

COOS BAY TIMES

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WANTED 1000 TEACHERS.

HAT there will be a dearth of teachers in Oregon next year is predicted by State Superintendent Churchill. He states that Oregon needs 1000 new teachers each year and the present little normal school is unable to supply one-tenth of that number.

It is a serious problem that confronts the state. It is problem that goes to the very root of our school system. We spend millions of dollars on our public schools and yet fail to provide anything like a sufficient number of trained teachers.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

THE TIMES heartily agrees with the city manager of Springfield, Ohio, where the managerial plan of government is meeting with great success, when he says:

"The failure of city government is largely due, not so much to the men who are elected to office, but to the tools or instruments of government with which they have to work. Managing a city is similar to managing a big business. Responsibility is fixed."

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

Merry Christmas hear them say As the east is growing lighter, May the joy of Christmas Day Make your whole year gladder, brighter.

LINES TO A CHRISTMAS TURKEY

There, little bird, don't cry! They'll cut off your head, I know, And the strutting ways Of your barnyard days

There, little bird, don't cry! They'll eat you—you bet I know— And the drumstick fat And the like of that

Some Coos people seem to think that other people have a right to their opinions—if they are the same as theirs.

A 20 pound baby can boss a Coos Bay woman, but a 200 pound man can't do it.

Most girls who paint are better they are painted, but the world hasn't time to scrape off the enamel and make an investigation.

We admire a self made man who does not boast of his job. The female of the species never buttons anything she can pin.

MADE CLEAR.

"Shall I buy you a horse and cart?" Asked dad of little Lew. "A horse and cart? Oh, certainly—I don't care if you do!"

You may think that you are as young as you ever were; but others—ah, so often others do not agree with you.

It is pitiful to see a well-behaved old man bustling around to help his wayward son out of difficulty.

The best way to prepare for trouble is to save your money. When a woman urges a guest to stay longer, she never means more than half of it.

When a free horse comes along, how people climb on! And don't you feel a little like climbing on yourself?

If you annoy anyone unnecessarily, you are mean; that's the long and short of it.

If you can't do anything about it, don't talk about it.

A farmer was eating dinner in a restaurant. "Give me a little more

chicken," he said to the waiter, "to make my bread come out even."

The facts are that a man may breathe properly, eat properly, sleep properly and obey all the rules of sanitation, and then die of old age at 70 to 74.

If a girl marries and does poorly, all the other girls are discouraged for months.

A crowd of people can find amusement in looking at each other and making remarks.

A gift in the stocking is worth two to the store.

WHAT'S THE USE?

Man toils at his appointed task till hair is gray and teeth are loose, and pauses now and then to ask, in tones despondent, "What's the use?" We have distempers of the mind, when we are tired and sorely tried; we'd like to quit the beastly grind, and let the tail go with the hide.

No comfort theirs till in the cell that has a clammy earthen lid; yet some of them deserve as well of Fortune as we ever did. And having seen the hungry throng, if we're good sports we cease to sigh; we go to work with cheery song, and make the fur and feathers fly.—Walt Mason.

A CRY FOR BREAD.

A subscriber of The Times sends in the following in answer to Dr. Jessen's poem printed in a recent issue of this paper:

1. A cry is coming across the Main, Listen, brothers, it is for you; What will you answer them back again?

2. Question not, is it Russe, or Gaul, Saxon, Teuton—just this we know: We are blood of them one and all, And hunger is hunger, and wood is wood.

3. Louder and louder the cry has come, Give us, brothers, a little bread; God of Mercy! and are we dumb Not to answer, "You shall be fed?"

4. Mothers, orphans—beside their dead— Children as sweet as your very own; Kneeling just for a bite of bread, Answer quick—do you give a stone?

5. Cries for pity across the earth, Cries to only be helped to live; Ye who never have known of dearth, Give the thing that you have to give.

6. Here no question of Wrong or Right, Blazing cannon or bursting guns, Legions lost in the bloody fight, Our's to rescue these starving ones.

7. Ours to act ere the thing be done, Black and sure is the hand of fate; Death and famine—they have begun— Brothers, act ere it be too late.

8. Hearts of Mercy, it calls to you, Act ere the trigger of fate may fall; Do the thing that your heart would do, Answering, Lord, we have heard the call.

FOUND LOST RING.

Mrs. M. W. McCormac of Riverton is in the city today. She was wearing a gold ring which she had recovered after it had lain in the ground for twelve years. It was found in the garden, where it had evidently slipped from her finger through being too large. The ground had been cultivated every season, but this summer the ring found its way to the surface under the eye of a boy who was working the garden.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the employees of the C. A. Smith mill who showed such a generous spirit in their Christmas remembrance to us in a time of adversity. It is difficult for us to express the appreciation that we feel but it will always be remembered and reciprocated when opportunity offers.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. ROURKE.

COOS BAY TIMES WAR MAPS, TEN CENTS BUY AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE WAR MAP WHILE THE SUPPLY LASTS They Are Going Fast

CHRISTMAS IS A MERRY ONE

THURSDAY WAS BIGGEST SHOPPING DAY FOR MANY LOCAL FIRMS—MANY PRESENTS WERE BOUGHT, BUT NOT AS EXPENSIVE AS IN PAST.

