

COOS BAY TIMES

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A BIRTHDAY SENTIMENT.

JOHN WANAMAKER recently celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday. On that occasion he offered a sentiment that rings more true than the hifalutin words that our forefathers used to inscribe in "albums." He said: "To get up to this birthday is a far road to travel. But there is no unbeautiful borderland between summer and autumn. Each birthday opens to one a new beginning along the highway of thankfulness to bring his work to completion and at least try to help the other man do the same." The idea that the years fade into each other as beautifully as summer shifts into autumn is really poetic.

NEW BUSINESS IS OPENED.

Steamer Brings Redwood Slashings from Europe. A Portland paper says: A new business for Portland steamships was opened with the arrival of the steamer George W. Elder from the mill of the Hammond Lumber Company at Eureka. The redwood is consigned to the Yellowstone National Park and is to be used to decorate the interior of one of the park hostelries.

Make a play for luck if you will, but remember it is work that plays.

SHRINERS TO COME TUESDAY

Large Delegation from Ashland, Roseburg and Grants Pass Coming.

Between 100 and 150 Shriners and their wives are expected here next Sunday and Monday for the big session of the Shrine on Tuesday, when a class of novices will be taken on a long pilgrimage over the burning sands. El-Kab Klub, the local branch of the Ashland Temple of the Mystic Shrine, has everything in readiness for the visitors. From Ashland 55 Shriners will come in autos, most of them bringing their wives. A similar number is expected from Roseburg, and Grants Pass and other towns will send big delegations. With good weather the attendance may be even greater.

MUCH TALK OF WAR ON BAY

Some Interesting Sidelights of European Struggle—Old Legend Comes True.

The European war situation is about the only topic of conversation on the street and in gatherings on Coos Bay. Politics and everything else is forgotten and some interesting stories of it are being told.

C. R. Broughton, in charge of the Southern Pacific bridge work on Coos Bay, in discussing it last night recalled an old German legend and prophecy regarding the fate of the German Empire. The prophecy was that Germany would have a ruler who would reign for years and be much beloved; that he would in turn be succeeded by a hot-headed son who would involve the nation in a world-wide war in which the Empire would be destroyed. The present situation apparently makes it all come true. Emperor William having succeeded his father, Emperor Frederick, and the outcome of the present war will determine how true it was.

J. C. Kendall said that a few weeks ago he picked up an old newspaper which printed a forecast by some prognosticator of future events. For August, it stated that all Europe would be involved in war in that month.

Councilman Carl W. Eversten of Marshfield served in the German army and, while he is loyal to the Fatherland, he thinks Germany is wrong in the present struggle and that the Kaiser has been on the wrong tack for the past six years.

That the situation in the East is regarded much more serious than it is here was indicated by a telegram which J. C. Kendall received from his wife yesterday. She is visiting at the home of her sister in Cortland, N. Y., where her brother-in-law is president of the First National Bank. She wanted to know if she should come home at once instead of finishing her visit, but Mr. Kendall wired back telling her to stay and spend some western money to ease the eastern financial stringency.

Relative in Paris. A. C. Shaw, head of the legal department of the C. A. Smith Company, is here from Portland. Mr. Shaw was formerly a solicitor of the United States Interior Department at Washington and was one of the leading figures in the Ballinger-Hulais episode of a few years ago. Mr. Shaw's step-son is now in Paris and a couple of days ago Mr. Shaw wired United States Ambassador Herrick in Paris, who is a personal friend, to provide his son with necessary funds and start him for home as soon as possible. He has not received any response and consequently is somewhat worried.

ENGLAND WAS READY FOR IT

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fleets, great and small, to sea. The strength of the Fleet under the immediate command of the Sailor-King will be 493 ships. This immense force could not be all anchored off Spithead. Seven miles of torpedo craft had to be lined up off Beachy Head. When the total force steams out into the open sea the panorama will be one of unrivalled power and magnificence.

RULERS OF SEA AND AIR.

Britain's Might in Ships and Seaplanes.

The muster of the fleet is in the nature of a test mobilization. It has proved brilliantly successful. No fewer than 493 of His Majesty's ships are now lying off the British coasts ready for war. Furthermore, a large number of aircraft, including 24 seaplanes and four airships, are also taking part. The whole of this immense force is under the command of Admiral Sir George Callaghan, whose flag is flying from the Iron Duke. In order to put this immense force into commission it has been necessary to embark rather less than a third of the whole Naval Reserve, or about 14,000 men. The composition of the mobilized fleet is as follows:—

- Eight battle squadrons of 55 ships. One battle cruiser squadron of four ships. Eight cruiser squadrons of 20 armored and ten protected cruisers. One light cruiser squadron of six ships. One training squadron of seven large but old protected cruisers. One mine-layer squadron of seven ships. Thirteen torpedo flotillas of 157 destroyers and 83 torpedo boats. Nine flotillas of 59 submarines.

Britain's Biggest Airship's First Flight.

