

Newsy Briefs From All Over the County

BANDON WATER WORKS.

It being apparent that after lengthy correspondence with numerous bonding houses that no better bid could be obtained than that of the Bandon Water Company for the \$48,500 water bonds, an ordinance was passed at the council meeting accepting the bid of the water company and the city will take over the business the first of January, 1915.—Bandon World.

DISCOUNT WARRANTS.

The Bandon World says: It develops that the local banks for the present have all the city warrants that they can handle and are forced to refuse to take them longer, except at a discount.

At the council meeting last evening several city employes brought this difficulty to the notice of that body and after discussion City Attorney Trendgold was asked to draft an ordinance looking toward creating a special fund to care for current expenses, which will be reported at the next meeting.

It is stated that the difficulty in cashing warrants not only faces Bandon and other cities of Oregon, but also faces a number of counties. Coos county warrants, excepting a few special funds in which the cash is available, are being taken by the banks only at a discount and Curry county warrants are being discounted from 5 to 10 per cent.

NEPHEWS KILLED IN WAR.

A letter received by M. G. Pohl from a sister who is residing in Scotland, reveals the sad information that up to the latter part of October, two of his nephews are known to have been killed in the war and two more are unaccounted for, they either having been killed or taken prisoners. Mr. Pohl has more than a score of nephews and cousins in the war, all members of the German army.—Bandon World.

CUT MANY TIES.

The railroad tie cutting industry has grown to considerable proportions in Coos and northern Curry during the past year. Tie camps have been established along the Coquille River until now there are several hundred men employed in this work. At Port Orford, E. J. Loney has a crew of from 30 to 35 men at work in the woods, and several haulers expect to keep their teams going all winter. This force of men will be added to until there will probably be fifty at work in the near future. The teamsters only expect to make "feed" during the winter months, but the cutters average \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day. With the lumber market demoralized and work scarce in other lines, the tie cutting industry is a big help to this section of the coast.—Port Orford Tribune.

MEAN OLD THING.

A Norway girl told her chum that she didn't like the horse that her best fellow drove, for every time the fool heard a kiss he thought he was being urged to trot and the aforesaid fellow had to grab the lines with both hands.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

Times want ads will do it for you.

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Upper Coquille Valley As Told by The Enterprise.

A deal was closed this week whereby P. W. Laird purchased from C. C. Carter the quarter block at the corner of Fourth and Maple streets on which are located Dunn's tailor shop, Strong's implement house and the Enterprise office.

Engineer Ellerbeck of the C. B. & E. train service, was on a few days' layoff the end of last week and spent part of his vacation looking over the country and logging operations on the South Fork.

Dr. M. O. Stemmler and family moved into their new residence on East Spruce street last week. This is one of the most slightly and one of the most modern dwellings in town.

Mrs. W. S. Cooley went to Henryville last Monday to attend the closing exercises of the Henryville school which has been taught by her daughter, Miss Blanche DeArmond.

MAKE PRISONERS WORK.

The prisoners now confined in the county jail have been basking in the sun the last few days, digging out and burning three or four stumps which still remained in the court house square. Their work improved the appearance of the yard wonderfully.—Gold Beach Globe.

ROSEBURG RAILROAD.

Plan to Start Work on Line to Coos Bay Next Spring.

That work on the proposed railroad between Roseburg and Coos Bay for the initial unit which the city of Roseburg voted \$500,000 bonds last fall, will in all probability be commenced next spring is learned from statements made by Schiller Hermann, who was in the county this week. The Roseburg railroad committee will build about 15 miles with the money that will be available from the sale of the bond issue. It is also stated that the proposed line will be an electric road and that in time will be taken over by and made a part of the Oregon Electric between Portland and Coos Bay.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

PORT ORFORD FAMINE.

A scarcity of hay exists at Port Orford and several teams are not working that would otherwise be doing so. The Rustler brought a few hales on her last trip, but enough to materially relieve the situation. An effort is being made to get a considerable shipment direct from the city.—Port Orford Tribune.

