

### ALL HAIL JACK FROST AS KING

23 Degrees in Night is Coldest in Years—19 Degree Lowest Ever Recorded on Bay

#### COLD AT EUGENE.

Dorsey Kreitzer received a telephone message from Eugene this morning saying it was fourteen degrees above zero there last night, nine degrees colder than it was on Coos Bay. There is lots of snow and ice at Eugene.

#### TEN MILE FROZEN.

Parties from Ten Mile report considerable ice in Ten Mile lakes this morning and some of the gasoline launches had to plow through it for nearly half a mile in getting to Lakeside.

Jack Frost is king; all hail the king. For ten days this monarch has held sway, not only over the entire east and country north of us, but over Coos Bay as well. Every morning for more than a week the head of the house has "cussed" through purplish lips as he filled the empty coal scuttle out in the woodshed, stopping ever and anon to thaw his fingers with a warm breath.

The thermometer tried no altitude flight last night; the weather man declares it dropped down to 23 degrees above zero. This is the coldest point in years, in fact the lowest ever recorded on the Bay, says the same authority, was 19 degrees above the zero mark.

On every big and little pond there froze a cake of ice almost thick enough to hold up "Young America." Some actually did try to skate, but the thickest ice was only about half an inch. At the edge of the Bay near Eastside it was reported this morning there was found a covering of ice for several feet out into the Bay.

On Sunday morning the thermometer went down only to 30 degrees, but the difference between yesterday and this morning was plainly evident. But even at this Coos Bay seems to fare better than Portland, where skating on Columbia Slough has been enjoyed for a week and just below the Rose City the Columbia was frozen over from shore to shore so that the ships had to plow their way through.

The present indications are for a clear and cold Christmas, the general belief being that there will be no atmospheric changes during the week.

#### SKATING AT EUGENE.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 21.—Due to the recent cold snap, ice skating has become popular in Eugene, several small ponds where the water is shallow having frozen over thick enough to permit of the sport. A number of Eugene people dug their skates out of the basements and attics and journeyed to a pond about a mile west of Eugene to enjoy the fun.

#### BERRIES RIPEN IN

#### COLD AT ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21.—With the thermometer registering about 23 degrees above zero, Ben Maddox, a local Southern Pacific conductor, went to the rear of his home, a short distance east of Roseburg, where he picked a branch containing about 20 ripe raspberries. The raspberries are large, well colored and are of excellent flavor.

It was 21 degrees above zero Friday night, the coldest in two years.

V. C. Gorst of the Gorst and King Line said today that parties in Old North Bend informed him that their thermometers registered 14 above zero last night.

### RUSSELL SAGE TO LOCATE ON FARM

Relative of Deceased Multi-Millionaire Comes to Coos Bay to Make Home

Russell Sage, son of a nephew of Russell Sage, the deceased multi-millionaire of Chicago, with his wife and her sister, Miss McCarthy, have arrived in the city, coming here direct from their home at Rensselaer, Indiana, and are now looking for a dairy farm on which they expect to locate, making this their home.

The family are old friends of R. O. Graves, whom they accidentally discovered lived in Marshfield. A brother-in-law of Mr. Graves is postmaster at Rensselaer and when Mr. Sage changed his postoffice address to this city he was told to look for his old friend.

At the time of Russell Sage's death the father of the present Russell Sage inherited a share of the big fortune which he immediately invested in farm property in the middle west. His son is a practical farmer, having spent the greater part of his life on the farm. He is enthusiastic over what he has seen of Coos Bay and declares he will be greatly pleased to locate here.

### SAYS KINNEY IS IN BAD SHAPE

Supt. Steiner Has Little Hope for His Recovery—Frank B. Waite Talks of Business

Major L. D. Kinney, of Plat B fame, who was committed to the asylum a few months ago, shows no mental improvement and a physical decline has set in which has caused the officials to practically give up hope for his recovery. This was the report given Thursday evening by Supt. Steiner, of the hospital, to F. B. Waite, Dr. Steiner informed Mr. Waite that it was simply a matter now of how long Mr. Kinney would live, hope being given up for his recovery.

