

### Pen Picture Of Coos Bay Just Thirty-Three Years Ago

The following is copied from the Coos Bay News, October 12, 1881: Previous to the year 1867, the settlement on Coos Bay witnessed nothing in this locality than an old log cabin on the hill, the present residence of Michael Maia, and a small store on the marsh, which is now incorporated in the more pretentious building known as the West Hotel. The last occupant of the store was Charles Pershbaker, well favorably known to the old settlers. He died while in Salem attending a session of the Legislature. The house served the passing traveler as an inn, and was kept by a genial, but half old sea-dog, known as Capt. Hamilton. This history would not be complete if it should pass over slightly the case of Capt. Hamilton. He resided on this townsite, alone, for many years, and no doubt it would have surprised him could he have known that a wrangle would take place on his death, on the propriety of burying him among others who lie here the academy now stands. The old man, the true pioneer of

beyond the limit of his means, still as must be classed among those who produce grand results from small beginnings, as the present condition of this town will verify. To the laborer seeking work he never turned his back. He would find him employment, and what is more to the point, he never asked him to work for his board, but paid him a fair price for his labor. The mill having suspended operations, the town kept on improving, owing to the influence of its trade with the coal mines and the farming population of the surrounding country. We have not the date at hand, but it was in '72 or '73, that Messrs. Dean, Wilcox and Merchant purchased the Escort and the mill property from Messrs. Rountree, McMullen & Co., of San Francisco. As they obtained the property at a moderate figure, it proved to be a real bonanza. The marsh surrounding the mill, from which our town takes its name, is a worthless, wet patch of malarial. This has been covered with sand, and is a fruitful source of revenue; but whether it is a healthy location or not remains to be seen. In '74 the shipbuilding took another start, commencing with the 'Prithoff and Sunshine', built by Daniel Holder. The Pannonia, Laura May, Jennie Stella, C. H. Merchant, Gov.

Perkins, J. G. North and the vessel on the stocks at this writing, by Hans Reed. The steamer Wasp, schooner Santa Rosa and the new tug-boat now on her way to San Francisco, by John Stowell; the schooner Cashman, built by J. Cashman. Positively we are a ship-building community, and as this is a history of Marshfield, we are not necessarily called upon to mention North Bend, where vessels are being built steadily by John Kruse. There have also been several vessels built Empire. We forgot to mention the steamer Messenger. She takes the lead of the fleet above mentioned. At the present our progress may be estimated by the amount of business houses in operation. We have three large stores devoted to general merchandise, two drug stores, two furniture stores, three blacksmith shops, two variety stores, one hardware store, two meat and vegetable markets, two millinery shops, three boot and shoe stores, two jewelers, two newspapers, three doctors, one dentist, five lawyers and other specialties too numerous to mention. We have three hotels to accommodate the traveling public, and two livery stables. We have a flourishing school ably conducted. Whilst everything inside of the school is satisfactory, the outside of it displays but a sorry evidence of the public spirit of this

community. It is about six years since it was built, and such a valuable building needs a coat of paint; as the case stands, it never had a brush on it. To the visitor from abroad, whom it will certainly attract by its prominent position, it will suggest the old adage: "Patience on a monument smiling at grief." Not to be behind the times, we have eight saloons, a lager beer brewery and a restaurant. The thrifty traveler cannot miss his way on street, as the resorts are reached by easy stages; in a word, they are not few and far between. Several new buildings are going up, a hall for the Freemasons being one of them; also we should mention two photographic galleries which are now in operation. From the signs of improvement we think that the town is on the high road to prosperity, and with railroad communication to the Umpqua Valley, our trade would expand; our farmers be stimulated to fresh exertion; in fact it would have a healthy tone on the general system; but so far, all that we have witnessed leads us to the conclusion that that each effort towards building a railway, originating in this locality, has been but a block in the path of progress.

**GOOD BREEDING TRIUMPHS OVER ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT**  
A pretty tribute to art—and an act that contradicted the too prevalent impression that artists are "catty" toward one another—was that which impelled Mme. Olga Samaroff, the pianist, to relinquish laurels. Rudolf Ganz had been engaged to be the leading soloist at the Worcester festival, but the committee hearing nothing from him at the approach of the date, surmised that he had been detained from sailing at the necessary time from Europe. Mme. Samaroff was summoned to take Ganz' place on the festival program, and she accordingly prepared herself for the event. The day before Ganz arrived Mme. Samaroff immediately resigned gracefully, in his favor, insisting that he play as scheduled, though he, too, was as generous with amenities. The courtesy, as advanced by Mme. Samaroff, was so charming that it was greatly appreciated by the audience and the board of directors of the festival and gained many more friends for the young pianist. Ganz played the Tschalkowsky "Concerto."



