

BUSINESS IS GETTING BETTER

Conditions East and West Are Improving in Commercial Circles.

A. J. Mendel, of the Hub stores, who returned this morning from a three-weeks' trip to the large Eastern cities, including New York, Baltimore, Cleveland and Chicago, reports that business conditions are rapidly improving. Factories experiencing the stimulus of increased orders and wholesalers are preparing for a busy season. Everywhere there was an optimistic feeling as to the future and better immediate conditions. This coming from the large money and manufacturing centers indicates an excellent outlook and Mr. Mendel states that it now looks as though this was going to be one of the best years the country ever had.

In the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, he met Johnson Porter who told him there would be 2500 men at work on the Eugene-Coos Bay line about March 1. Mr. Porter was jubilant over having just landed the \$18,000,000 contract in Nova Scotia for his firm. In Baltimore, Mr. Mendel met Capt. Reynolds, a former resident of Coos Bay, who was making an Eastern trip.

In Baltimore Mr. Mendel visited the famous Styleplus factory, one of the largest in the world, now turning out 3000 suits daily and then filling only 82 per cent. of their orders.

Business conditions in Portland and San Francisco are also getting better and in every way the business outlook is brighter than it has been in many months.

PLAN DEBATE ON COMMISSION

Fellowship Club Will Hear Discussion of New Form of City Government

The Men's Fellowship Club will hold its next monthly debate Tuesday evening, February 24, at the Lutheran Hall. The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved: That Marshfield should adopt the commission form of government." A banquet will be held in connection with the debate which will be prepared by the advance class in domestic science of the Marshfield High School. The dinner will be served in courses and the festive board promises to be a great attraction at the banquet. The menu has not been announced as yet.

Senator W. C. Chase will take the affirmative side of the question and Judge A. S. Hammond will defend the negative. The speakers will be seconded, but the names of their seconds have not been announced as yet.

Invitations have been issued to members of the club only, but it is the sense of the committee that they are free to bring their friends if they wish. Arrangements have been made for seating one hundred.

THE OYSTER STEW THAT PEVED O'LEARY'S COW.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—An oyster stew was the actual cause of the Chicago fire, according to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, who celebrated their golden wedding here. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary, who peddled milk, owned the cow which has been blamed for the conflagration of 1871.

"The neighbors were having a dance," said Daniel. "About midnight we got hungry and there wasn't enough milk to make an oyster stew for the crowd. Mrs. O'Leary volunteered to milk her cow, and bossy's anger at being awakened at that hour caused her to kick over the lantern."

WATKINS HAT MAY BE IN RING

Sage of Pony Slough Has Something to Say About Age and Registration

Editor Times:—When I registered the other day as "over twenty-one," I had no idea the thing was loaded. The act was not intended as a dare, "gauntlet" or a chip on the shoulder. War paint and feathers were entirely absent from the make-up. Not a wave of trouble rolled across my peaceful chest.

Imagine then my surprise on reading what the local papers reported. I had said, done and thought and what I intended to do in the matter. Truly it was a revelation. I felt as if I fancy a man must feel who reads his own obituary.

However, I have no complaint to make. I am a great admirer of a skilled and cheerful prevaricator. Sometimes I fancy I missed my calling by not becoming a reporter myself. I feel sure I have, in a marked degree, some of the qualifications, at least.

In the days of Auld Lang Syne, the tragic story of Annanias and Sapphira was accepted as literal truth and to this I attribute my absence from the ranks reportorial.

Now the fact is, I never in my life registered in any other way and I registered and vote at every election. It is part of my religion.

My belief is that an elector who fails to register and vote in no way is a disgrace. I have registered in this county four or five different times in the same way and no one has ever shied at it before. Moreover, I have registered other men in this county as "over twenty-one" without ever raising a bristle.

Surprising as it may seem, there is an occasional buck who backs up when it comes to stating his age and with all due respect, I am of the opinion it is entirely unnecessary. After an individual has passed the age of twenty-one, it is immaterial how many milestones he has passed beyond that point.

However, I do not intend to test the question in the courts.