Major Kinney is a much younger man than was generally supposed. He is now fifty eight years old.

Mr. Waite arrived in Saturday evening, coming here to look after the foreclosures on one of his mortgages on Kinney's tract. Receiver Watter's plan to redeem this tract has not worked out.

Judge Harris has not yet made the final order in the Kinney receivership to permit Judge Watters to go ahead. However, it will soon be forthcoming as Judge Harris will retire from the Circuit Court bench January 5 to go on the Oregon Supreme Court bench and he will finish the case before that time.

Mr. Waite said that he was still waiting on the Marshfield man who was negotiating for a lease on the theater which he is arranging to build on Second street near Central. He said that he was ready to go ahead as soon as the party said for him to. While Mr. Waite did not announce who the proposed leasee was, it has been reported that it is Robert Marsden, Jr.

Mr. Waite has just returned from a trip to San Francisco. He says business conditions are improving and bankers and business men are most optimistic. He says that the exposition grounds have been practically completed and quite a number of the exhibits placed.

En route here, he noticed that there was about five feet of snow along the railroad track at Sisson, California.

Mr. Waite expects to leave Wednesday to spend Christmas with his family at Sutherlin.

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### MUCH CONJECTURE IN BANDON CASE

Indictment of Three Women for Perjury Causes Speculation. May Involve Others

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 21.—Feeling has been tense in this city over the turn that the Coach-Treadgold affair has taken, while those who came from Bandon reported that the city had almost been hushed into silence because of the developments of the past week and newer developments expected, now that this feud, with its many ramifications, is about to be brought into open court, apparently for a complete and thorough airing.

What the outcome of the indictment of the three women will be caused the wildest range of conjecture in the discussion, both on the street and around the court house. In some quarters it was maintained that the girls would break down and tell another and an entirely different story than has yet been given the public, now that they see themselves confronted with the possibility of going to prison, while in other quarters it was as emphatically asserted that but one thing could possibly follow, viz., that the grand jury, which has temporarily recessed pending further developments in the trial of these women, would be compelled to reconvene and indict another party.

As a matter of fact, future developments and possibly unexpected exposures, which until now have been locked up in affidavits or in grand jury probes, and will govern succeeding phases.

If all three women will stand firmly by the stories they told in the Herron and Coach trials of Monday and by what they are believed to have told the grand jury, and if Ruby Noster and Lolita Simpson will adhere unshakably to their affidavits which are said to allege some startling accusations, then Attorney Treadgold may be forced into open court along with them. That they will adhere to their story was indicated when they were arrested and brought into court, when, while awaiting trial in a room adjoining the court room they repeatedly asserted that they had told the grand jury and the trial jury the truth—that they had been coerced when giving their evidence in the Herron and Coach cases in the Bandon Recorder's court.

"I'm willing to take my medicine," declared Lolita, "but I want Treadgold to take his, too. Are they going to send us to jail when we have told them the truth?"

Ruby gave expression to a similar sentiment regarding the city attorney of Bandon.

On the other hand, the adherents of Attorney Treadgold insisted that the trial of the three women could result in but one ending, viz., that the girls would be shaken in their evidence and be forced to tell a story that would ultimately completely exonerate Treadgold and remove the stain that undoubtedly has been cast on his name in some quarters because of his connection with this entire matter and the sensational accusations of the Simpson and Noster girls.

### BANDON TO BACK TREADGOLD UP

Western World Says Majority of Citizens There Will Support His Vice Crusade

The Western World of Bandon, in commenting on the Coach-Simpson-Treadgold cases from Bandon, says: For the information of all outsiders it might be said that regardless of all that the trimmings that seem to have been attached to the main entree of the legal bill of fare that is being consumed in the appeal of the Coach liquor case, the large majority of Bandon people—constituting the better element—heartily endorse City Attorney Treadgold's attempt "to purge the city from the foulness it has been tolerating."

