

BIG INCREASE IN SHERIFF'S WORK

Figures Show Marked Increase in Number of Criminals in Coos County

Sheriff Alfred Johnson, Jr., who came over from Coquille last evening on business, said that while casually going over the office records he had jotted down a few figures showing that Representative C. E. Barton, who had just introduced a bill to reduce the salary of the Coos county sheriff, evidently did not realize the increase in business handled by the office. The following figures show the number of prisoners which were confined in the county jail each year for the past fifteen years:

Year	No. Prisoners
1900	8
1901	7
1902	9
1903	10
1904	10
1905	14
1906	20
1907	15
1908	22
1909	37
1910	29
1911	30
1912	60
1913	97

In January, 1915, last month, the total number of prisoners in the county jail was seventeen, or more than had been confined in the period of twelve months a few years ago. At present there are thirteen prisoners in the county jail and there is a likelihood that at least five more will be added to the list before the month is over.

Besides the increase in the criminal business, the new prohibition law which becomes effective next January will increase the work of the sheriff's office over 100 per cent.

RECORD OF PUGILISTS

Comparison of Ring Accomplishments of Jack Johnson and Jess Willard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A comparison of the ring records of Jack Johnson and Jess Willard who are scheduled to meet in battle in Mexico for the world's heavyweight championship March 6 shows the marked advantage of the title holder over the challenger in actual glove campaigning. Johnson began his pugilistic career in 1901 and since that year has figured in 78 bouts for a total of 696 rounds. During this stretch of years the negro has won 25 contests by knockouts and 27 by decisions. He also participated in 12 no-decision matches and seven draw bouts.

Willard in his four years in the ring has met 29 opponents, these battles totaling 205 rounds. His records include 17 victories by knockouts and five by decision. Three no-decision, one draw, one bout lost on a foul and two by being out-pointed, complete Willard's ring figures. According to these tabulations Willard's percentage of victories is .758 to Johnson's .692 and his percentage of knockouts .586 to the champion's .329.

In the class of opponents met, however, Johnson has decidedly the better record. Because of his lengthy ring career, the names of a majority of the leading heavyweights of the past ten years are found linked with his in the annals of the sport. Almost without exception, these same pugilists have been defeated or had retired from active boxing circles before the advent of Willard. His principal bouts have been against other white hopes who have sprung into prominence within the past two or three years. Against these men Willard's work has been mediocre. He fought ten round no-decision bouts with Arthur Pelky and Luther McCarty in New York City; lost a 20-round bout on points to Gunboat Smith in San Francisco, and out-pointed Carl Morris in a ten-round match in New York.

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ORIGIN OF JITNEY IS BEING SOUGHT

Many Question Source of Word That May Add Itself to Dictionary

Jitneys for Marshfield—cars that will run into the outlying portions of the city, gather up the busy housewife for early morning shopping tours, take the tired business man home at noon and in the evening, and even the patrons of society to "pink teas," may become a certainty. Prospective line establishments have figured long columns on paper and now declare that such service could be established at a profit.

Faster than a craze or a fad has the jitney service extended to the cities of the coast and with the coming of these busy little machines that impudently compete with the big electric cars have come the questions: "What is a jitney? Where did the word start? and What does it mean?"

The following are several plausible sources:

Was it a driver of some teak-planting, sweat-soaked elephant along the muddy banks of a Burmah stream in the dim long ago who invented the first jitney when he slapped a howdah on the back of his beast of burden and turned the remnant of a prehistoric race of mammals into a carrier of humans?

Was it in the clinging heat of a day in Hindustan that the tan-colored "chauffeur" collected his rupees and invented the word "jitna" or "jitni," which means in the language of the land of Bengal and Calcutta "so much" or "as much as"?

Etymologists in seeking the meaning of a word seek its root and its origin, and of the many explanations given for this comparatively new word in the English language, the one that it sprung from the Hindustani seems the most logical.

Twenty years ago it is said, the word first came into use in London, when the Indian troops were first returning from the far-off branch of the English empire. How it came into usage is problematical, but it did, and those who know say the first jitney bus ran on Piccadilly and around Trafalgar Square.

The word "jit" also appears in the language of the Hindus, and its meaning is to win, or victory, an explanation which a wag made use of by suggesting that the jitneys and the street-car companies in India must have had a warfare of their own.

