gage's office will turn over \$40,000 to County Treasurer Dimmick. Monday was one of the largest days so far, the tax payments totalling over \$7000. The payment of taxes began in February, but not until March 1 was any rush noticeable. The time for securing the three per cent rebate will soon expire.

Myrtle Point Election.
The Coos county court has ordered a special election in Myrtle Point April 7 to vote on the wet and dry question under the Oregon Home Rule law. The election was called in response to a petition filed here.

A lively prohibition campaign is expected there. Myrtle Point was one of the first places in Coos county to vote dry. Now that the women there can vote, the "drys" will be considerably augmented. It is expected.

However, the wet faction claims that most of the new arrivals here since the boom over the building of the Smith-Powers road are in favor of an open town. These, with the large number of railroad laborers and others who may be able to vote will try and offset the old dry majority.

BIG INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT

Assessor Thrift Announces Deputies and That Valuations Will Be Raised.

There will be a marked increase in Coos county assessments this year and the total valuation of the county may go from about \$19,000,000 to about \$24,000,000. Assessor T. J. Thrift has just completed arrangements for the work and left yesterday for Bandon where he will begin assessing. He has appointed a number of deputies for the work, as follows:

- Marshfield—Geo. N. Bolt.
 - North Bend—Peter Loggie.
 - Upper Coquille—A. P. Miller.
 - Lower Coquille—Archie Collier.
 - Catching Inlet and north part of County—Chas. St. Denis.
- Mr. Thrift will personally assess Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point.
- In addition to the marked increase in real estate valuations, as a result of the railroad boom, livestock will also be assessed higher. Hogs will be assessed at \$5 per hundred, dairy cows at \$25, yearling cattle at \$12.50, two-year-olds at \$25. No definite schedule is fixed for horses, sheep or goats.
- Logged-off lands will be assessed at \$3 per acre. Last year the valuation on them was \$2 per acre. Other real estate will be assessed according to the market value.

BAD CHECK MAN.

V. S. Barber Passes Worthless Paper at Roseburg.
ROSEBURG, March 5.—For the utterance of bad checks in Roseburg Sunday, a man giving the name of V. S. Barber was arrested in St. Helens, Oregon, on information from the local sheriff's office.

Barber, who claimed to be a member of the Portland fire department, made the acquaintance of Wm. Van Buren on the train en route to Roseburg a few days ago. On Sunday he asked Mr. Van Buren to endorse a check for \$35 for him. The check was drawn on the Douglas National Bank of this city. Another check on the same bank for \$4.50 was given to Hotel McClallen.

ROSEBURG PIONEERS DIE.

Four Old Settlers Succumb Within a Few Days There.
ROSEBURG, March 5.—Since March 1, death has claimed four citizens in and near Roseburg and all of them in the winter of life. In the passing of two of them, William F. Gilliam of Winchester, and Mrs. Henry Lander, Sr., of Winston, the ranks of Douglas county pioneers are decreased. The other two who have fallen before the grim reaper are Milton Lee of West Roseburg and E. L. Bringer, father-in-law of W. W. Wallace, a well known cement contractor of this city.

GETS THE LIMT.

Judge Hamilton Seals Roseburg Druggist for Selling Banned.
ROSEBURG, March 5.—The parent court today handed down its decision in the case of an individual for his first violation of the local option law was received at Judge Hamilton's hands by Owen Debra, a local druggist. A fine of \$400 and imprisonment in jail for 29 days was the punishment imposed. The imprisonment part of the sentence was suspended upon condition of observance of the law in the future.

CLOVER SEED AT HAINES.

BIG EXPOSITION AT SAN DIEGO

Earl A. Dibble, Formerly of Marshfield, Writes About Panama Fair There.

Earl A. Dibble, formerly of Marshfield, but now located at San Diego, has sent the following letter to the Times describing the Panama Exposition which is to be held there:

"One of the most unique exhibitions ever designed is being built in San Diego, to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. It will be the first great exposition to open on New Year's day and continue for a whole year. The San Diego celebration will be opened January 1, and close December 31, 1915. Few localities in the world have a climate which would permit such an enterprise.

"At San Diego all the western states of the Union and many of the Eastern section, also nearly all the countries of Central and South America, will have displays. These expect to reap great benefits from the development of commerce through the canal and they are seeking to obtain wider trade relations by exhibits at San Diego.

"Unlike any other exposition ever produced, that at San Diego is to be one showing processes exclusively. The usual idea has been to display the products of man's agriculture or manufacture. This idea has been abandoned at San Diego. There every display will show how man is doing things.