Whatever may develop from the litters that seems to have grown out of the struggle, the decision of self-respecting Bandonians that the undesirable place of business, be it saloon, restaurant, or what, must go; will remain unchanged. If the Coaches are unfit parties to conduct a saloon in Bandon, and it is generally conceded that they are, then according to the city ordinance they cannot be allowed to operate.

It was because of his ability and fearlessness that Attorney Treadgold was given his position and the people of Bandon as a whole will stand back of him in every move

### CURRY MAIL IS CHANGED AGAIN

Will be Taken Over West Fork Route to Agness and Then Down Rogue River

The Grants Pass Observer says: J. J. Weersing, secretary of the Agness Commercial Club, was in the city to have Post Master Donnell endorse the bond for \$25,000 that must be given to close the contract for carrying the mails over the mountains from West Fork to Agness.

A number of Post Offices are dependent upon this service for quicker delivery of their mail. Gold Beach, Wedderburn, Langlois, Port Orford and other places are better able to be served with daily papers and other important matters sooner than under a proposed system that would render these places almost inaccessible as far as mail communication is concerned.

Had the Post Office Department carried out its design it would have required seven days one way and nine days in the opposite direction to send mail from Harbor to Port Orford, not forty miles apart.

Happily the new contract, that is about completed, will avoid this tedious delay. But the trip from West Fork to Agness, 53 miles, is no picnic in the winter time. The snow now, at the highest point, which is 4790 feet above sea level, is up to the arm pits and when the horses can not follow the trail they are left at the low level and the mails, including parcels post, are packed by men on snow shoes and skis.

When it is known that the citizens down the Rogue get their flour, grain and feed, and wire-fencing, fruit trees and other necessities over this 53 mile sky-line route, one must know the contractor takes upon himself no small chore. In fact the forest service franked through last season a 2000 pound bridge by parcels post, all in 50 pound parcels, and made every man and beast actually work, which makes the word chore a misnomer.

The price to be paid the contractor is \$7,448 per year for a load limit of 600 pounds and 3 1/2 cents a pound for excess of this weight. The trip must be made within 23 hours and to do this the packhorses must trot some of the way. There is a relay of men and horses at Marial. It requires 25 packhorses and four men to operate this route.

There are 166 families along this line that now get their mail in this way, besides the 250 families at Gold Beach and nearly as many at Wedderburn who are benefitted. There are school houses at Big Bend, Agness, Quosaten and Ferry along the river.

Mr. Weersing was out two weeks to speed the making of the contract. He walked the government trail from Agness to Merlin and feels that his time and money invested in this trip has been well spent.

aimed at the enforcement of a municipal law.

Regarding Mr. Treadgold's personal conduct and standing in the community there has never been a question. He appears to be charged with a number of vicious acts by the parties he is prosecuting, but these charges have not injured his reputation in the least as far as local people are concerned. They realize the source and the conditions under which such charges are brought. No matter what the outcome of the charges before the grand jury may prove to be, it will require more substantial evidence than has yet been suggested, even though such evidence may convict him in court, before the people of Bandon will find him guilty.

### REPRESENTED COOS BAY AT CONGRESS

Henry H. Gilfrey, Old Oregonian, is One of Two Oregon Representatives

Coos Bay was efficiently represented at the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C. December 9, 10 and 11 by Henry H. Gilfrey, reading clerk of the United States Senate, who is an Oregonian. He attended the sessions in company with C. W. Hodson, the Portland Representative in Congress.

His letter, just received by Hugh McLain, of the Chamber of Commerce, is as follows:

"On receipt of your telegram I had my name entered as one of the delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and for two days have diligently attended its sessions. Have heard a number of excellent speeches.

"Mr. C. W. Hodson was the only person present from Oregon, besides myself. He was on the resolutions

### DISCUSS METHODS FOR OPENING BOX

Draining of North Arm of Mill Slough Worries Port and Council Representatives

Three means for opening the drain box and to drain the north arm of Mill Slough were presented yesterday afternoon when A. H. Powers, representing the Port of Coos Bay, Carl Albrecht the city council, and D. L. Buckingham, city engineer. No definite plan was adopted and another meeting will be held on Thursday evening, when it is probable that a method will be accepted for presentation to the Port Commission and the City Council.