**AT THE HOTELS**  
Chandler Hotel.  
S. Brownstone, San Francisco; Tom Williams, San Francisco; Sidney M. Batty, San Francisco; J. R. McGenie, Bay Point, Cal.; E. J. Hinchey, Portland; E. J. Eurat, San Francisco; Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Myrtle Point; W. E. Richardson, Portland; A. W. Butterworth, St. Paul; Charles H. Stewart, Albany; L. A. Lillovist Coquille; A. R. McKinley, Portland; T. M. Dimmick, Coquille.  
Lloyd Hotel.  
H. Homer, San Francisco; M. L. Custer Coquille; C. Miller, Klamath Falls; Robert Perks, Klamath Falls; A. N. Gould, Coquille; B. B. Burr, Flindale, Wash.; James Peterson, Astoria.  
Blanco Hotel.  
H. B. Burg, Tar Heel; Claud Donovan, Myrtle Point; Roy Conger, Coaledo; M. Grow, Coaledo; J. L. Butean, Fresno, Cal.; M. A. Streckel Eastside; Ben Currie, Coquille; J. H. Schafer, Meadow Creek, Wash. St. Lawrence Hotel.  
S. F. Ranfall, Klamath Falls; Robert Smith, Chickasha, Okla.; Ed. Williams, Portland; O. P. Schroder, San Diego; D. N. Bunch, Daniels Creek; A. West, Portland.

### O. R. C. No. 2—This Schedule Cancels and Supercedes all Preceding Schedules

# COOS BAY WATER COMPANY

MARSHFIELD AND NORTH BEND, OREGON,

## MONTHLY, FLAT AND METER RATES FOR WATER

### CLASSIFICATION OF WATER USERS

- CLASS A**  
Apartments occupied by one family.  
Art Goods Stores.  
Banks.  
Blacksmith Shops.  
Boat Houses.  
Carpenter Shops.  
Churches.  
Cigar Stands. (Alone, not with billiard halls or saloons.)  
Clothing and furnishing stores.  
Crockery Stores.  
Dressmakers' Shops.  
Dry Goods Stores.  
Buildings and appurtenant buildings occupied by one family.  
Electric Appliance Shops.  
Fitters' Shops.  
Flats occupied by one family.  
Fuel Yards.  
Furniture Stores.  
Gas Appliance Shops.  
Hardware Stores.  
Harness Shops.  
Jewelry Stores.  
Lodge Halls. (Not club rooms.)  
Lumber Yards.  
Millinery Stores.  
Offices, private, not otherwise specified, in which water is used only incidentally for convenience of occupants.  
Paint Shops and Stores.  
Plumbing Shops.  
Shoe Stores.  
Stationers Shops.  
Stores and shops, not otherwise specified, in which water is used only incidentally for convenience of occupants or customers. (Including small stands operated as part of residence.)  
Tailor Shops.  
Tin Shops.  
Undertaking Parlors.
- CLASS B**  
Barber Shops.  
Bakeries.  
Baths. (Public.)  
Billiard Halls.  
Blue Printers.  
Boarding Houses.  
Boiler Works.  
Bowling Alleys.  
Butcher Shops.  
Club Rooms.  
Confectioners' Shops.  
Dentists' Offices.  
Drug Stores.  
Depots, railways, (passenger and freight.)  
Fish Markets.  
Florists.  
Flour and Feed Mills.  
Foundries.  
General Merchandise.  
Grocery Stores.  
Iron and Steel Works.  
Livery Stables.  
Liquor Stores. (Wholesale, without bar.)  
Lunch Counters.  
Machine Shops.  
Manufactories, not otherwise specified, in which water is essential to business carried on.  
Marble Works.  
Photograph Galleries.  
Planing Mills.  
Printing Shops.  
Rooming Houses.  
Restaurants.  
Saloons.  
Sheet Metal Works.  
Stores and shops, not otherwise specified, in which water is essential in business carried on, or generally used by customers or the public.  
Theaters.
- CLASS C**  
Apartment and Flats under single customer's contract.  
Breweries.  
Brick and Tile Works. (See exception to classification.)  
Cider Factories.  
Colleges.  
Construction, Buildings, Public Works, etc.  
Creameries.  
Dairies.  
Docks and Wharves.  
Dye Works.  
Elevators, hydraulic.  
Garages, public.  
Greenhouses.  
Hospitals.  
Hotels.  
Ice and Cold Storage Plants.  
Laudereries.  
Office Buildings under single customer's contract.  
Packing plants.  
Pickling Works.  
Public Buildings or Works. (See exception to classification.)  
Railroad Shops.  
Saloons.  
Sawmills.  
Schools.  
Steamboats and Steamships. (See exception to classification.)  
Tanneries.  
Vinegar Factories.  
Woolen Mills.

