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TEN MILE MAKES OUT STRONG CASE IN ROAD CONTROVERSY

quille Herald gives what purports to be the Coquille view in regard to the change of plans in the route of the trunkline, permit us to give the Ten Milers' view. According to the Coquille view an unreconciable deadlock is scheduled to appear right away in the bonding campaign that the Coquille people would rather put off indefinitely the building of a system of good roads than to take part in any project in which Coos Bay was to get the main bene-fit; that there is a feeling among the Coquille people that Coos Bay wants to hog it all; and other things for which there there is no space to men-But judging from the manner of Mr. Morrison and other gentlemen present at the meeting in North Bend, we do not believe that this fully represents the feeling of the Coquille

Whether or not the Coquille people blame the Coos Bay people for any change of plans to which Doug-las county was a party, investigation will show that Coos Bay had no influence with Donglas county in re-gard to any change of plans for build-ing a trunk line. We have it from the Douglas county press that there is no choice in regard to the matter, it is either build down the Umpqua or reckon with county division. As for the feeling among Coquille peothat Coos Bay wants to hog it all, it may be a strange coincidence, but this is just the sentiment that we on the east side of the Bay hold toward the Coquille people. What are the facts? To be caught with the goods on one's person is evidence of guilt. Let us take an inventory of the roads in the two sections. plank road connecting the two cities and a few patches of roads within the city limits is about all that North Bend or Marshfield can boast of in the way of roads. On the east side of the Bay, comprising one-tenth the population of Coos county, with resources valued into the millions and doing an annual business of \$150,000 there is not three miles of road worthy of the name in the entire country. Now how about the Coquille country? Here we find miles of fine graded roads with up to date machinery for constructing the same. Gentlemen, can you give facts and figures show-

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ing that this is all due to your own spirit and enterprise, without aid from the county treasury other than

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The Ten Milers did nothing more than any other wide awake community would have done under the same circumstances. When it was proposed to build a trunk line across a range of mountains, through a counwhich cannot be developed and practically impossible during the winter months, we located a water grade route, through a country every acre of which can be cultivated, and passable the year around, and incidentally can be built for less than one-half the former route. And in favor of the latter route we have the assurance as far as such assurance can be given, that Douglas county will eventually build down the Umpqua and connect with us at the county line. The entire plan calls for about sixty miles of road. If the county is bonded for \$440,000, this will give us, at a rough estimate, about \$7000 per mile, and we base our claim to \$50,-000 on the fact that we have about twenty-one miles of trunk line on the east side of the Bay. What grievance can the Coquille people have against this change of plan? Our perition calls for a road from the Curry county line to Bandon and from Myrtle Point to North Bend. This gives the ranchers of the Coquille valley access to the markets of the cities of Coos Bay, destined to become one of the greatest and best markets on the Pacific Coast, Gentlemen, will you sacrifice all this? Is all the energy and incidental expense expended by the Good Roads Association in months of hard, conscientious work to connect up Coos County with the outside world to be wasted because unforeseen conditions intervened, which made a change of plans necessary and in consequence of which the trunk line will enter the county in a sec-tion other than your own? Is a term of Mr. Vanderbilt's, which has become proverbial—"The public be d—d!"—the spirit in which you d-d!"-the spirit in which you would deal with your neighbor? Contrast the spirit of the river people with that of the merchants and members of the Good Roads Association of North Bend and Marsafield. When the bond issue first came up for consideration they knew our country and its resources, they knew we had a just grievance in not being taken into consideration, and that a bond issue under such circumstances would arouse antagonism and opposition and jeopardise their own interests, but being pledged to a trunk line they circulated the petitions and were prepared to support the bond issue when it came to a vote. Gentlemen, your talk about killing the whole project; of putting off indefinitely

get the main benefit is futile and childish and unworthy of consideration by people of mature age.

North Bend, Marshfield, and the
whole of this section is gaining rapidly in population and wealth, and the advent of the railroad will greatly accelerate the pace. North Bend is to build her own section of road and get along for the present, in the meantime perfecting our organization which is rather crude at its best. though it has accomplished much in a short time, but gentlemen, you cannot prevent the inevitable. As sure as night follows day Coos county will be bonded, and the trunk line will be built, and the line will follow the route outlined in our petitions, not on account of any machination or wire pulling on the part of the Ten Milers, but because nature has so decreed. Douglas county will build down the Umpqua and connect with us at the county line because a large fertile section of Douglas county demands it and no section of Douglas county has the inclination or power

the building of a system of good roads, rather than to take part in any project in which Coos Bay was

to prevent it. If the bond issue is contested other issues will be involved, and other matters apart from the bond issue, but wholly as important, will be in-

jected into the controversy.