There is a less expensive, as expeditious and a more direct way to adjust the matter. Since so much has been said, I have half an inclination to undertake that job and some others that seem to need the skillful application of a broad axe, myself. Why not, for was I not born poor, in a log cabin, on a farm, and have been out of jail some of the time since?

Moreover, I have already served several years as State Senator from Wasco County and hence it would be unnecessary for me to employ a guide to find the State House on my arrival at the capital.

If three or four thousand of my erstwhile friends and admiring supporters have to insist, and nothing else will do—Well, there is no telling what may happen.

—Geo. Watkins.

WEIGH MAIL AGAIN.

Complete Record to Be Kept for 105 Days Now.

All mail, incoming and outgoing, at the various points, beginning February 18, 1914, will be weighed, according to orders issued by postal authorities. This is the quadrennial weighing system of the Post office department which continues for 105 days. The purpose of this checking upon the exact weight of the mail handled from any one point is to allow the government to determine exactly the cost of handling the mails, and to ascertain the increase or decrease for the last four years. Instructions have been issued to the postal clerks that great care must be taken with the weighing and that all mail pouches are to be weighed to the ounce.

The WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Presbyterian Church will serve a CHICKEN DINNER at the Swedish Lutheran Hall, at Third and Commercial, beginning at 11 o'clock on SATURDAY, February 21. 50 cents. Children 25 cents.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid of North Bend, will hold a cake sale, Saturday, at Smith's Variety Store.

NEW MINISTER COMING TO BAY

Rev. Arthur H. Sargeant, of Eureka to Start Unitarian Movement Here

Rev. Arthur Hayes Sargeant, of Eureka, California, has been invited to preach a series of sermons in North Bend and expects to arrive for that purpose the first week in March. He may locate permanently on the Bay. Mr. Sargeant is a graduate of the University of Vermont, and did post graduate preparation for the ministry at Meadville Theological School, Pennsylvania; the Union Theological Seminary, New York City and at Harvard University, receiving his degree of theology at the last named institution.

Concerning him, Rev. W. G. Elliot, of the Church of Our Father, (Unitarian) in Portland, writes: "He is not only a clear and interesting preacher, but a man deeply interested in social service and social problems, and believes that Christianity is a life and not merely a creed. He is a man whose character and services will make him a helpful factor in the community. He is averse to all sectarianism and has a record of co-operating in the best spirit with those who represent other denominations. His own work is in fellowship with the Unitarian Churches. These churches, often misrepresented and misunderstood, have in Mr. Sargeant one who embodies their best traditions and ideals of Christian consecration and service."

Mr. Sargeant will be in North Bend for a few days, and will be in Marshfield looking this section over.

Good News for Automobileists

Owner of Cars Can Now Lower Cost of Tire Service—5000 Mile Tire

Coos Bay and Coos county automobile owners will be greatly interested in the announcement made yesterday by Goodroads Goodrum that "Nobby Tread" U. S. tires will be sold on a basis of a 5000-mile guarantee and any adjustment will be on this mileage. This applies not only to new purchases but also to all "Nobby Tread" tires now in service on automobiles.

The "Nobby Tread" tire was placed on the market in 1909—it was built regardless of price competition, and built to accomplish two purposes:

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The inherent wear-resisting quality—the quantity of rubber—the quantity of fabric—the methods of construction—all have been rigidly maintained in "Nobby Tread" tires, and maintained regardless of cost and regardless of price competition.

The result is that—today, through sheer merit alone, "Nobby Tread" tires are the largest selling high-grade anti-skid tires in the world. But more than this—solely through their day in and day out mileage records "Nobby Tread" tires have proved that they are the most inexpensive tires in the end.

Therefore, based solely on their mileage records of over four years, "Nobby Tread" tires can be, and now are, placed on this 5000 mile basis of adjustment.

This applies to each and every "Nobby Tread" tire in service on automobiles today as well as to all new sales made.

The Goodroads Goodrum Garage introduced the new and popular policy of making immediate adjustment on the spot, something that is appreciated by all car owners. Under this new warranty the "Nobby Tread" U. S. Tire is guaranteed to run 1500 miles further than any tire on the market. This means a tremendous saving to automobile owners.