To use hydraulic means for opening the drain box is the scheme of A. H. Powers. He would use the fire engine and starting at low tide from the lower end of the box would work up, from manhole to manhole, making the opening a little at a time. Mr. Powers believes that the pressure of the water would be sufficient to sluice the dirt out of the box, thus opening it for the subsequent draining of the north arm of Mill Slough, according to the decree of the circuit court.

Would Open Ditch. That the entire box should be opened up, cleaned out and in that way repaired was the belief of Councilman Albrecht. In doing this he would be getting two birds with one stone. There is a permanent sewer proposed and with the ditch once opened Mr. Albrecht believes that the abutting property owners would later pay the cost for opening the ditch when the sewer is laid.

Would Use Bulkheads. City Engineer Buckingham advanced the plan of bulkheading all of the drain box that is not now filled up and in this way get the water started through so that it could sluice out all the debris. He expressed his belief that with an opening secured through the drain box that the water from above would be able to open the entire box.

### GOING APARTMENT BRINGS BIG SUM

Father of C. C. Going, of Marshfield, Sells Property for \$165,000 in Portland

The following from a Portland land paper will be of interest here, as the project was engineered by the father of C. C. Going of Marshfield and the site included is the old home-site of C. C. Going's grandfather:

R. F. Lytle, prominent timberman, yesterday purchased a \$165,000 Christmas present for Mrs. Lytle, and paid a war tax of \$100 on it. One stamp alone cost \$50.

The present is the Royal Arms Apartments, at the northeast corner of Nineteenth and Lovejoy streets. It was bought by Mr. Lytle from A. C. Going, R. F. Wasseil and D. B. McBride. The consideration was \$165,000, of which some \$55,000 or \$65,000 was paid in cash; \$50,000 in stock in the Lumbermen's National Bank and the balance in property—the palatial home of R. F. Lytle at East Twenty-second and Hancock streets, one of the show places of Irvington. Mrs. Lytle was a party to the transaction, but was not supposed to know the apartment comes to her as a Christmas present.

The Royal Arms Apartment was completed August 15 this year. It is a five-story handsome brick structure covering a site 190x100 feet. It occupies the historic Going home-site and contains 60 elaborately finished apartments.

The transaction by Mr. Lytle was one of two large realty deals. The other was the sale of the Nortonia Hotel property, on the southwest corner of Eleventh and Stark streets, by S. Morton Cohn to Charles R. Frazier, for approximately \$260,000. The Nortonia is a six-story building covering a site 100 feet square. Other Portland property figured as part payment in the transaction.

The committee, I on the nominating committee.

The congress was well attended, and adjourns tomorrow evening. We had Secretary Bryan with us yesterday and Champ Clark was the speaker of today.

It is expected that a fuller report will be received from Mr. Gilfrey, following the close of the session.

TO BUY RANDOLPH. The gasoline sloop Randolph is for sale. She is a staunch little craft—just such a boat as should be owned by the people of Port Orford. It would be a wise move on the part of the people of this place to organize a stock company and buy the boat.—Port Orford Tribune.

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### CHRISTMAS TREE FOR EASTSIDERS

Grammar Grades and Sunday Schools Unite in Celebration With Santa Claus

With the uniting of the Sunday schools of Eastside and the grammar grades the children are planning on the most elaborate and successful Christmas tree and exercise that they have ever held. The entertainment will be held in the basement of the Eastside school on Wednesday evening and a general invitation has been extended to everyone to attend.

Mrs. Thomas and Miss Franse, the teachers, are working hard drilling the children for their songs and dialogues, which they will present as part of the program.

The big tree is to be properly decorated and on it will be candy for all who are there, both young and old, according to the members of the committee who have the tree in charge. Mrs. W. Cavanaugh has charge of the decorations together with the young ladies of the schools.

Mrs. J. A. Swanson is chairman of the general committee and is being aided by Mrs. Jean Brown and Mrs. Elmer Vineyard, while Mr. Swanson will have charge of the purchasing.