Ten Mile Lakes Good Roads Assn.

By Dan Walker, Secty.

TWO GUNBOATS LEAVE.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] HERMOSILLO, Dec. 3 .- Much activity was reported here today among

the federal troops at Guaymas, and one of the two guboats lying in t. e harbor steamed down the gulf. This was taken by the Constitutionalists as indicating that the federal garrison had begun evacuation,

HELD FOR RANSOM.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 .- W. S Windham, ranch superintendent at Quimichis, Mexico, says in a wireless mesage to friends here that the Constitutionalists are holding him for \$5000 ransom in gold. Windham \$5000 ransom in gold. Windham was formerly bank cashier at Pasa-

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AT E were puzzled about the children's Christmas, for all the little nieces, nephews and grandchildren were coming to the farm, as usual, says a writer in the Country Gentleman. Year after year we had had the common Christmas tree presentation of gifts until this method had quite lost its flavor. Resolved upon some substitute for it, we chanced upon the excellent one of a Santa Claus paper chase.

Early in the afternoon all the children were gathered together, and, much to their bewilderment, each was handed an empty grain sack. They were then told that Santa Claus was unusually wary that year and that not ten minutes before he had been spied out of doors disappearing with his pack. He was dressed, as in other years, in red with white trimmings and seemed to be dropping bits of red and green paper behind him. Where he dropped both red and green at the same time there was surely a gift hidden, and that place must not be passed until the gift had been found and given to the one whose name was upon it.

The children could scarcely wait to be bundled ino their outer garments and set off after clusive Santy in high glee. It would be useless to tell the many strange places to which they were led by his paper trail and where gifts were excavated. The hayloft, hollow tree trunks, even the mouth of a muskrat's hole, yielded strange packets,

At length all sacks were well filled, and Santa Claus was overtaken just in time to prevent his concealment of toothsome boxes of homemade toffee. grandma's contribution. Dragging Santa Claus, who was none other than one of the uncles in appropriate disguise, into their midst, the children bounded in, laughing and rosy cheeked, to investigate their prizes. As they were doing this they kept bubbling with merriment over their highly successful Santa Claus paper chase and exclaiming that it had been "heaps and heaps and heaps" more fun than an indoor Christmas tree.

**************** LITTLE LORD JESUS.

Away in a manger, no crib for a The little Lord Jesus laid down his

sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus. Look down

from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning

-Martin Luther.

Presents For the Boy

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INDING things for the boy at Christmas time may seem more difficult, although no doubt he has just as many wants as his pretty sister. Silver knives with good bindes, substantial key rings, pencils and fountain pent always please. Certain things in the jewelry line appeal to the average boy-a case containing cuff buttons and tie pin to match or a good looking watch fob. An inspection of the leather shop displays will soon convince the shopper that there are dozens of things a boy can use and enjoy. Why not give him a leather case containing a soft felt hat or a pair of folding slippers? An other case holds what is called the vacation outfit-a flat clothes brush, two coat and trousers hangers and a folding shoe horn. Leather stickpin cases and collar boxes are also acceptable.

The fastidious boy will not scorn monogrammed handkerchiefs, silk socks and attractive ties. The boy who has arrived at the age and stage of caring about his room will want college pillows, pennants, etc. If one wishes to invest more money in the boy's Christmas, there are automobile hampers and extra equipments, cameras, hunting and fishing outfits, fieldglasses, Every boy wants skates. fur lined gloves and mufflers. For the book lover there is always a goodly store of books, or one may have a characteristic bookplate designed.

A Gift Suggestion. An ideal gift for the bachelor is the

bandy" box, containing tags, rubber bands, labels, thumb tacks, twine-in fact, almost any article one might need in dispatching a package or for the hundred and one other conveniences to which these needful articles may be put. One bachelor says he derived more pleasure from one of these boxes which was given to him than from almost any other gift he could mention. The boxes come in various sizes, the number of useful articles contained varying with the size of the box. A gift of this character is well worth considering where a personal gift is not desirable.

Holiday Music.