### Rates Applicable to Water Users

According to Classification prescribed—Schedule 1. Classes A and B. Rates Payable Per Month in Advance

Class	Size of Service Pipe.		Corresponding Size of Meter.		Minimum Charge Marshfield North Bend	
	A	B	% Inch.	1 Inch.	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.30
First faucet (at Marshfield)	.90	\$1.50	1/2 Inch.	3/4 Inch.	2.00	2.40
First faucet (at North Bend)	1.25	1.75	3/4 Inch.	1 Inch.	3.00	3.60
Additional faucets, for bowls, sinks, etc., not otherwise specified	.10	.20	1 1/2 Inch.	2 Inch.	4.50	5.40
			2 Inch.	3 Inch.	8.00	9.60
			3 Inch.	4 Inch.	13.50	16.20
			4 Inch.		210.00	25.00

NOTE—Under the foregoing headings are NOT included drain cocks, rill cocks, etc., which are used for lawn or garden sprinkling; not water faucets in set with cold water faucets at same location when the latter are counted; barn, irrigating, garage and other faucets, the principal function of which is to supply the water for services hereinafter in this schedule described, which are paid for by the customers at flat rates. Stationary wash tubs in sets at the same location count as one additional faucet.

Baths	.25	.75
Additional baths, each	.20	.75
Toilet	.50	.75
Urinal, single fixture, or per two feet length, each	.25	.75
NOTE—The foregoing rates are based on the normal use of the service by an average number of eight users or less. Increase the above rates ten per cent for each five normal average users above eight in number. Nine to thirteen users add ten per cent. Fourteen to eighteen users add twenty per cent, etc.		
Automobiles, kept on premises	.25	.25
Barber chairs after first, each	.25	.25
Dentist's fountain	.50	.75
Horses and cows, each	.25	.25
Sprinkling lawns and gardens, also outside of industrial plant, through common small hose with nozzle or lawn fountain, first 5000 square feet or less (building space included) (Payment of four months in advance allows use for twelve months in advance)	1.00	1.00
Do, each additional 1000 square feet (upon same terms)	.25	.25
Silcocks for washing store fronts	.25	.25
Bubbling or spray fountains, constant flow	1.00	1.00
Bubbling or spray fountains, intermittent flow	.50	.50

### SCHEDULE 2. CLASS C.

Water Delivered Through Meters of Any Size, in One Month.	Per 100 cubic feet.
First 200 cubic feet	\$.40
Next 300 cubic feet	.25
Next 1,500 cubic feet	.15
Next 18,000 cubic feet	.12
Next 20,000 cubic feet	.09
All Over 40,000 cubic feet	.06

Minimum meter charges per month, according to size of consumer's service pipe or size of meter used. Apply lowest minimum if size of meter used does not correspond to size of pipe.

**EXCEPTIONS TO CLASSIFICATION**  
Construction of buildings, public works, etc., 1 1/2 times schedule 2 rates, without monthly minimum.  
Small construction jobs or where setting of meter impracticable, use estimated quantities. Includes sewer flushing through fire hose.  
Steamboats and steamships. Schedule 2 rates applies only when supply is through regular service covered by usual contract. Irregular service, double Schedule 2 rates will apply, without minimum.  
Saloons, when impracticable to set meter, Class B rate. Beer pump counted as extra faucet and continuous flowing cuspidor takes same rate as bubbling fountain, continuous flow.  
Steam or hot water heating furnaces connected with service, in residences and churches . . . . . \$ .25  
Do, other heating installations, per 1000 sq. ft. of floor space (minimum 25 cents per month) . . . . . .10  
Municipal fire hydrants, first 50 or less per month (Marshfield) total . . . . . 175.00  
Each additional hydrant per month . . . . . 2.50  
Municipal fire hydrants, first 20 or less, per month (North Bend) total . . . . . 80.00  
Each additional hydrant, per month . . . . . 2.50  
Municipal sewer flush tanks (Company has option of placing meter at meter rates) . . . . . 2.25  
Connections for municipal fire steamer boiler, etc . . . . . .25  
Fire protection standpipes, inside buildings, flat rate additional to any meter rate . . . . . 4.50  
2-inch or less connection . . . . . 2.50  
3-inch connection . . . . . 4.50  
4-inch connection . . . . . 8.00  
Shutting off and turning on service pipe to insure collection of bills, or to force repair leaky plumbing, or on consumer's request to repair plumbing where no stop and waste cock provided . . . . . 1.00

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