"Nearly every exposition has been filled with goods. At San Diego the goods will be made and then removed from sight. People today are more interested in knowing how their neighbors do things than in showing what they do. In every age, among every people, the same things have been done in different ways, and the whole story of man's progress is told in the advancing steps in methods he has used in making things. Not only will the San Diego exposition show how things are being done now, but how they were done long ago, and on through the progressive steps to the present day development of methods. The exposition idea is expected to be just as much more interesting than the old plan as a window full of toys in notion is more interesting than one filled with calico.

"The grounds for the exposition enclose 615 acres, in a fine park of 1400 acres in the center of San Diego. Every building is to be of mission style, one of the prettiest types of building known. All will be of white plaster concrete. Another different idea is found in the arrangement of exhibits. At San Diego each state or nation will have all its display in one place, in a separate building, with a tract of ground adjoining for outdoor displays. Usually a state's exhibit is scattered according to classifications through a number of big buildings, nobody gaining any real idea of what the state has to offer.

"In order to insure that the exposition shall be finished in every detail by the opening date, work is being rushed with all speed. The grading of the grounds is finished, and the actual construction of the mammoth exhibit buildings begun. It is planned to complete all buildings this year, giving all of 1914 to making lawns, training vines and flowers over the buildings, and installation of displays. Already 100,000 trees and plants have been placed about the grounds and in the exposition nurseries are now 1,500,000 specimens of plants from all over the world."

OIL HURTS COAL TRADE.

College Professor Gives Review of Coos County Mines.
"The total production of coal in Oregon in 1910 was 67,553 short tons having a value of \$235,229," says Prof. H. M. Parks, professor of mining engineering at the Oregon Agricultural College, in a recent issue of the Student Engineer, published by the O. A. C. boys.

"The coal mining industry of Oregon is suffering from the great increase in the production of petroleum in California and its use for domestic fuel, as well as on railroads and for manufacturing. Although the production of coal in Oregon decreased from 87,276 short tons in 1909 to 67,553 tons in 1910, a loss of 19,743 or 22.62 per cent, the total value of the production increased .06 per cent, or from \$235,085 in 1909 to \$235,229 in 1910, the average value for 1909 being \$2.69, while in 1910 it was \$3.48 per ton.

FOR COAST ROADS.

Big Booster Meeting to Be Held in Eureka This Fall.
EUREKA, Cal., March 5.—Plans are now being perfected for a conference of unusual interest and character which will be held in Eureka on August 21 and 22 of the present year. The object of this conference will be the organization of a Pacific Coast Good Roads Association, which shall in every practicable way promote and advance the cause of good roads in California, Oregon and Washington. Governor Lister of Washington, Governor West of Oregon and Governor Johnson of California have promised to attend the conference, which will be presided over by the first named of these gentlemen. It is expected that Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the Pacific Highway Association, Samuel Hill, of Maryhill, Washington, and many other prominent good roads advocates will be in attendance.

MR. BIRD AT HARBETT.

Unknown Man Found Floating in Bay With 4000 in Hand.
HARBETT, Wash., March 5.—The body of an unknown man with a bank check to his credit for \$4000, was found floating in the bay yesterday. Apparently the man fought through into the water where the body had been for a considerable time.

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MERCHANT HOME SITE IS SOLD

Mrs. Mary L. Merchant Disposes of Fine Residence Property.

John C. Merchant has just purchased the old Merchant homestead from his mother and plans to cut up the property into lots and dispose of it.

The property, know as the "Merchant homestead," because it was for years the home of the pioneer mill man on Coos Bay, is located between Elrod and Donnelly and Fourth and Sixth streets. The property was bequeathed to Mrs. Merchant as her's, personally. She has been making her home in California for several years and recently decided to sell it, and finally John C. Merchant bought it.

Mr. Merchant plans to open Fifth street through the property. The large house on the property now is just east of Fifth street. The price paid for the property is not stated.

To Trade Blocks.

There have been some negotiations between Herbert Lockhart and others who are associated with him in the owners' lap of a block of property where the depot baseball grounds were located, to exchange that block with the Southern Pacific for the one that the latter owns across from the Eagles' hall. The old ball park fits in with the other railroad buildings and would be advantageous for the railroad yards or shops, while the other block would be better for business purposes. The other block lies west of South Second street and extends from Elrod to Golden. Nothing definite has been done about the exchange, the Southern Pacific waiting to see what its needs in Marshfield may be.

D. L. Rood Yesterday Disposed of Six Lots in North Bend. Five in Plat D were Sold to Mrs. Mary Kennedy of Idaho and One in Plat A to John G. Mullen, who Expects to Build a Home on the Site.