WHITE CEDAR TO BRING HIGH PRICE

English Ship Builders Get Special Dimension Material From Coos County

That J. V. Smeaton, formerly general manager of the C. A. Smith Company, had the possibilities of Port Orford cedar sized up correctly is being demonstrated rapidly now. Within a short time, the last of a special order for 100,000 feet of clear White Cedar extra length and special dimension will be shipped to England from here. It is reported that some of it will sell as high as \$125 per thousand, the quality and special sizes bringing a higher price than usual.

In the white cedar now being cut in the southern part of the county, the quality is much superior to that hitherto taken out. It is said that about 25 per cent of it is running the highest quality clear.

The export order for England is understood to be for ship-building purposes. Mr. Smeaton made the first shipment of it to England to be used in the construction of Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht.

Parties who have investigated the white cedar are now agreeing with the claims put forth by Mr. Smeaton in its behalf. They claim that it will not only last much longer than the best grades of other woods, but is much stronger and less liable to split. This means that the poorer grades of it even will have a higher value even for wharf planking than the best grades of fir.

POSTAL SAVINGS IN MARSHFIELD

Deposits Increase More Than Twenty Five Per Cent Last Year

The Marshfield postal savings bank made a substantial increase in both the amount of deposits and number of depositors last year. This showing is in keeping with the entire country and the ratio of increase was proportionately large. The following official statement issued by Postmaster Curtis gives the exact figures:

Balance on Deposit January 1st, 1914 \$31,574.00
Number of active depositors 204
Balance on deposit January 1st, 1915 \$41,283.00
Number of active depositors 249

Bonds to the amount of \$2000.00 have been applied for by depositors to be issued under date of January 1st, 1915.

It will be seen that the average of more than \$170 to each Marshfield depositor is more than \$50 higher than the average for the entire country, the average all over the United States being only \$119.

Since the European war began total deposits in the postal savings banks have increased at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month and more than 100,000 people have been added to the lists of depositors.

During the fiscal year ended June 30 last postal deposits increased about \$9,600,000, while during the six months ended January 1 last the deposits increased \$15,750,000, the European war doubling the rate of increase. The present year opened with approximately \$59,200,000 on deposit in postal banks to the credit of 497,000 people, an average of \$119 for each depositor.

Large Share in Chicago.
Of the total funds on deposit, \$3,187,875 was held in the Chicago post-office and nearly one-third of the deposits were held in the Chicago, New York, Brooklyn, Boston, San Francisco and Portland, Ore., postoffices. New York led with \$9,486,538 on deposit.

Since the postal savings bank system was established \$5,508,060 has been withdrawn by depositors for investment in postal savings bonds.

For forty-three months postal savings accumulated at the rate of about a million dollars a month. Then, when Europe's paralyzing conflict broke out withdrawals fell off and thousands of strange faces appeared at postoffices to intrust their savings to Uncle Sam. Hence the August figures showed a net gain in deposits of four millions—four times the average gain; September and October rolled up over three and one-half millions each and while November and December felt the usual holiday drains, these months nevertheless show more than twice the normal receipts or about two millions each.

Diverted to Business.
At a time of grave financial stress a vast sum of cash which would have gone abroad or would have remained in hiding, reached the postal banks and was diverted thence into business channels. These facts are regarded by postal authorities as eloquent argument in behalf of the legislation now pending which modifies the existing limitations on the amount that may be accepted by postmasters from depositors. In all the large cities would-be depositors have been turned away in the last few months because they offered larger amounts than the law permitted postmasters to accept. If the restriction limiting to \$100 the deposit which may be made in a single month is removed and if the maximum interest bearing deposit be increased from \$500 to \$1000 as proposed in the pending legislation, the business public will reap a still larger benefit from the operations of the postal banks.

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News of Near-by Towns

WILL NOT BUY DREDGE

Portland Port Commissioners Decide Dredge Too Expensive (Special to The Times.)
BANDON, Or., Feb. 11.—The Port of Bandon Commission at a meeting here practically decided to reject the offer of the Port of Portland to sell them the old dredge Portland, Commissioners Rosa and Hanly reported that it would cost about \$15,000 to overhaul it and \$2500 more for insurance and towage to bring it here. The dredge is seventeen years old. Mr. Hanly said that the upkeep of the dredge would be about \$10,000 per year whether she worked or not and consequently they did not favor buying it.