Christmas has come and gone and all in all proved one of the best that Coos Bay has had for many a day. It has been a long time since so many spent the holiday in Marshfield, the majority of them coming from the new Smith-Powers camps beyond Myrtle Point.

Thursday was one of the biggest shopping days Marshfield merchants have known in a long time. One Marshfield confectioner and a Marshfield clothing drygoods man said that Thursday was the biggest day's business they had done in eight years.

There was little or no trouble, everybody having a good natured time. Charity Aids All.

The few poor families on the Bay were amply provided for, some getting aid from several organizations that took steps to see that there was no gloom in any home on Christmas Day.

On orders from Fred K. Gettins, the Palace Cafe served free dinners to a number who were not able to buy their own Christmas meal. Mr. Gettins acted for a bunch of good fellows and besides this sent food and necessities to several homes.

Messrs. Brice and Ladd took a large donation of food and provisions furnished by Mr. Gettins' good fellows, to a home four miles beyond Cooston, having to carry it on their backs part of the way.

Dr. Bartle looked after four families in North Bend for the same bunch of good fellows.

GERMANY PLANNED SWEDISH BUFFER

Scandinavian Union Was Offered Enlarged Territory For Assistance

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 26.—The recent conference at Malmo, Sweden, of the Scandinavian kings and a visit which King Gustav is said to have made to Berlin previously, constitute a subject of much interest in Russia.

It is recalled that Professor Ostwald went to Sweden on a semi-official German mission, at which time he proposed such a Scandinavian union, similar to the German empire, in which Sweden would occupy a position analogous to Prussia in Germany, promising, it is said, that if such a union were realized Germany would contribute Finland, Estonia, Livonia and part of Courland.

Russia Favors Union. A Russian diplomat, discussing this plan, said:

"Excluding our provinces, which Germany never will be able to offer the union, Russia favors such a Scandinavian union, although, apparently, Germany is inspired in accordance with her aim to create several buffer states before herself and Russia. A strong united Scandinavia would weaken German influence on the Baltic."

"We do not believe that Sweden wants our provinces or that the Finlanders, Ethonians or Letts desire to join the Scandinavian union. Therefore the German figures of 25,000,000 should be reduced to 12,500,000, which is the present population of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, adding perhaps, Schleswig-Holstein, which Germany, if defeated, probably would be forced to return to Denmark. The immediate aim of the union would be to fortify neutrality."

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany proposed that Sweden should help her in the war, offering as compensation the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Finland.

"As Sweden did not deign to reply," the correspondent adds, "Germany intimated that if Sweden refused the offer, Germany, at the peace

PLAN TO PUMP OUT BOX DRAIN

Propose System to Overcome Delay Caused by High Tides Near Mill Slough Mouth

If the Mill Slough Drain box is found in such condition that it can be repaired and sluiced out by the new city fire engine, it is probable that an electric pump will be installed near the mouth of the box to pump out the water from it into the bay during the time that high tides prevent the box from emptying into the Bay.

If it is decided to sluice out the present drain, manholes will have to be put in every block. Just how the drain in the north arm of Mill Slough will be taken care of has not been decided.

Referred to Three. Fred K. Gettins, by special request, met with the committee. Finally the matter was referred to Messrs. Gettins, Buckingham and Charlston for an investigation.

One of the items entering into the matter is that of expense. If the box can be sluiced out, the expense can probably be kept down to \$1000 or thereabouts, while the other project would mean the expenditure of several thousand.

WOOD FLOUR FROM SAWDUST WASTE

WOOD WASTE TO BE GROUND INTO FLOUR FOR MAKING DYNAMITE—WORTH \$12 TO \$13 PER TON.

In its efforts to attain complete utilization of our forest resources, the Federal government has been making inquiries into the possibilities of manufacturing wood flour from sawdust waste.

The flour in question is not the kind which is converted into fluffy biscuits or flaky pastry, nor is it a substitute for corn meal, although it looks somewhat like it. This wood flour is made by grinding dry sawdust or small wood waste (that of pine or spruce is excellent for the purpose) in a cheap mill, similar to the kind in which corn and rye are ground.

This flour is used in making dynamite, and acts as the absorbent for the nitro-glycerine. Dynamite made with wood flour as one of its ingredients is somewhat inferior to that made with infusorial earth, but it is cheaper. The use of wood flour in the manufacture of dynamite, however, is but a minor use of the product.

The manufacture of wood flour is already an extensive industry in Europe. Norway has been manufacturing it for years, and exports thousands of tons. Germany also is a large manufacturer. England and France are extensive buyers.

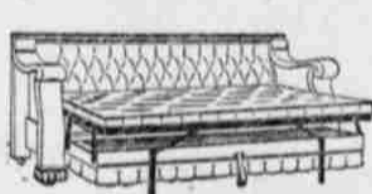
conference after the war, would let Russia take Sweden as compensation for Poland. "This threat was similarly ignored, and then Germany began to irritate Sweden by stopping her wood export. "These were incidents leading up to the conference."

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