

SOUTH INLET IS CHANGING COURSE

COUNTY COURT TAKES TRIP OF INVESTIGATION; BELIEVE PILING IS NECESSARY FOR RELIEF.

Shifting of the current in South Inlet, sending the main stream of the Inlet away from the drawbridge is a grave danger to the shipping and to the structure, according to the County Commissioners who came over from Coquille last evening and left this morning down the bay for an investigation.

The repair of the long bridge across the Inlet was authorized some time ago by the County Court, though at the time the change in the stream's course was not noticed. Piling will probably be driven some distance away and extending up the channel from the bridge as a means of diverting the water back again into its proper course.

Road supervisors will immediately go to work repairing the road between here and South Inlet in the spots where the mud holes have made traffic heavy, said Commissioner Armstrong, and he believes in but a short time the highway through to South Inlet will be in good shape for machines.

Night Service Soon.

Night ferry service to and from Eastside within the next ten days is the prophecy of the Commissioners, who have been looking over the gasoline boats Escort and Signal. When the Escort was suggested many declared the boat to be too small for the purpose. "I think the boat is big enough," said Mr. Armstrong. "It will carry about 50 passengers and can make trips as often as necessary." He suggested that the boat run from early in the evening up until about 11:30 making both way trips about every 30 or 40 minutes.

To Advertise for Bids.

Bids for the making of the township line road out of Bandon and South toward the Curry County line are ready to be advertised for, say the commissioners. This project will entail an expenditure of approximately \$8000 and is the end of the road dispute that caused much trouble in Bandon.

Frosty Grass Causes Loss.

Frosty grass, believes Commissioner W. T. Dement, of Myrtle Point, has been the cause of much trouble among the dairy herds in his vicinity that has caused the death of unborn calves.

Between 15 and 25 per cent have been lost among the herds, he stated, the greatest loss experienced there in years, though not all of the dairymen have had this trouble among their cows. The diagnosis regarding the dairy animals was made by Dr. John T. Masson, of Myrtle Point.

No longer does the Coos County Court hold the distinction of being the heaviest County Court in the state. With the annexation of Judge James Watson, the weight average has been reduced about 50 pounds, according to G. J. Armstrong, Judge Watson declares, however, that he is the best A-1 marrying judge the county has had in years and that he can perform the ceremony in record time.

Road-master Question Still.

On Monday the County Probate Court will be in session again at Coquille and on Wednesday the Commissioners meet again and at this session the question of County roadmaster will probably be settled definitely. Some time ago action was deferred until the April term, but the matter may be brought up earlier.

One of the things looked into was the Marshfield-North Bend-Empire Boulevard. This was adopted as a county road last December and it is planned to open part of this year. There are not sufficient funds to complete it this year but they will probably open about 4,000 feet of it. The road connects up Eleventh street in Marshfield with Sherman Avenue in North Bend and on West with the Empire-North Bend road.

Coquille Road Work.

The commissioners will also soon determine what improvements will be made this season in the Coos Bay-Coquille road. A number of grades and curves will be reduced or eliminated.

They are considering a project for extending the dredged channel in Willanah Inlet to the present county landing.

Busy on Plans.

P. M. Hall-Lewis, county roadmaster, who came over with the commissioners is very busy on the plans and specifications for the large amount of road work to be done this season. There are ten special improvements in districts where special taxes are levied in addition to those in twenty-four districts where the apportionment exceeds...

GRADING ALMOST DONE AT TEN MILE

Steam Shovel Work Will be Complete Within Few Days—Progress on Tunnels

Hauser & Hauser have about completed the grading on the Coos Bay-Eugene line from the bay to Ten Mile. One of their steam shovel outfits finished work this week and the last one will complete some sand work within a few days. With the grading done, there only remains the work on two tunnels and some trestle work to have everything in readiness for the bridge construction and the laying of steel.

Kenneth Hauser, who was in Marshfield yesterday, said that the smaller tunnel near Ten Mile would probably require two months to complete it. The balance of the big Schofield tunnel, which Hauser & Hauser are boring from the south end will probably take between three and four months to complete. He said that there was no great rush about the work.