### NEW INSURANCE RATES IN MONTH

Underwriters Declare New Schedule Book Will be Ready Soon

M. R. Colwell and L. N. Brainard returned this morning from the towns of the Coquille Valley, where they have been investigating the fire rates and today they visited in North Bend. They expect to remain here until Thursday, when they will leave for Portland on the Elder.

That there will be no report from the representatives of the Underwriters Equitable Association who were here last week, for at least six weeks, is the belief of the insurance men of the city. The first information to be received here relative to the raise or the lowering in insurance rates will be when the book of rates is received.

While here, the underwriters, Brainard and Colwell, made absolutely no comment on their work and refused to talk for publication. They made a strict examination of every district in the city and with their maps and charts marked out their report for the Portland office.

Building Inspector George W. Tribbey declares his belief that the men took into consideration the observance of the fire limits and the strict compliance of the builders and property owners with the wiring and other fire preventive ordinances. This, he declares, will aid materially in reducing rates. The fact that Marshfield has a new auto fire truck will also aid in making insurance cheaper on the owners of property.

On some of the business houses along Front street, according to Mr. Tribbey, the insurance has been as high as \$7.25 annually on each \$100 of property, a rate that is almost prohibitive.

According to the underwriters, the lower they can safely place the rate the better the insurance companies are pleased for the reason that low rates mean less fire risk, hence a safer investment. There are some owners who have complied with the proper regulations as they were instructed some time back and to these owners there will probably come a rebate after the fixing of the rates under the new book of schedules.

### MUNICIPAL TREE PLANS PROGRESS

More Than 100 Youngsters Coming—Baskets to be Made Up Wednesday

Provisions and supplies are being ing into the headquarters of the Episcopal Guild in great quantities and Wednesday afternoon the baskets are expected to be made up. Dr. E. V. Morrow, in the block, and there make up the baskets that will bring the Christmas cheer to those who otherwise would be without many necessities of life without any means of obtaining them.

Those who wish to help in the way are asked to leave their contributions in Dr. Morrow's office where there will always be one on hand to give information and to be in charge of whatever is brought in.

The committee in charge of the municipal Christmas tree will be held in the Guild Hall of the Episcopal Church on Christmas day and the young ladies of the church are progressing successfully in their work and already have more than 100 children who intend to the tree at seven o'clock Friday evening in automobile.

Members of the church have donated their machines for the purpose and also the automobile lines to Bunker Hill and have kindly offered their services.

More cases of families have been added to the list and the members of the committee are working every day in their efforts to see that all are supplied. Many of the families have been found to be destitute, many of them proper food and many more houses sadly lacking in fuel.

To them all it is the spirit of Christmas that will give good gifts and the committee hopes an urgent appeal to those who have plenty to share a little with the less fortunate bring in any clothes or provisions that may be spared. There are many homes in which the children are thankful for a gift.

Children's clothing will be especially handy, declares the committee, and the gifts fully received, for it is the most in many cases. Also provisions, a bottle of ketchup, instance, cakes, pies, etc., even a chicken or turkey, that will aid in making up for a family in need will be gratefully accepted if left at the office of the committee.

### FLOATER IS FOUND

Body of Frank Morsey Found in Upper Rogue River

GOLD BEACH, Dec. 21.—A body of an unknown man had been reached here by phone this morning of an unknown man had been found in the river at Gold Beach. The findings found the body and the opinion that it was that of Frank Morsey, who in company with Curtis was attempting to cross Gold Beach in a rowboat, after losing his life just yesterday in crossing the government bridge. The body was found in the river some two months, which was the time of the above mentioned incident.

### COOS COUNTY ASSESSORS

Assessor Thrift informed of the valuation of property for taxation in Coos county for the changes ordered by the Equalization have been made \$34,000. Last year it was \$34,792. The reduction this year compared with 1913 is \$452,000. This amount \$55,750 is accounted for by a reduction of the business property in Marshfield practically all the rest is due to lower valuation of timber and Coquille Sentinel.

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