BIG TIMBER DEAL.

Government May Sell Large Area Along the Umpqua.
The Roseburg News says:

For several months Supervisor Bartrum of the forest service office has been endeavoring to interest timber operators to develop National Forest timber, lying east of Roseburg and as a result of his efforts, a party of experienced lumbermen from Portland and Seattle, accompanied by Assistant District Forester C. S. Judd, W. T. Andrews, lumberman, and Asher Irenand of the forest service, left Roseburg in two rigs for the inspection of the timber in the Umpqua river basin. If the timber and the topography of the country attract them they may be in the market for the purchase of a large amount of National Forest timber. They went prepared to make a thorough inspection of that region and it is to be hoped that this magnificent stand of timber will fully meet with their expectations.

C. O. D. PARCEL POST BEGINS JULY 1.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The collect-on-delivery will be added to the parcel post department of the postal service of the country on July 1, next. An order putting this into effect was signed by Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Under the approved regulations, a parcel bearing the required amount of parcel post stamps may be sent anywhere in the country and the amount due from the purchaser collected and remitted by the Postoffice Department.

The regulations provide that the parcel must bear the amount due from the addressee, and the collection will be made, provided the amount is not in excess of \$100. The fee will be 10 cents to be affixed by the sender in parcel post stamps. This will also insure the parcel to an amount not to exceed \$10.

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NEW FLORENCE WHARF.

Big Improvement for Shipping on Lower Siuslaw.
Good progress is being made in driving piling for the addition to the Tidewater Mill Co.'s wharf at Florence. Another squad of men is at work sawing off the piling after they are driven and putting on the tubbers across them for caps. The contract calls for the new wharf to extend up the river from Lincoln street, a distance of 875 feet; 120 piles and about 320,000 feet of planking will be used in its construction. The wharf is intended as a place on which to off-load lumber from the mill (it can be loaded on vessels for shipment to market) and it will hold several million feet.—The West.

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COUNCIL MEETS IN NORTH BEND

Will Try and Get Plat Filed for North Part of City—Street Work Up.

At its meeting next Tuesday night, the North Bend city council will take steps to secure the official dedication of streets and alleys in the North part of town. At present, the platted portion of the town ends on a line just south of the ball park. The balance of the town was only platted on paper and never filed, the property being sold by metes and bounds. In consequence, the streets and alleys were never dedicated.

The matter was brought up by the fact that the Southern Pacific has found it necessary to cut all the sewers there and when application was made by Right of Way Agent Marsh for instructions as to replacing the sewers south of the right of way, the city officials could not give him any orders.

At a meeting of the council last evening, the Southern Pacific was given permission to pile lumber in the unused portions of California street. The line will run through the yard of the box factory and it was necessary to find some place to move the lumber. A large portion of California street there is simply mud flat and not used for a highway now.

A request from Stannard and Richardson for data from the Southern Pacific about grades was referred to Engineer Wheeler. Until the Southern Pacific can furnish the grades of its line through town, Stannard and Richardson cannot complete their profiles of grades of streets along the water front. They have been paid \$200 on their work so far.

NEW STREET WORK.

Edward Hobson was appointed special city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for improving Stanton from Delaware to Ohio and Ohio from Sherman to Stanton. City Attorney Mullin was instructed to prepare charter amendments providing assessment districts in North Bend for handling street improvements. At present, the charter requires a contract to be let for each separate street improvement and the council figures that if the contracts and assessments for street work could be handled like they are on sewage work, it would facilitate matters and also effect a considerable saving.

Another charter amendment proposed is to eliminate the provision that provides that the property owners can build their own sidewalks, the city not having any power over them except where the property owner refuses. In consequence, it is claimed, the sidewalks are irregular. The plan is to have the city build the walks and let the contractors for them with the contracts for improving the streets.

MUST PRINT NEWS.

Oregonian City Editor Tells Eugene Students What is Necessary.
EUGENE, March 5.—O. C. Leiter, for eight years city editor of the Portland Oregonian, came to Eugene last week and addressed the students in the department of Journalism.

"Someone has said there are three things that no man can do to the satisfaction of his fellows," said Mr. Leiter, "make love, poke a fire and run a newspaper. This is especially true in the case of the newspaper. Everybody knows better than the editor how the paper ought to be run and never hesitates to air his views on the street cars and elsewhere.

"The fact that a man advertises in a paper does not entitle him to say more say in the way a paper shall be run than a purchase at the grocery entitles him to dictate the business policy of that store, and on a self-respecting paper no such interference will be tolerated for an instant.