Mr. Hauser says the reports about his company having a contract south of Coos Bay is not correct. He says that there was talk of the Southern Pacific starting work on the Coos Bay-Eugene section of the coast line as soon as the Coos Bay-Eugene section was done, but that the European war caused it to be indefinitely postponed. They were in hopes of having it started so that the equipment being used north of Coos Bay could be used south of here, thus saving a long haul of machinery.

C. G. Johnson and M. Welch, who have been looking after some of the Hauser & Hauser work, left today for Seattle. Engineer V. G. Hindmarsh and Thomas Dixon left yesterday afternoon for the north.

ENTITLED TO DOUBT.

Here's a story that Frank Horton is telling, but he says it was not a Central avenue grocery store where it happened.

One afternoon a man rambled into the grocery store and in about two minutes his fine \$7 trousers had wiped up a quantity of fresh paint.

"It's your own fault!" unsympathetically declared the groceryman. "Didn't you see that sign, 'Fresh Paint'?"

"Yes, of course I did!" was the peevish response of the other. "But I didn't believe it!"

"Didn't believe it!" said the groceryman with a puzzled expression. "Was there any reason why you shouldn't have believed it?"

"Yes," quickly responded the man. "There isn't a day that I don't come in this store and see something marked 'Fresh' that isn't fresh."

ELDER IN EARLY FROM TRIP SOUTH

ARRIVES IN BAY AFTER QUICK TRIP FROM EUREKA—BACK ON SCHEDULE TIME NEXT MONDAY.

Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning the George W. Elder poked her nose into the upper bay from Eureka and at eight o'clock she left out again for Portland. From the south she brought seven passengers for Coos Bay and left out with 38 from here for Portland. The Elder will leave Portland at nine o'clock on Sunday morning, according to her agents, on schedule time.

Those who arrived from Eureka were: E. Carlson, Mrs. E. Carlson, P. McTaggart, Robert Macgenn, Jas. Frazer, H. A. Graham, W. R. Brice. The passengers going north were: James Lynch, H. L. Brinker, A. C. Kinley, Miss F. Fatcher, Mrs. R. Von Shipman, Mrs. W. T. Hodson, Mrs. W. I. Harvey, Paul Johnson, Virginia Johnson, John N. Ryan, F. H. Page, R. G. Hill, Mrs. C. N. Conner, Violet Gibney, Marie Gibney, J. M. Gibney, J. Ritanis, Keris Sergis, J. R. Lacey, J. M. Rimmer, I. B. Alken, J. E. Stice, Martin Anderson, Mrs. C. J. Schmidt, C. D. Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Planalp, C. B. Planalp, L. A. Savage, Kenneth Whan, Mrs. M. E. Everett, Mrs. A. E. Whan, Russel Planalp, Ralph Planalp, W. H. Roberts, Howard Lamine, Herman Ross.

WATERFRONT NEWS

At an early hour yesterday the Breakwater crossed in after a quick trip from Portland. She will leave out Saturday morning for the north again.

Tomorrow morning at eight o'clock the Elder is due to arrive from Eureka, according to the agents, and she will leave at one o'clock for Portland.

Tomorrow morning the Nann Smith is scheduled to leave out of San Francisco and will probably arrive on Coos Bay some time Monday.

The Redondo, according to her agents, will leave San Francisco next Wednesday, arriving here on Friday.

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Bound for Portland the Breakwater is expected to leave tomorrow morning at eight a. m.

LEGAL LOVE LETTERS

A Marshfield young lady who carries on a correspondence with a young lawyer, says his letters are very nice but often bear evidence of his profession. He says she has beautiful eyes and is constantly alluding to what he calls "the aforesaid eyes, orbs or visual organs."

MORE PROTECTION IN CASE OF FIRE

Rope Ladders Ordered for The Chandler—Women and Fire Department Act

As a result of the general insistence on better fire protection on public buildings, The Chandler hotel, probably the most nearly fireproof building on Coos Bay, is to have additional fire escapes provided at once.

Col. Grimes, one of the builders of The Chandler, announced today that safety devices had been ordered for each floor in the hotel. Each room on the second floor will be provided with a rope ladder. The rooms on the third, fourth and fifth will be provided with a safety rope pulley device whereby persons can lower themselves to the ground without danger.