WRESTLING IN CURRY.

A wrestling match between W. R. Coy of Euchre Creek and J. R. Stannard of Gold Beach, will take place in Gold Beach in the afternoon of Christmas Day, December 25.

The wrestling match at Langlois Christmas night between Lester White and Percy Zumwalt is creating considerable interest at this place.—Port Orford Tribune.

White pine and yellow pine are the woods most used for boxes, and each contributes more than a billion feet to the box industry annually.

REVIVAL IN CURRY.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of calling on many of the new settlers who have bought acreage tracts from the Wedderburn Trading Company on what is known as Saunders Creek bottom. We were agreeably surprised to find neat little lumber houses on all these tracts, and fencing and clearing going on in a business like way. The people who have settled on these places are all energetic, law-abiding citizens, which are good additions to Curry county. When we first knew this section it contained the largest school district in the county and the present indications are that history will repeat itself in this respect, and within a few years Jerry's Flat will once more become the largest rural school district within the county.—Gold Beach Globe.

NO GLOOMY NEWS

Censors Destroy Letters to Soldiers Telling of Despair at Home.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Dec. 22.—Only letters that are devoid of all gloomy news or utterances are permitted to reach the hands of French soldiers. This is in accord with an irrevocable rule of the military authorities. They also insist that all communications must be either unsealed, or written on postcards.

One family complained that it received letters from a son almost daily, but after a month of war he had not received a single word from home. Investigation showed that each of the letters written by the boy's mother contained such words as "desolation" and "despair." She was told that her son was seeing enough desolation at the front and did not need to hear about the despair at home. The style of the letters changed, and now they are arriving promptly.

Cold weather and the shipment of warm clothing and other comforts to the soldiers tended to delay the delivery of letters. The automobile club volunteered its services and hundreds of automobiles carried packages to the trenches, until the Germans became aware of the arrangement. They captured ten motor cars filled with packages of heavy underwear, jerseys, sweaters, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipes and cigarette lighters. Some food mothers sent preserves, cakes, cold chicken and pate-de-foie-gras. One package that met with an accident en route was found to contain even a bottle of perfume.

FIGHT ON SKIS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GENEVA, Dec. 22.—With the arrival of deep snow on the French-German frontier, especially in Alsace-Lorraine and the Vosges, the Alpine regiments on both sides are now fighting on skis. The Chasseurs Alpins, whose headquarters in peace time are at Champnix and Grenoble, are at home on skis and can travel long distances without fatigue. Last winter a whole regiment, fully equipped, climbed the Mont Blanc on skis, not a man falling out of the ranks.

The annual cut of British Columbia timber is approximately two billion feet. There are 420 mills and 790 logging camps in the province, employing about 60,000 men.

Industrial Review of the State

The Multnomah county tax levy for 1915 is 8.2 mills less than for 1914.

Lawyers are promoting the creation of the office of public defender for cities and counties.

Pendleton building improvements for 1914 total \$170,000.

The salaries and expenses of deputy game wardens totalled \$47,000 for this year.

A \$35,000 a year chain of employment agencies was proposed at the Eugene Commonwealth conference.

Douglas county will pay \$141,000 less taxes than in 1914.

Polk county has agreed to pay one-third of the cost of a \$225,000 steel bridge across the Willamette at Salem.

The Linn county tax levy is reduced three mills from last year.

Jackson county spent this year on good roads \$500,000. The Pacific highway cost \$325,000.

A coast representative of Libby, McNeil, & Libby has been in conference with business men at The Dalles to establish a cannery there.

A plant to manufacture veterinary remedies is to be established in Portland.

The Commonwealth Conference at Eugene last week endorsed consolidation of all state boards and commissions under a few heads.

Astoria's new buildings this season total \$125,000.