R. E. Miller, of the dredge Seattle, now operating on Coos Bay, was present, and talked the matter over and agreed to submit a written bid on the dredging. Bids will also be asked from other dredge companies.

PROSPER HAS FIRE SCARE

Destruction of Small House Endangered Sudden & Christensen Mill at Prosper

A fire destroying a small residence near the Prosper mill caused quite a stir in Bandon, as it was at first reported the mill itself was on fire. Shortly before eight o'clock in the evening it was telephoned down that the mill was on fire and that help was needed. The alarm was at once turned in and hose loaded aboard the tug Klyham, which was preparing to go up the river when word came that it was a small blaze, a dwelling house and that the danger was over. The Prosper mill is the only mill on the river that is working and its destruction would work a decided hardship on the little town as well as on the surrounding community. It employs about 30 men and turns out from fifty to sixty thousand feet of lumber per day.—Bandon Recorder.

PORT ORFORD WHARF LOST

Bad Storm Destroys Improvement Causing Heavy Loss to E. J. Loney
Word has reached this city that the dock at Port Orford was completely washed out Sunday night, by the heavy breakers resulting from the storm. The heaviest loser was E. J. Loney who had three thousand ties stacked on the dock. With a valuation of at least 50 cents a tie, Mr. Loney's loss would mount up to \$1500 or more.

ALLEY UNDER ARREST

Former Roseburg Man Well Known on Coos Bay Charged with Non-Support.
The Roseburg Review says: Sheriff George Quine left here last evening for Portland in quest of F. E. Alley, who was arrested there late yesterday by Sheriff Hurlbert, of Multnomah county, on a charge of non-support.

The warrant for Mr. Alley's arrest was issued several weeks ago, but service of the same was delayed following his promise to contribute a certain sum monthly toward the support of his family. When Mr. Alley failed to make good his promise, Sheriff Quine sent word to the Portland officials to take him into custody. He was arrested there yesterday afternoon and was later released on bonds pending the arrival of Sheriff Quine from Roseburg.

SUMMER NEWS

(Special to The Times.)
SUMNER, Or., Feb. 9.—A fine card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norton Saturday evening, February 6. The evening was spent in playing cards of different games. A fine lunch was served about 11:30. After lunch a 500 club was organized, which will meet every two weeks. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Motley, Miss Bethel Stock, Fred and Roland Stock, Miss Oille Richards, Jay Richards, Geo. and Ella Selander, George Oberst, Gene and John Stadden, Delmar Dyer, Dode Faucet, Terry Moody, Jesse Morton and the host and hostess.

The Sumner Orchestra will play for a dance to be given at McKinley February 20.

The Sumner Orchestra held a business meeting Saturday, February 6 and voted on the application of Gene Stadden to become a member of the Orchestra. He was elected a member by unanimous vote.

BUILD NEW CREAMERY

C. E. Broadbent Erecting Fine Plant Near Myrtle Point. (Special to Coos Bay Times.)
MYRTLE POINT, Or., Feb. 10.—Contractor Tom Dixon, of Myrtle Point, with a crew of eight, is busy constructing a new creamery building for Chas. Broadbent at Herman's Corner, six miles above Myrtle Point. The building is to be 70x30 feet over all, with cement floors and fitted out with such equipment as is necessary for a first-class creamery. When completed and ready for operation, which will be about March 15, it will represent a \$2000 outlay. The country adjacent to the creamery is well populated with fine dairy farms and the location of the new building is ideal, being at the crossing of two county roads and adjacent to the Smith-Powers logging road.

GUESTS AT FLORENCE.

(Special to The Times.)
FLORENCE, Or., Feb. 10.—Those registering at the Bay View Hotel for Coos Bay points Friday night were E. J. Henchy, C. W. Mead, E. H. Mowrie, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church South, of Portland; H. B. DeLacy, of Spokane; Dr. Pratt of Gardiner and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ren of Tillamook.

The through stage from Coos Bay Saturday morning made every effort to connect with the train at Mapleton and lost out by a few moments.

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