One of the latest contrivances was purchased by Dr. Goe. E. Dix last year and installed in his room in the Chandler last year. This will be used tomorrow in a demonstration, for the Women's Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce, which has taken up the better fire protection and safety crusade. It will be held at 3 o'clock.

Fire Chief Keating announced today that he would have members of the Department assist in the demonstration tomorrow. Mr. Keating said that the Fire Department members were heartily in favor of the movement and would cooperate in every way possible.

It is likely that the movement for greater safety will be extended until every building in Marshfield and probably on Coos Bay is arranged so as to reduce the danger of loss of life in fires to the minimum.

COUNTY COURT DISTRICT

One of the last acts of the Legislature before adjourning at Salem last Saturday night was that of creating a number of judicial districts. Under the provisions of the bill there is created the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth districts, Lane, Lincoln and Benton Counties comprise the Fifteenth; Coos the Sixteenth; Josephine and Curry, the Seventeenth, and Douglas, the Second district. Six counties heretofore comprised the Second district.

Since the creation of the third judgeship in this district when Judge Coke was appointed to assist Judges Harris and Hamilton, Coos and Curry have been considered one district, which Judge Coke handled. However, in considering a change in the districts, the Legislature found that Coos County had more population than Curry and Josephine Counties combined and probably twice the court business. Judge Coke has been handling the heavy volume of business and the new arrangement will relieve him considerably and wins the hearty approval of all attorneys and others familiar with court work.

New Spring Street Dresses

Display of beautiful new Dresses comprising both novel and conservative effects for early shoppers. New flare effects, new circular styles and dainty Empire models in the latest silk and fabric—and in all the very newest colors.

Priced at \$8.50 \$10.50 \$12.50 and \$15.00

Special Showing

New Spring Suits and Coats

for women and girls in all the newest shades and materials.

SUITS—\$18.00 \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00
COATS—\$7.50, \$10.75, \$12.50 and \$15.00.

New Spring Dress Skirts

The second shipment of these beautiful new Skirts arrived yesterday. That these skirts have found favor in the eyes of women is evidenced by the fact that our first shipment of 50 Skirts received two weeks ago is almost entirely sold. See this splendid new shipment at

\$5.00, \$6.85, \$7.50 and \$10.50.

Spend part of your afternoon at HUB DRY GOODS CO. See the beautiful new garments. They are here for you. You will not be urged to buy.

Hub Dry Goods Co.

"Smart Wear for Women"

Corner Central Avenue and Broadway. Phone 361

BASKET BALL GAME TO TELL LEAGUE PENNANT

Myrtle Point Comes Today to Do Battle With Marshfield High School.

With but three more games in the county league remaining unplayed and with three teams practically all of the same standing for the championship, the game of this evening with the Myrtle Point quintet assumes more than usual interest.

Coquille, Bandon and Marshfield last week were all three tied for first place, rating .566 in the percentage column. Each team had three games remaining. Of this number Marshfield has two here on her home floor, a fact that has made the proteges of Coach Nilas quite jubilant.

Myrtle Point has assumed the offensive and promises a contest that will give the local lads a run for the money.

There was no game last week, the high school five mixing with the Independents, and though walloped, the former gave a good account of themselves and enjoyed the experience. The basket ball season in Coos County will close about March 12, thus allowing the opening of the track season immediately after, providing the spring athletes will have a dry field at that time.

Times want ads bring results.

NOONAN IN THE LEAD

Marshfield Man Heads List in National Campaign

The following complimentary comment on the work of E. D. Noonan, of Marshfield, is published in "Push," the magazine of the Reserve Loan Life Insurance Company:

The general agency of S. J. Claridge has made a grand start for the year 1915. This agency leads all the others and furnishes the honor man for the month in Mr. E. D. Noonan. The following report from an "eye witness" of the field dispositions of this agency will be read with some interest:

"The S. J. Claridge agency is out for a record year. In military language, the morals of all the men on the firing line is excellent. The casualty list is nil. The December and January campaigns have been very successful and the present positions of the agency's lines are very satisfactory. The right wing is under the command of General Noonan, a strategist of the General Joffre type. In one coupe he captured 30,000 in the December campaign and in other battles two 10,000 lots surrendered to him. In minor engagements he captured considerably more, amounting in all to 50,000. It will be noticed that General Noonan is officially gazetted in this number of 'Push' among the leaders. General, we take our hats off to you this time, but look to your laurels."