It will pay to keep in touch with Goodroads Goodrum's Garage, both for service and money saving opportunities in everything in autos.

AMONG THE SICK

Emerson Ferry, proprietor of the Blanco, is now rapidly recuperating from his month's siege of illness and will soon be able to be up and around again.

"Happy" Ferrell is having his good nature tried out to the limit by a dislocated knee which he sustained in the Smith-Powers camp on South Inlet last week, and is in Marshfield until the injured member improves.

P. Smith, a logger at South Inlet, is at Mercy Hospital with a broken collar bone and other injuries sustained in an accident there this week.

Julius Larson has been confined to his room on Larson's Inlet the last few days by a slight attack of illness.

SHERIDAN CASE ON.

Federal Grand Jury Probes Former Roseburg Banker.

A Portland paper says: Thomas R. Sheridan, the veteran banker of Roseburg, and one of the best-known men in Southern Oregon, is the subject of an investigation by the Federal grand jury, which is probing charges made that Sheridan misappropriated funds of a national bank.

Twenty witnesses from Douglas County arrived in Portland and some of them were taken before the grand jury when that body began session after the adjournment from last week. Most of these witnesses are known to have been depositors in Sheridan's bank, who are said to have been defrauded.

Among those who were summoned from Roseburg were: Mrs. L. M. Veerli, Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll, David Hull, William Carlson, Mrs. Scanton, Mrs. Byron, Ben Azee, Mil's Azee, E. B. Prebble and several others.

Sheridan has already been indicted by the state grand jury at Roseburg, and his trial in the Circuit Court was to have been started in a few days. In view of the Government's action, the state case, it is believed, will be postponed for a while.

LUMBER TRADE OF COOS BAY

Ships One-Third More to San Francisco Than Any Other Coast Port

The following figures from the Pioneer Western Lumberman of San Francisco for the first two weeks in February, show that Coos Bay continues far in the lead of other coast ports shipping to that market:

Fir and Spruce.	
Aberdeen	4,162,000
Astoria	1,950,000
Bellingham	450,000
Ballard	1,000,000
Bandon	2,247,000
Columbia River	3,125,000
Coos Bay	6,325,000
Grays Harbor	730,000
McKilloe	1,000,000
Port Gamble	750,000
Seattle	650,000
Umpqua	200,000
Willapa	1,135,000
Total	24,324,000

Redwood	
Eureka	6,520,000
Albion	1,060,000
Caspar	350,000
Fort Bragg	2,984,000
Greenwood	950,000
Mendocino	1,000,000
Crescent City	623,000
Total	12,587,000

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LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Want Commission.—The Coos Bay Realty company today sued Charles Tower and LaVern Tower for \$50 which they allege is due them for selling the Orpheum Theater.

Mill Men Here.—E. O. Samuels and Mr. Wheeler of the Coos Bay Mill Company, which bought the Courtney mill on Itasmus Inlet, returned today from Portland.

Elder Coming Here.—A Portland paper says that the repairs of the George W. Elder will soon be completed at San Francisco and that she will be on the Coos Bay run then while the Alliance is off for repairs.

Hood River Man Here.—Chas. Hall, owner of the Home Telephone Company at Hood River, a hotel there and some fine ranch property in that section, is spending a few days in Marshfield looking this section over.

Ashland Exhibit.—Secretary Motley is in receipt of a communication from E. B. Jones, of the Coos Bay Realty Company, in which he offers to act as representative from Coos Bay in the congress of different commercial bodies to be held at Ashland today, for the purpose of establishing an exhibit in the year 1915. The first cost would be charged to the city or county making the exhibit and would be maintained as a permanent exhibit by the citizens of Ashland. Communication sent by Mr. Motley reached Secretary Motley today and the meeting is to be held also, no action will be taken by the Coos County.

Street Flooded.—South street, at Golden, where it was flooded in the grade for some time, was flooded again yesterday. Mauney got swamped in it, bicycled and Chas. Skerrett was forced to abandon his auto in the street. The Council will probably order the proper grade.