Great Britain's biggest airship, Astra Toros No. 3, made its first flight at noon yesterday from Kingsnorth naval airship station. Sheerness, which has been under construction for the past year and possesses two airship halls capable of accommodating four airships 550 feet in length. Commodore Osborne, in charge of the Kingsnorth Station, commanded the airship, which made some beautiful circular flights over the Medway Valley. The airship left in the afternoon for Spithead.

What undoubtedly stimulated most deeply the imagination of the onlookers was the bold activity of the seaplanes. They came and went with easy grace and an impression of strength and security, as though the days of doubt were gone and the air was their very own. With a strong wind behind them, two of the planes flew from one end of the assembled fleets to the other, in a matter of a few minutes and then disappeared into the haze of the open, empty sea beyond. Not the quickest destroyer, lying motionless, but menacingly, on the water beneath them, could, with full steam up, have followed them in treble the time. Fully eighty miles an hour these seaplanes were travelling. They are the new eyes of the fleets, and their sight is the very embodiment of speed. Even the voracious landlubber realizes that the power of the seaplane, not only for the purposes of attack by bomb, but in the detection of submarines, which from a seaplane can be detected at any depth, has set a problem that probably only war itself can solve. Fitted with wireless telegraph apparatus, they are the supreme scouting power of the navy.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

A WARTIME NIGHTMARE.

THE CYNIC SAYS:

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS:

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There is always an easier and better way, but the average man seldom stumbles into it until he is near the finish.

SAYS FRANCE IS IN BAD SHAPE

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lional defense had been entirely wasted. Parliament would consent to any indispensable sacrifices, but it was necessary to modify the organization and to change the ideas of the services which directed the army. M. Messimy, Minister of War, admitted that most of the facts taken separately were correct, if not in the way in which they had been presented, at least as exceptions. This partial admission was followed by such an uproar in the House that the Minister was unable to continue for a time. When he was able to resume his speech he asked the Senate to vote the Government programme in order that work might begin as soon as possible. He undertook to employ the most rigorous control over the execution of the programme in order to obtain the best result for the defense of the country. M. Clemenceau said that he had not attended such a heart-rending sitting since 1870.

"We are," he said, "neither governed nor defended. Very grave matters have been brought forward. They must be replied to. The Minister of War must set forth the present situation completely, and indicate his remedies." Speaking later the Minister of War said that he recognized that in the past everything that was necessary had not been done, but still there had been no waste of thousands of millions, as had been alleged. From 1900-1905 much less had been spent in France than in Germany. The figures showed that at the end of 1915 they would have 3020 pieces of artillery, as against 3370 in Germany. The stocks of ammunition were adequate. They were by no means worse than Germany was. Referring to the equipment of the Engineer Corps, the Minister said that from 1900 to 1911 they had spent 100,000,000 francs, as compared with 400,000,000 francs spent in Germany. The Germans had got a great start. Since 1912 the grants for the purpose in France had been increased. With regard to telegraphy, all the forts would be joined up one with another. The wireless stations in the east would be furnished with new powerful apparatus. Moreover, the field telegraph service had been greatly improved. With regard to the question of boots, the men would go into the field with two pairs, but that was only a temporary arrangement, and 6,000,000 francs would be set aside in 1915 for "relief" boots. A motion referring the matter to the Army Committee was adopted after an agreement had been reached between the Committee, the Government, and M. Clemenceau.

WERE THEY SCARED?

A newspaper man who interviewed a veteran of the Civil War, quotes him as follows:

The man who went through a battle and says he wasn't scared is a doggone liar. I used to tell about how we marched fearlessly against the guns of the enemy, but I got to thinking that I haven't so very many more years to live and maybe I had better stop lying about it. Since then I have been telling the truth. The fact is that in my first battle my teeth rattled so that I could hardly hear the commands of the officers, but the other fellows were staying, and so I stayed, and I stayed because I was too big a coward to run. It would have helped a good deal if I had known that the rebels who were shooting at us were just as badly scared as I was, but the trouble was that I didn't find that out till afterward, when a captured rebel confessed to me that he was the worst scared man in the Confederacy. The reason he stayed was the same reason I stayed; the other rebels hadn't sense enough to run so he stayed with them.

And yet we are persuaded that there are persons who do not get scared in battle. There are persons in whom fear appears to have been left out. But these are not the ones who are deserving of greatest credit for bravery. A man who was in the fight at Chickamauga told us that as they were approaching the enemy's works at one time one of his comrades showed great signs of fear and another one burst out laughing, and said: "Why, I believe you are scared." "I am scared," was the honest response, "and if you were scared half as bad as I am you'd run." There it was in a nutshell. The reason the one didn't run was because he didn't know fear. The reason the other didn't run was because his duty to his country held him in line. It requires no courage to face the thing you have no fear of. It is no disgrace to acknowledge fear in battle. The disgraced man is he who allows his fear to control him.

HEARSAY.

