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NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

COME TO BAY

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Spalding, of Salem, were in Eugene yesterday on their way to Marshfield, where they will spend the holidays with relatives. Spalding is a member of the state industrial and accident commission and will move to this city following the holidays.—Eugene Register

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAS NEW HOME

C. P. Barnard returned to Roseburg yesterday afternoon. His new residence at the corner of Ninth avenue west and Lincoln street in Eugene is nearing completion and he expects to occupy it by the middle of next month. He will not move back here till after the first semester of the high school at Roseburg is finished. His daughter is a student in that institution.—Eugene Register.

MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSE FLORENCE MILL

Porter Brothers and Dutton May Not Operate Next Year

The Florence Pilot says:—Johnson Porter and H. P. Dutton when in Florence both said "that unless the bar conditions were better next year the mill will not operate." This company distributes many thousands of dollars in the port district, and if the Tide Water Mill Co.'s plant were to remain idle for a year or two, the whole Stuslaw would feel a direct financial loss, as well as resulting in the retarding development of the lumber industry several years, if not causing a radical change in the company's operations.

GLENADA PIONEER ILL

I. R. Johnson of Glenada is reported very low with no hopes of his recovery. His children have been notified of his illness and they are expected to reach here in a short time. Grandpa, as he was familiarly known, is 85 years of age and has been confined to the house for some time.—Florence Pilot

MERRY CHRISTMAS MASONRY AT FLORENCE

At their regular meeting Thursday night, Florence Lodge No. 107, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers to serve the coming year. C. H. Young, W. M.; Bert Williams, S. W.; John Holt, J. W.; R. S. Hinton, Secy.; Warner Walte, Treas. The following members were appointed to fill the following offices. Nell Grindall, S. D.; J. L. MacKechnie, J. D.; Thos. Stear, S. S.; J. H. Flint, J. S.; O. M. Baldwin.—Florence Pilot

MERRY CHRISTMAS TELEGRAPH TO FLORENCE

The Commercial Club has taken up the matter of a telegraph office here and will try to have the Western Union extend its wires to Florence.—Florence West.

HUNTER KILLS HORSE

A fine young horse three years old belonging to Nella Christensen, was killed a few days ago by a shot from somebody's rifle. The horse and his mate were kept in a pasture at Chris Husby's ranch on Fiddle Creek.—Florence Pilot

DETENTION CAMP AT QUEENSBERRY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHESTER, England, Dec. 24.—The concentration camp at Queensberry, ten miles from Chester, now contains more than 2200 aliens.

The camp is housed in a score of spacious factory buildings formerly occupied by a firm of boiler makers. The buildings set aside for dormitory purposes are divided into "wards," "blocks" and "bays." All the buildings are solidly built and the sleeping and living quarters are by no means crowded, the number of men in each ward being dictated by the cubic feet of air space, with due consideration for matters of light, ventilation and heating.

A central heating plant, formerly the factory power house, furnishes steam heat and hot water for all the buildings. There are wash houses with hot and cold showers at convenient points about the camp.

The men have shown considerable interest in decorating their rooms. Some of the wards, containing from four to ten men, are decorated in ships, or streets. Sign boards, painted in various colors, are placed in the corridors.

COOS COUNTY ACCIDENTS

Large Number Injured According to Last Report to State.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—No fatal accidents were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during last week from the several lines of industrial activity throughout Oregon. Forty-nine were injured, the railroad, lumbering and paper industries reporting the greatest share. Twelve were hurt in railroad work, ten in lumbering, and eleven in paper mills.