MISS MARGARET WITTE returned here from Portland today with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Brant. A. Y. MYERS, of the Reynolds Development Company, will be on the next Redondo for a near trip to California yesterday. Mrs. MATT ANDERSON, who has been ill for some time, was taken to San Francisco for the next Redondo by Mr. Anderson, consult specialists.

R. A. WERNICH and R. K. returned yesterday from a trip to Ten Mile and report the small trout are already well to a fly. H. H. HARRIS, Aug. Farley say that the River fishing will start earlier than usual this year.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

REJECT FIRE ENGINE CHILD FATALLY SCALD

Astoria Officials Turn Down American LaFrance
ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 19.—After many months of wrangling, the City Council refused to buy the American La France fire engine, for which the committee on public property had attempted to pay \$2500 by sustaining the Mayor's veto. The vote of 5 to 4 was one less than the necessary two-thirds required to override the Mayor. It is said that Al Long, of Portland, Pacific Coast agent for the fire engine manufacturers, claims that he acted in good faith in shipping the machine to Astoria, and it is rumored that he will sue the city on the contract he has with the chairman of the committee on public property.

Little Tot Meets Tragic Fate
BANDON, Or., Feb. 18.—Leland Backlund, aged 2 years 2 months and 5 days, fell into a boiler of hot water at his home on Bills Creek and was severely burned that he died next morning. The little boy was playing with his hat pulled over his eyes and the boiler of water on the floor, and he stumbled, falling into the boiler before his mother could catch him.

IN NEW HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brand have moved into their new home on Edison avenue and are now situated in one of the nicest in that section of the city. Brandenberg expects to leave for the Speedwell tomorrow for San Francisco, Los Angeles and California points. Mr. Brandenberg will probably go down and return home with Bandon Recorder.

MYRTLE POINT ELECTS CITY SUPERINTENDENT

L. W. Wimberly, of Madras, Oregon, has been elected City Superintendent of Schools of Myrtle Point for the year 1914-1915. His wife will teach one of the grades.—Coquille Herald.

NEW SCHOOL TEACHERS

The following is a list of country schools which have begun the spring semester, and the teachers assigned to each school:

Brown's school, Kate Chatburn.
Catching Inlet, Miss Pitman.
Big Creek, Pearl Reigard.
Fairview, May N. Allen.
Hayn's Inlet, Sarah Huenegardt.
Sach's, Elma M. Roberts.
Upper Allegany, Blanche De Armana.

UNDER YOUR HAT

We were just informed by ney Joehinks, who was close to town, that the Leaton Estate was buried in one of the street lots which we are offering SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. Parties finding the little find should report the find to Eastside authorities at once.

TITLE GUARANTEE ABSTRACT CO.

Coos County Seat News as Told by The Herald.

Along the Waterfront.

The steamer Coquille, which has been at the Prosper shipyards for some time undergoing an overhauling and general improvements, will be on the run again soon.

BAND DANCE, EAGLE'S HALL, FEBRUARY 21.

Miss Bonnie Gage went to the Bay yesterday to visit her brother, W. A. Gage, of Allegany.

The teachers of the city public schools will be entertained Thursday evening this week by Misses Josie Ahern and Bertha Coulogue, at the home of Mrs. Katherine Figg.

Mrs. S. V. Epperson received a telegram last week bringing the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Geo. M. Secret, which occurred at Oregon City on Sunday morning, cancer being the cause.

Mrs. D. D. Pierce will sail on the Speedwell in the morning for Oakland, where she will stay for a number of months for the benefit of her health. She will be accompanied by Billy Tyrrel, who is going back to his home in Oakland.

BANDON APPRECIATES THE COURTESY OF MARSHFIELD

The Bandon Recorder says: "The secretary was requested to write to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce thanking them for the courtesy extended the Commercial Club relative to the Bandon Woolen Mill. It was moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon Mr. Reddick and find out what he wanted. The chair appointed T. M. Nielson, M. B. Presay, W. E. Steinhoff, Mr. Hanson and E. Lewin.

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