Negotiations are pending between the Baker Commercial Club and the Union Pacific Railway to establish in Baker two factories, one a wool-scouring plant and the other a furniture factory.

PEOPLES FORUM

The Coos Bay Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest, giving his or her address, and so far as possible limited to 250 words. In publishing these letters The Times does not endorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

DISAGREES WITH REPORT

Editor Times: I beg leave to disagree most heartily with my good friend, the chairman of the Social Service committee of the Fellowship Club, who makes the startling report that "there is little need for help here in solving the industrial problem. I can hardly understand the following statement credited to him in last night's issue: "Here it is far into December, and there has not been a single call for help." My own small experience would seem to contradict this. Either the good chairman was out, as the telephone girl is sometimes, when the calls are registered, or else it is another case of the ostrich hiding its head in the sand.

I quite agree with the desire of the committee not to have it advertised that this city is giving charity, for there might be no end to the streaming tide of the worthless and the shiftless that would drift our way in hope of getting something for nothing. I am glad that the following words formed a part of the report: "But we are more than willing to attend to any that do come in and at all times stand ready to do our best." Along with others who know of men needing work, will you allow me to send them to you, Mr. Chairman, that you may have occasion to correct the headlines: "Few Out of Work in City." Watch out, Mr. Chairman, they are coming your way.

HUMILIS CIVIS.

Five-cents-for-a-square-meal houses are being established in Portland. The Columbia Highway from Astoria to Pendleton is to be completed by July 1, 1915, says Major Bowby. Salem has an offer of a beet sugar industry upon supplying a sufficient acreage of beets and raising a subsidy of \$250,000.

The Sound Construction Company of Seattle was the successful bidder on the Medford Federal building.

The Elliot Contracting Company of Portland will build the Vancouver municipal jetty.

L. Dyingier, Roseburg, expects to show a set of furniture made of deer antlers worth \$5000 at the Panama Exposition.

L. J. Biron is planning to open a stone quarry four miles south of Brownsville.

The Empire Manufacturing Company of Spokane and the Pendleton Iron Works, have asked Pendleton citizens to subscribe for stock of a consolidated company planned to manufacture a rotary pump, iceless refrigerator, split wood pulley and other articles.

At Hillsboro twenty road districts of the county have levied special road taxes for rock ballasted roads to be built during the coming year.

A five-stamp mill is to start at once in the Gold Leaf mine, Bohemia district.

The Corvallis cannery is being reorganized with a larger capital.

At Albany H. P. White has invented a combination step ladder and ironing board that may be manufactured there.

Out of 90 members of the legislature, thirty-eight are lawyers.

OREGON GETS \$18,000

Coquille and Siuslaw to be Aided and Lifesaving Station Fixed

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—Representative Lafferty telegraphed to R. L. Merrick, his private secretary, in this city, announcing that the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce reported a bill appropriating \$18,000 for improvement of navigation and establishment of a lifesaving station on the Coquille and Siuslaw Rivers and that he had been designated to report a bill carrying \$12,000 for the lifesaving station which is to be located near the mouth of the Siuslaw River.

SHIPYARDS ARE BUSY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Dec. 22.—The various shipbuilding yards are now as busy as though there was no war.

The loss of many ships, due to being bottled up or sunk, made freight rates high, creating an increased demand for new tonnage as well as hastened repairs on old or captured craft. The repairing yards are full with orders, and new steamers are not being guaranteed for early delivery owing to pressure of work.

A suggestion has been made by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce advisory committee that some of the Austrian and German steamers now tied up in British harbors should be employed to relieve the present shortage of tonnage. Merchants, especially in the coal trade, are suffering inconvenience through this shortage, which was caused partly by their vessels being requisitioned by the government and by delays and congestion at foreign ports. It is said the Admiralty is seriously considering the proposal.

The town forest of Baden-Baden, Germany, yield an annual profit of \$5.25 per acre, or a total net profit of nearly \$67,500.

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