"The newspaper's stock in trade is the news it prints. A paper is like a person, it must have character, ability, enterprise and morality. It must represent the best interests of the community and be run in such a way as to have the public confidence. The news must be impartial and not colored or tainted. An editor often has to print matter with which he has no sympathy."

RYE GRASS SEED AT HAINES.

Times' Want Ads bring results.

Hub Clothing & Shoe Co.

BENJAMIN CLOTHES STETSON HATS STETSON SHOES ARROW SHIRTS

All sold one way—CASH ONLY. Better values for less money

because "MONEY TALKS"

Hub Clothing & Shoe Co.
Marshfield. Bandon.

HOME FROM LONG TRIP.

A. J. Sherwood Returns After 2000 Miles Auto Journey.

The Coquille Herald says: A. J. Sherwood who, with his wife returned last week from an absence of two months in California, reports a very enjoyable trip. Shipping his auto to San Francisco, the trip to and from that point was made overland, while the auto tour extended 2300 miles, through southern California and across the border into Mexico.

The roads were in fine condition, there having been rain enough to lay the dust.

Mr. Sherwood is confident that the frosts of this winter have done much more damage to the citrus groves than is acknowledged there. In his opinion the Imperial valley is the best and safest proposition down there, although the heat is so intense in summer that it actually cooks eggs in the nest unless they are frequently gathered. At Mexcala, across the border, he found a company of soldiers quartered in the bull ring, while on this side an equal number of Uncle Sam's men were camping in the baseball park, which seemed nationally typical. At Mexcala he found that every business house was a saloon, which also may be typical. Among the people he met Mr. Sherwood mentions the following former residents of this county: B. E. Noster and Al Duval in Imperial Valley, Dr. Snook, with a fine practice in National City, R. D. Sanford, with whom he visited two days; R. E. Shine at La Jola; C. A. Craddock at Redding; Jere Wilson at Dunsmuir; I. Noster at San Diego; I. Haeker at Pasadena, J. H. Cecil at Ventura and London for Coquille; G. F. Boutelle and Jesse Beyers at Morgan Hill; J. D. Black at Redlands, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Black, who are visiting him. Of all these Mr. Sherwood reports that they are well and prosperous.

Mr. Sherwood, like all other Coosites, who make trips abroad, say that Coos is the best, and he is glad to get back.

MAYOR MICELLI FINED.

Roseburg Executive Required to Pay \$500 for Liquor Violation.

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 5.—Mayor Micelli was fined \$500 by Judge Hamilton for violating the liquor law in connection with the Roseburg brewery. A motion for a new trial was denied.

FIRST DISPLAY SPRING HATS.

In the season's most stylish creations will be shown Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Clark Millinery, Broadway and Central. Ladies of the city are invited to inspect this display.

Everybody's chewin' it. Chewin' what? "Best-yu-got"

A GOOD CANDY

Bradley Candy Co.'s makin' it. Everybody's sellin' it.

JOAQUIN'S SPIRITS MOVE.

Widow of Poet Says She Received Message From Dead Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Abbie Miller, widow of Joaquin Miller, who died at his home in the Piedmont Hills near here two weeks ago, says she has received a night message from the poet.

"My hand suddenly was seized by an unseen person and, as if in a trance, I began to write and heard a voice," said Mrs. Miller. "I am close to you," said the voice. "Do you not feel my presence? Do not worry or grieve. I will reach upward now and attain the better life. I could not reach when enmeshed and enchained by the gross elements."

GAY PAREE PROVES ANOTHER HIT.

Last night's house at the Grand Theatre proved one of the largest that has been seen there for some time, and the Big Four put on another bill which proved a bigger success than their opening one. Gay Paree was fraught with funny situations dealing with a visit of an Irish man and German in Paris, and an extraordinary scrapes they get themselves into caused rounds of laughter no sooner was one laugh half over before another bigger one struck you. The part of Dennis Flanagan and Mike Vonbunblehler, master-handled by Ed Harrington and Frank Soderley in a manner that would be hard to excel and they proved themselves comedians of merit in their respective parts. They were ably assisted in their good work by Miss Nandia Melville and Miss Margaret Eleanore, who were seen in good parts, they both wore beautiful gowns that were a pleasure to look at and both made a very striking appearance. Some very good songs were also rendered by both ladies taken all the way through. "Gay Paree," certainly proved a success from the start to finish. They announced for tonight's bill a vaudeville on Geo. M. Cohan's great success, "Running for Office," which will no doubt prove to be as big a laughing show as the former one and down in the mouth will do well to witness a performance of the Big Four tonight.