Following is the complete list of accidents reported from Coos County:

- W. M. Proe, North Bend, hand cut, teamster.
- Otto Holm, North Bend, arm bruised, lumber yard.
- M. Kunkle, North Bend, hand cut, sawmill.
- F. G. Taylor, Marshfield, leg sprained, sawmill.
- Charles Olson, East Side, finger and thumb cut, sawmill.
- W. E. Parks, Marshfield, finger part lost, shingle mill.
- James Cahill, Marshfield, finger bruised, lumber yard.
- F. Vitonen, Marshfield, three fingers burned, paper mill.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NOT COOS BAYS FIRST COLD SNAP

J. Tom Hall Remembers When People Walked Up Coos River on the Ice

When Jack Frost pranced and capered about yesterday morning, for all the world like a young sprite, and shoved the mercury down to 23 degrees above zero, not everyone on the Bay knew that he had been here long years ago and was much fiercer than in these days when Marshfield and North Bend are both called cities. J. Tom Hall, who has spent the greater part of his life on Coos Bay, declares he remembers a time when the thermometer played antics way down below the 17 degree above zero mark, when ice floated down the Bay and forced some of the river steamboats to tie up after one of them had been beached in a sinking condition up on Coos River.

It was back in either 1886 or 1887, says Mr. Hall, that Coos River, above the forks, froze over, and people walked up the middle of the river on the ice. The steamer Bertha ran into floating cakes of ice and tore a hole in her side.

Up Isthmus Inlet the stern-wheeler, "Little Anna," commanded by Capt. W. H. Dunham, who now lives in Coquille, attempted to navigate and was forced to tie up after having tried to break the ice by going up stream backwards, breaking the ice with her paddle wheel.

Over on the tide flats near East-side the ice formed in great cakes, declares Mr. Hall, and later broke up and came down the Bay, crashing against the docks on this side. The early morning trip of the steamboat to Empire had to be abandoned on account of the ice and later the snow-fall in Marshfield measured eight inches.

And then several years before this, in January of 1882, there was good skating ice. This was the first time in years that skating had been possible and Mr. Hall told of how there were only two pairs of skates in Empire at the time. They were owned by Sheddin Wilson, deceased, and David Morse, now dead, but whose wife is still living at Empire.

"We all used to go down to the ponds and build big bonfires and watch these men skate," laughed Mr. Hall. "We envied them. Later some of the people at Marshfield sharpened the edges of files, fastening them to a block of wood. These made pretty good skates."

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BIG RANCH DEAL

A. Welch, Railroad Builder, Gets Luse Property Near Sutherlin

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—According to the terms of a large realty transaction closed in Portland yesterday, through the agency of Mrs. J. Robbins, A. Welch purchased a well-equipped 1900-acre stock ranch located at Sutherlin, Douglas County, from J. P. Luse, of the Luse Land Company, of Sutherlin, at a valuation of \$95,000.

As a part payment for the ranch Mr. Welch tenders Mr. Luse title to his beautiful home at 406 East Twenty-fourth street and the half block on which this residence stands. This parcel is accepted by Mr. Luse at a valuation of \$45,000, the balance being paid in cash. Stock and implements now on the ranch are included in the purchase.

Earlier in the month a deal was closed at Roseburg whereby the Pacific Land Company, of which Mr. Welch is president, paid Mr. Luse \$90,000 for the 904-acre stock farm known as the Brown ranch, situated not far south of Sutherlin.

Mr. Welch for many years has been a prominent railroad man and landowner of Oregon. Besides being president of the Pacific Land Company, he is manager of the Washington-Oregon corporation with offices in Portland.

allowance. Thus, assuming the pay alleged imitation of familiar hotels, of a British infantry captain to be three dollars a day, the German officer of corresponding rank at Queensberry receives \$1.50 a day, plus rations.

The regulation ration of food daily in the camp is one and a half pounds of bread, half a pound of meat, two ounces of sugar, one ounce of coffee or half an ounce of tea, eight ounces of fresh vegetables, two ounces of lentil peas, one ounce of butter or margarine, table condiments, and one tin of condensed milk to every twenty men. Lentil soup is occasionally added as the first course of the midday meal. Trained cooks prepare all rations under the supervision of a chief steward.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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