MEN TURN COOKS WHEN COST OF LIVING SOARS

Fellowship Club Organizes Winter Chef and Waiters for Day Banquet.

When the high cost of living soared into the skies and the members of the Fellowship Club held a banquet and found the price was more than they were to pay, they immediately put their heads together, elected a winter chef and waiters. At 4:30 the day evening in the Lutheran church they will hold their banquet which is to be followed by an interesting program.

"The Boulevard to the West" the subject upon which Fred J. Tins will speak; Rev. G. LaRue will give readings from James M. Coomb Riley and Professor T. Tiedgen will talk on "Improving Appearance of Marshfield."

"Who'll be the cook?" queried the men. "I'll be the cook," said John C. Kendall and he was unanimously elected.

"Who'll be the waiters?" queried the committee, with their still together. "We'll be the waiters," rejoined Dr. George W. Heile, Dr. H. M. Shaw, A. K. P. J. T. Brand and Ben Fisher. They were elected and right now are to be practicing the gentle art of balancing six platters in a new either arm.

A committee has been appointed to see that all tickets are distributed and it is expected that the largest attendances of the months will be present on Tuesday. Late this afternoon Judge Hall consented to act as toastmaster at the banquet board.

A Welcome Invitation Is Extended To All The Ladies of Coos Bay To Inspect Our New Spring Coats and Suits

We have a large line of Coats and Suits in all the newest materials, colorings and styles.

New Skirts And New Waists

The new Skirts are handsome in the new pocket styles, wide belts and cuffs at the bottom, and are just what every well-dressed woman needs. The Waists are in the new long sleeves, also in the short sleeve, with all the new effects, in chiffon, all-over lace, crepe-de-chines.

The New Dresses

very smart in style, materials and colorings and are according to EASTERN DESIGNERS—the very LATEST FANCIES and are sure to please every lady who wishes to keep up with the season's newest styles.

The New Store THE FASHION

Next door to the Gas & Electric office. Phone 145-X

A CAPITAL SAILOR.

A sailor has no E Z time
When on the D P falls;
It's R D he finds aloft to climb,
Exposed to I C gales;
And then in K C he makes a slip,
Or if he D Z grows,
A tumble from the lofty ship
Is his last N D knows.
When overboard, for A D cries,
With energy and vim;
And though of little U C tries
A vain S A to swim.
But when no L P he finds it near,
Nor N E way to save,
He then, in an X S of fear
Must C K watery grave.
Old A J sailor seldom knows,
But if old A G he gains
H U of baccy cures his woes
And grog L A's his pains.
We N V no poor sailor's life—
In D D has no fun;
And, feeling P T for his wife,
Our M T talk is done.

Job may have been patient, but some of these Coos Bay knockers would get his goat.

Horrors of War.

Let the Frenchmen hold the Yser,
Let the Germans hoch der Kaiser,
Let the Russian and the Cossack smite the Turk,
Let the Austrian slug the Belgian,
Let the Hun raise bloody hell, then
Let the Greek and doughty Bulgar wield the dirk;
Let the Pollak, Slav and Dutch
Mix with Japs and Boers and such,
While England, with her allies, tries
to cut the Prussian throat;
But Villa and Carranza,
Now playing their last stanza,
May yet get Woody Wilson's and
our Uncle Billy's goat.

Frank Cohan says: "Wealth has its penalties. A poor man never spends any money for dyspepsia tablets."

"Well, even if the moon didn't get full this month," remarked "Gene Crosthwaite, as he punched the time clock and handed Dr. Houseworth back his change. "It is getting down to its last quarter as usual."

Presbyterian Auxiliary FOOD SALE AT PERRY & OLSON'S STORE tomorrow noon.

IF?

(Not by Kipling.)
If we're planning, and planning, bored
To help others on their way,
If we sang, and singing, learned
Frets and worries of the day,
If we did, and doing, lifted
Just a shadow from a friend,
Would we not, and others also,
Happier be when day about us?

If we knew, and, knowing, followed
Rules of kindness, paths of love,
If we hoped, and hoping, trusted
In the words of him above,
If we thought, and, thinking,
quoted
Only good of those we knew,
Would we not, and, others also,
Have a Heaven here below?