If looking for a Christmas tune,
A carol or a glee.
I'd recommend that timely tune
"Then Yule remember me."
—Louisville Courter-Journal

A Santa Paper Chase SHIP'S OFFICERS MAY FACE TRIAL

Drowning of Four From Pres-ident Off Oregon Is Investigated at Golden Gate

An investigation into the drown-ing of Clarence Leatham, a passenger aboard the steamer President, who was swept overboard during a storm while the vessel was off the Oregon coast last week, and the loss of Fourth Officer J. Shane, Quartermaster O. Jurisheck and Seaman H. Hansen, when the latter attempted rescue in a small boat, developes

a number of facts.

The chief one was that Fourth Officer Shane, while showing rare heroism, was a victim of his own judgment in launching the boat on the windward side of the vessel, against which huge waves were breaking. Another was that a sec-ond boat was launched and made a close search for the missing men at great risk. The investigation was held in San Francisco after the steamer's arrival, and reports of the testimony have been received here. Captain Paulsen's story fol-

Captain Paulsen's Evidence.
"When I went on deck immediately after the fourth officer reported a man overboard I found that he had signaled to stop the engines and had thrown a life belt to the passenger in the water. I at once gave a general alarm, ordered the ship backed full speed and ordered the chief officer to stand by the

boats with crew ready to lower. "The fourth officer and five men lowered the emergency boat and while so doing the boat was smashed against the side by a heavy sea. Three of the men caught hold of the tackle and were hauled on board and the other three fell in the water. Immediately efforts were made to rescue all the men. The sea was running high and it would have been folly to launch the boat until the ship could be swung and a lee made. As soon as this could be done lifeboat No. 1 was lowered with five men. but after searching for nearly half an hour it came back without finding any trace of the lost men. The sea was so rough that the boat's crew had to be hauled aboard and the boat aban-doned. The steamer cruised about until 9:20 o'clock and then proceeded on her course

Tells of Excitment.
"The passengers acted like a lot of maniacs." declared First Officer Henry W. Ravens. "We might have done more if it had not been for their interference. I gave no orders to the fourth officer to lower the emergency boat and the captain ordered a wait until the ship had formed a lee."

After the testimony is transcribed

the inspectors will determine wheth-er or not to bring the ship's offi-cers to trial. The President was held until the two lost boats were replaced and until Assistant Inspec-tor Brown had tested the lifeboat equipment. He reported to Inspect-or Guthrie that after having had several boats lowered to the water he had found everything in good or-

The stories of other passengers who were eye witnesses to the fatal attempt of the rescue crew to save Leatham were related yesterday morning. Though some of the pas-sengers who saw the would-be rescue boat crushed against the side of the big steamer differed on some points, most of them praised the captain of the ship.

According to F. Williams, a Chicago contractor, there were not more than fifteen passengers who actually witnessed the thrilling at-

tempt at rescue. Danger Whistle Blows.
"I had just gone below from
the hurricane deck, when I heard
the danger whistle blow," said Wil-"I rushed up to the smokliams. ing room and there found a num-ber of stokers and others of the crew. When they found out what the real trouble was they all returned to the 'hole.' I hardly believed that a rescue boat could stand in such a sea, but there was in my mind but one thing to do, and that was to lower the boat. The man overboard was crying frantically for help, and, although I am sure there were lifelines thrown to him, he failed to get one.

'The men who went to their deaths in the rescue boat knew there was great danger and too much praise cannot be given them. They were ready at the moment the

boat was lowered.
"The President's engines were stopped when the whistle blew. We probably drifted some, but the searchlight played on the drowning passenger, and, had the rescue boat made her get-away, I believe the rescue would have been made."

START COQUILLE MILL. Dollar Interests Expected to Take Over Former Reynolds Mill.

The Coquille Sentinel says: The foreclosure proceedings against the sawmill property of the Coquille Lumber company will be heard before Judge Harris at Eugene this month, when it is expected that Robert Dollar will be awarded the property on his mortgage of \$15,000. There are other mortgages against the property, but that of Capt. Dollar has priority.

In the event that Capt, Dollar comes into ownership of the property. the sawmill will be put into operation without unnecessary delay. It will be thoroughly overhauled and changed in some minor particulars in order to make it more efficient. The Johnsons, who are associated with Capt. Dollar on the lower river, will be connected with this enterprise.

The Times Does Job Printing