We hit the trail for us above; 'Twas one day late in June, All Nature seemed in smiling mood, The birds were all in tune.

With horses fresh and spirits high, That gave the time full zest, Until Queen Lil, who came behind, Lit on a hornet's nest.

Her eyes were big as saucers And wild with abject fright; We tried to keep from laughing; sure, We tried with all our might.

We all ran back to rescue her, Our hearts with anguish wrung, But didn't go so very close The time Queen Lil got stung.

HEARSAY.

The average married man will frankly admit that in the choice of a life partner his wife's judgment was far superior to his own.

NEW VOTE ON SCHOOL SITE

Residents of South Coos River and Daniels Creek Circulate Petition.

The Coos River school site controversy reached a new stage today when petitions asking for another election to determine the location were placed in circulation. Capt. George Smith said that he did not know who all were circulating the petitions.

It was claimed by the residents of Upper South Coos River and Daniels Creek that the last election was void because no restrictions were placed on the voting and alleging that six more votes were cast than were there. The election was simply advisory, as the school board could select the site without any election. Whether the board will grant the new petitions is a question.

BRIDGE WORK IS PROGRESSING

Engineer Broughton Has Fifty Men Working Now—Ready For Other Bridges.

That good progress is being made on the Coos Bay bridge was the statement of Engineer C. R. Broughton, who was here from North Bend last evening on business. He said that there wasn't much to say about the work as yet as it had been a matter of preliminaries. He is now working about fifty men on the job and expects to soon have more. The piling for the false work of the center pier have been driven.

Mr. Broughton is not certain yet whether it will be necessary to screen all of the immense amount of gravel that will be necessary for the concrete work. He said that he would screen some of it and see how it runs. Thousands of yards of it have been piled in North Bend and in the local railroad yards in Marshfield. If it all has to be screened it means an immense amount of labor to handle it. As yet Mr. Broughton has not received orders to start the construction of the bridges on the Umpqua and Siuslaw. However, he has made some preparations for them and would be ready to start on a day's notice. Inability to get quick shipments between here and San Francisco he finds to be one of the drawbacks in the local work.

CONAWY CO., HAS BIG PAYROLL

Amount Paid Out Last Week Was in Excess of One Thousand Dollars.

There is not a general understanding and appreciation of the importance of the work being done in Marshfield by the F. E. Conway Company. In addition to the large improvement being made by the erection of Myrtle Arms, one of the largest and most modern apartment houses on the Pacific Coast, the payroll is something worth while in the business world of Coos Bay.

The week before last the F. E. Conway Company paid out \$845 in wages to more than 40 workmen and artisans who are engaged on the new apartment building. Last week the sum total of the payroll was in excess of \$1000. Among the laborers at work, probably the highest paid were the plumbers, which in one instance, including overtime, the amount was in excess of \$52 for one week.

Many new features are being added to the Myrtle Arms and when completed it will be what it is intended to be—one of the most beautiful and modern apartment buildings on the Pacific Coast.

CULINGS OF COQUILLE.

Coos County Seat News As Told by the Herald.

Paul Walker went to Marshfield yesterday to take the Breakwater for Portland. He contemplates a trip to Alaska but may stop in Portland until spring and get into the newspaper game there.

Fred Slagle went to Roseburg Sunday, taking his sisters, Mrs. Roy Cowan, of Montana, and Mrs. A. W. Roach, of Wendling, who are returning to their homes after being called here by the death of their brother, Harry Slagle. He returned yesterday forenoon and reports the road rough with accent on the "rough."

Edson Elliott, formerly with the Margaret Iles company, accompanied by his wife, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Helen Harvey, and his uncle, E. H. Meade. Hubert Rollins also visited the Meade home last week, returning to Bandon Saturday.

Lanson W. Leneve and Gertrude M. Arrington were married at Bandon July 29. Rev. Wm. Horsfall officiating. The groom is a Coquille boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leneve, and the bride is a member of one of the old Myrtle Point families. The young couple will make their home here.

WAR NO HARM TO BIG FAIR

Chas. S. Fee Says San Francisco Exposition Will Be Biggest Ever.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 5.—"While the Panama-Pacific fair at San Francisco will be a wonderful celebration and the exposition at San Diego will be a most attractive affair, the biggest show will be outside the gates. It will be the whole stretch of the Pacific coast from San Diego to British Columbia, and the person who comes this way, from whatever motive, and falls to see as much as possible of this marvelous empire of riches and opportunity will regret it." Such was the statement of Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company and one of the directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, this morning.

"We have now on the press a 100-page booklet plotting Oregon which I regard as one of the most complete and useful publications ever issued about this part of the country.

"As for the effect of the war, it will not injure the Exposition. In fact I feel sure that if the great conflict in Europe is prolonged to any great extent, it will have the natural tendency of diverting tourist travel from Europe to the Pacific coast. People are going to travel and the American industries are going to profit by the war, because we will have to supply a good share of the foreign markets with our products, and that will mean more prosperity for us. There will

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